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Welp...that's it! Summer has come and gone just like that. It's hard to believe those hot summer days will soon be behind us, and the leaves will begin turning into a beautiful spectacle of color across our mountains.

In this month's issue, we're celebrating the start of the fall season with our annual Back-to-School Photo Spread. It's always fun to see the smiling faces of students—from those just starting in preschool to those heading off to college. Be sure to check out all of the photos beginning on page 6.

In this issue, Richard Fulton takes us back in time to when Marylanders prepared for World War III. No matter what generation we belong to, the images of students practicing drills under their desks remain iconic to this day. Read the full article beginning on page 20.

While it may be a little early to start thinking about all the spookiness of Halloween, be sure to check out Jim Rada's Looking Back article about the mysterious Woman in Black, who once roamed the streets of Gettysburg. Turn to page 52 to discover how this mysterious woman was eventually captured after bringing fear to families throughout the town.

Speaking of October, don't forget to submit your Fall Festival Yard Sale! The October issue will include our annual Fall Festival Yard Sale Guide for all the locals and out-of-town visitors searching for hidden treasures. Yard sale listings can be submitted through our website for just \$20.00.

As we close out this issue, I am especially grateful for our many advertisers who help keep this newspaper going. This month, we've welcomed several new advertisers to *The Catoctin Banner*, so please take a moment to check them out—and when you do, let them know you saw their advertisement in *The Catoctin Banner*!

As always, thank you for reading and for supporting your local community newspaper. We hope you enjoy this month's issue!

— Alisha Yocum,
Publisher



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Factoid

EMMITSBURG

The Town of Emmitsburg broke ground for its municipal swimming pool in December 1974.

Factoid

WESTMINSTER

Former Emmitsburg resident Donald Joy of Westminster won three gold medals at the Maryland Senior Olympics in 1950, which were held at Towson University. He competed in the 65-69 age group. He placed first in the shot put, discus, and was a member of the 65-69 softball team. Joy also won a silver medal in the basketball shooting contest and ribbons in the softball throw, standing broad jump, and race walking.

Factoid

HAGERSTOWN

In December 1974, newlywed Maude M. Martin was arrested just three hours after her wedding. She was charged with stealing from a former sweetheart, William R. Braguer, who said while he was engaged to her, a silver watch, valued at \$10, and a gold chain, valued at \$5, went missing.

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It's Thurmont's 275th Anniversary & We Are Celebrating!

Join Mayor Kinnaird on **September 8 at 6:30 pm** for a screening of the 1940's film, "Thurmont on Parade." The viewing of the movie will be held in the town meeting room located at 615 East Main Street. Thurmont on Parade was filmed by members of the Thurmont Lions Club and features scenes from around Thurmont, businesses, churches, Thurmont High School, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other interesting scenes during the 1940's.

Thursday, September 24, Watch Thurmont Main Street FB page as we launch our Virtual Tour for downtown historic buildings hosted by Mayor Kinnaird & Caylee Winpiger of the Thurmont Historical Society.

Saturday, September 26, from 2:00p to 6:00 pm travel through Thurmont's past at the "Now and Then" Display at the Guardian Hose Co. Activities Building at the Carnival Grounds. Explore fascinating exhibits presented by the Thurmont Historical Society and Mayor John Kinnaird, featuring historic photographs, artifacts, and stories that highlight Thurmont's rich heritage. This special exhibit offers a unique opportunity to see how our community has evolved while celebrating 275 years of history.

Sunday, September 27, Celebrate Thurmont's 275th Anniversary at the Town Picnic from 1:00p to 5:00p at Thurmont Community Park. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and community pride. Enjoy delicious food available for purchase from the Thurmont Lions Club, children's games from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, live music, and plenty of opportunities to share memories and nostalgic stories with one another as we celebrate 275 years of Thurmont's rich history and bright future.

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Welcome Back To School



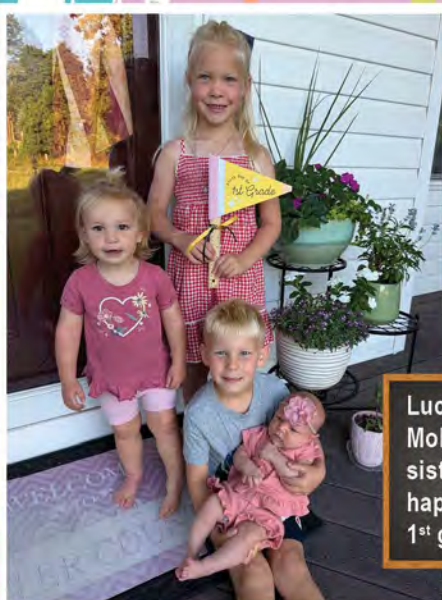
On The Cover

First-year teacher Makenzie and last-year senior Emerson pose on the first day back at school!



The Brashears girls are excited for another year at SES!

School Memories Made



Lucy, Cooper, and Molly wish their big sister, Kinsley, a happy first day of 1st grade!



Everly is ready for 1st grade!



Noah Bradbury's first day of 10th grade!



Jack is not excited about back to school!



Karlee Dewees on the first day of 5th grade!



First day of school for Zoey, 4th grade, and Skylar, 8th grade!



Excitement for the first day: Brindle Fitzwater (1st), Jet (5th), and Kyla Derr (K), and Lainey Fitzwater!



Colton on his first day of 12th grade!

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Kiley Little's first day of 6th grade!

Learning, Growing

Welcome Back To School



Kallen and Scotty Volway, Kindergarten and 5th grade, on their first day of school!



Tucker Long with buddies, Cash and Dakota, on the first day of school!

School Memories Made



Blake Cool on his first day of 12th grade!



Carson Unger's first day of 3rd grade!



Levi Tyler's first day of middle school!



Abby 12th grade and Danielle 11th grade, ready for a great year!



Harper, 5th grade, and Bryce and Hailey Hagberg, 2nd grade, on their first day of school!



Adalyn Eaves' first day of 7th grade at Thurmont Middle School!



Dorian Resch, super excited for the first day of 4th grade!



Learning, Growing

back-to-school



Excited students: Angel on her first day of 2nd grade, and Raelyn on her first day of 1st grade!

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Cris' senior year!



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Keirstin Reed's first day of 9th grade!

School Memories Made



Micah and Maddox Kesteven starting 3rd and 5th grades!



Rae Miller's first day of 2nd grade!



Daniel and Allison Jenkins on their first day of 9th and 6th grade!



Sawyer and Simon Burrier of their first day of 9th and 12th grades!



Noah Martin, senior year, and Tyler Martin, freshmen year!



First day for Weston Brantner, 11th grade at Catoctin High School, and Presley Brantner, 8th grade at Thurmont middle school!



Billy S. on the first day of 4th grade!



Wesley's first day of 3rd grade!

back-to-school

New Discoveries

Welcome Back To School



Kaybre and Braylin Harbaugh's first day of 7th grade and Kindergarten!



First day of school for Parker, 11th grade, and Landon, 1st grade!



Leland Bare's first day of 11th grade!



Jaiden Harris'd first day of 3rd grade!



Carter Swain at preschool open house!

School Memories Made



Keith Wetzel poses with his dad on his first day of 8th grade!



Elizabeth's first day of 4th grade!



Addilyn Livelsberger's first day of 1st grade!



Colten's first day of 2nd grade!

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Tate's first day of preschool!

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BY JAMES RADA, JR.



THURMONT

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From the **MAYOR**

THURMONT

Mayor John Kinnaird

New Police Officer

Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird swore in Thurmont Police Department's newest officer, Jaymes Phillips, at a recent meeting.

Thurmont Police Chief Dave Armstrong also announced at the same meeting that Officer Mike Sutton had been promoted to corporal. He is now the first-line supervisor over the department's specialty divisions.

Lateral Repair Work Approved

The Thurmont Mayor and Commissioners approved a bid to repair lateral sewer lines at 108 Moser Circle at a recent meeting. Ox Construction of New Windsor will perform the work for \$19,750.

The project will not cost the town anything, though. The town saved a significant amount of money on the North Church Street Project, which was funded with American Recovery Act funds. Those savings then paid for other projects, which the town had been funding through capital funds that had already been allocated. It is those capital funds that are paying for this project.

New Annexation Coming?

Thurmont Commissioner Marty Burns informed the mayor and his fellow commissioners that the town might have another annexation request coming. Although no petition for annexation has been filed yet, he said the developer has started discussing a potential annexation for the Lawyer Farm and a 345-unit development with the Thurmont Planning and Zoning Commission. However, nothing formal has been submitted.

Board Appointments

The Thurmont Mayor and Commissioners recently reviewed applicants for open positions on the Thurmont Board of Appeals and the Thurmont Ethics Commission. Each position had a single person apply. The mayor and commissioners voted for Alexis Gregory to become an alternate member to the Board of Appeals, and Brian Waesche to become an alternate member to the Ethics Commission.

The town is seeking three people to serve as regular members on the Thurmont Police Commission and one person to serve as a member of the Thurmont Charter Review committee. If interested, submit your interest on the town's website under the "Forms" tab.

Solar-powered Walkways Installed

The Thurmont Electric Department staff has installed solar-powered walkway lights at Eyler Road Park. Trail users can now use the trail safely until the park closes each evening. The light was paid for with a Program Open Space grant.

School is back in session. Please be aware of children crossing the streets and intersections, because they may not be watching for traffic as they should. Children will be walking, riding bikes, and possibly riding scooters. Also, keep in mind Maryland laws regarding passing school buses. In almost every instance, when a school bus is flashing its red lights, you are required to stop when approaching the bus in either direction. The only exception is on divided highways like Rte. 15; in that case, only traffic going in the same direction as the bus is required to stop. Be especially mindful of children crossing the street in front of the school bus when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is displayed. There are heavy fines for not obeying the school bus red lights and stop signs. Slowing down and paying additional attention when you see a school bus is always a good idea.

This year marks the 275th Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Thurmont. The earliest settlers arrived and built homes in 1751, choosing the area because of the many streams and arable land well suited for farming and orchards. Several farms, orchards, mills, and small factories soon opened, and the town was officially incorporated as Mechanicstown in 1831. The name was selected because of the number of small tool manufacturing shops and industries. In 1871, the Western Maryland Railway (WMRR) arrived in Mechanicstown, as construction progressed toward Hagerstown and West.

The WMRR brought additional growth and businesses to Mechanicstown, including several hotels, boarding houses, a canning factory, agricultural mills, warehouses, lumber mills, cigar making, coffin and furniture manufacturing, potteries, and other businesses. One of the biggest changes the town faced due to the arrival of the railroad was a request to change its name. The railroad served communities with names similar to Mechanicstown and, wanting to eliminate confusion on their route, asked for the town to change its name. After a competition, the name Blue Mountain City was selected, and promptly turned down by either the Post Office or the railroad due to the length of the name. There are two separate lines of thought as to which entity refused the name. Another vote was taken, and Thurmont was selected. This name was coined by the local newspaper editor, Mr. Cassell; he said the name was a combination of words meaning Through the Mountain. The new name was approved by the Maryland Legislature and adopted in 1894. Today, Thurmont retains the charm of a small community and welcomes many tourists, hikers, bicyclists, and day-trippers. The beautiful parks, playing fields, businesses, State and Federal parklands, orchards, farms, and twisting mountain roads attract many to our beautiful corner of Maryland.

We are holding several events in honor of our 275th Anniversary, including a community picnic on Sunday, September 27, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Community Park. On Saturday, September 26, there will be a "Then and Now" program at the GHC Activities Building, where local photos and artifacts will be displayed. Residents are encouraged to contact the town office if they have something of interest or photos to display during the event. On September 8, a showing of the movie *Thurmont On Parade* will be held at the Town Office, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Several local history books will also be available to view. There are commemorative blankets, coins, and t-shirts for sale at the Thurmont Historical Society and the Town Office. Everyone is welcome to attend the events and share in the 275th Anniversary of our Gateway Heritage!

The Thurmont Municipal Parking lot will be undergoing a complete renovation over the next month. Improvements include additional parking spaces, easier access, landscaping, and seating. Watch for announcements regarding the progress on the town website and Facebook page.

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show will be held on September 11-13 at Catoclin High School. I will see you there!

I can be reached at 301-606-9458 or at jkinnaird@thurmont.com.

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From the **MAYOR**

EMMITSBURG

Mayor Frank Davis

Where did the summer go? It does not seem possible that when I finish writing this month's column, I am going to take my grandson for his back-to-school haircut. Is it just me, or does it seem the kids are having their summer taken away? They are being cheated out of almost three weeks of enjoying great weather, vacations with their families, and just time to be kids. Our children will be back in the classrooms 21 days before Labor Day, two days before the start of the Little League World Series, and three weeks before the town pool closes for the summer. As you can tell, this one has me a little fired up.

I have been doing some research, and if I am correct, the 180 days of mandatory school days is set by the State of Maryland. This could be adjusted. Back in the days before schools were closed for every holiday under the sun, the 180 was manageable. But now with all the closures, it seems like a five-day school week is fewer than not. I'm sure there are several ways to address this concern, but in my opinion, the easiest is this: Trust our teachers! They have the curriculum that needs to be taught during the year. Start school the Tuesday after Labor Day and end the first week of June. I repeat: TRUST OUR TEACHERS!

September is the start of the busy fall season with the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, high school sports, the Great Frederick Fair, and many other events. Please take the time to attend these functions.

There are a lot of folks who spend countless hours planning these events for your enjoyment.

I know it is two months away, but I want to remind you of our Emmitsburg Fall Festival on October 17. There will be tons of activities and fun throughout the day. Music is provided by The Reagan Years. Save the date.

This month's column is a little shorter than normal since I'm typing with one hand. That's a story for another time. But as always, if you have any questions or concerns or just want to chat, please give me a call.

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Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinances Approved

After a public hearing, the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners recently voted to amend the town code to make changes regarding accessory dwelling units (ADU). The changes were needed to bring the town into compliance with state law changes. The changes allow one ADU on a lot with an existing or proposed single-family detached home in the R-S Residential Suburban, R-1 Low Density Residential, and R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning districts and also the Village zoning district. They can be within the principal dwelling, attached to the principal dwelling, or in a detached accessory structure. Existing structures, such as garages, sheds, or basements, to be converted into ADUs if they meet applicable health and safety codes. However, they cannot be in the front yard of a lot. For all the changes to the town code, you can review the town code at the town office.

Budget Adjusted

After a town audit faulted the town for keeping employee salaries and benefits credited entirely in the employee's home department even if work was done for other town departments, the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted to adjust the town budget. Salaries and benefits will now be allocated to the departments where the work is incurred.

These adjustments created a surplus of \$77,053 in the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund. The board also voted to move this amount to the town's capital projects to cover a shortfall on paving projects and tree maintenance on town streets.

Grant Awarded

The Town of Emmitsburg was recently awarded a State Aid for Police Protection grant for \$19,498. This will be used to help pay for contract expenses for the town deputies. The amount was determined by a state formula, and no local matching is required.

Recently Completed Projects

Recently completed community projects in Emmitsburg include:

- The town time capsule has been sealed. It will be on display at the town office until the visitor center/museum opens.
- The new streetlights with upgraded LED bulbs for the S. Seton Avenue crosswalk have been ordered.
- The first of six speed feedback signs has been installed in town.

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Greetings, Happy Labor Day. Labor Day weekend always signals the end of summer, which I personally hate to see go. But all of you wanting cooler weather, Happy Fall. To all the students who have headed back to class, I hope you all have a wonderful school year. Drive safely out there and watch for school buses and children.

At the August town meeting, the town commissioners voted to pave all of Second Street. Last year, we budgeted to pave Adams Street, and this year we budgeted for Second Street. It will be completed in late August or early September.

Food trucks for this year have ended for the year. Unfortunately, two of the six events got rained out, but the ones that did happen were very nice, and lots of people came out in support. We will be doing them next year. The dates are to be determined.

If you haven't noticed, a new sign is being installed in front of the town office. This was made possible by a grant I was able to obtain. We also received a grant for new fencing around the park. That project will begin soon.

As always, I encourage everyone to support Glade Valley Community Services (GVCS) if you have clothes or food donations, as they are always in need of items for members of the community. For more information, please contact GVCS by email at gvcs.inc@verizon.net or by calling 301-845-0213.

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, or compliments, please feel free to reach out to me at hbarnes@woodsboro.org or by phone at 301-401-7164.

Woodsboro Town meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In addition, Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, as needed. If you have an item for the agenda, it needs to be submitted 14 days before the P&Z meeting. The current location for meetings is the Woodsboro Town Hall, located at 605 S. Main Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798. The public is always invited to attend.

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Rural Historic Preservation Grants Available to Frederick County Property Owners

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Owners of eligible historic properties in rural Frederick County will soon have the opportunity to apply for funding to help preserve and restore their historic buildings.

Frederick County's Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program will begin accepting applications September 1 through November 30, 2026. Grant awards are expected to be announced in early spring 2027.

The competitive program offers grants of up to \$50,000 for exterior projects that stabilize, rehabilitate, restore, or preserve historic buildings.

"Preserving Frederick County's rural historic sites protects our heritage and sense of place," said Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater. "These grants provide support to property owners who are committed to safeguarding our history for future generations."

To qualify, properties must be located in an unincorporated area of Frederick County and either be listed on the county Register of Historic Places or located within a County-designated historic district. Properties must also be in good standing with the County.

Properties not yet designated may still be eligible, but the Historic Preservation Commission must determine their eligibility before an application is submitted. A determination letter must be included with the grant application.

Funding may be used for eligible exterior preservation work, but grants will not cover projects that have already been completed or are already underway.

New construction, landscaping, and projects that do not meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties are also ineligible.

The County will host several informational workshops to help prospective applicants understand the program and application process. Applicants are required to attend one workshop and must register in advance.

Workshop dates include: September 1 at noon — Virtual; September 9 at noon — Walkersville Library, 2 S. Glade Road; September 10 at 6:30 p.m. — Virtual; September 23 at 5:30 p.m. — C. Burr Artz Library, Trust Conference Room; October 5 at 7:00 p.m. — Virtual.



Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on November 30.

Property owners interested in applying or learning more about eligibility and program requirements can visit FrederickCountyMD.gov/HPGrant. Questions may also be directed to Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner, at AWhitmore@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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Cunningham Falls State Park Investigated Possible Rabies Outbreak

After two beaver attacks were reported in Cunningham Falls State Park recently, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources closed sections of the park to investigate a "possible rabies outbreak within the local beaver population," according to the DNR website. It remained closed for two-and-a-half weeks.

The first attack occurred on July 26. A beaver bit a 13-year-old swimmer, leaving injuries on his hands and chest. He was treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The beaver was captured and euthanized. When tested, it proved positive for rabies.

After the first attack, park staff dismantled a beaver lodge and began monitoring the area around the lake, searching for beavers or other infected animals.

The July 26 incident was the first reported beaver bite since 2021, but the second attack occurred less than two weeks later on August 5. A

beaver bit a 19-year-old fisherman on his ankle. That animal was also caught and euthanized, and the body was sent to the Frederick County Health Department for rabies testing.

In response to these attacks, DNR closed the Houck Day Use Area, the nearby boat ramp, and Big Hunting Creek above the lake so that a possible rabies outbreak could be investigated and mitigated, if needed. Swimming, fishing, boating, and all other water access were forbidden until officials said the area was safe.

According to a DNR press release, "Biologists conducting thermal surveys after sunset were not able to find additional beavers in the Hunting Creek Lake area. Additional monitoring methods, including trail cameras, trapping, and sign surveys, indicate that no beavers remain in the area. Further, there have been no staff observations of beavers around Hunting Creek Lake."

In an unrelated incident, Seneca Creek State Park, 35 miles away from Cunningham Falls, had its own beaver attack on August 13.

Although the park is reopened, visitors should remain vigilant. Beavers are non-aggressive under normal circumstances. If you see one, stay at least 25 yards away.

Anyone who recently came into contact with a beaver at the park should contact the Frederick County Health Department at FCHHealthDept@frederickcountymd.gov, 301-600-3112, or TTY: 800-735-2258, according to the press release.

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Town of Emmitsburg Elections

The Town of Emmitsburg will hold elections on September 29, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Emmitsburg Community Building Gymnasium on S. Seton Avenue. Elections are for Mayor and one Commissioner seat. View the advertisement on page 40 for more information.

Frederick County Fall Recreater Now Open

Registration for Frederick County Parks and Recreation Recreater is now open. Sign up for exciting programs for the whole family, including fitness, sports, history, dance, cooking, nature, and more! To register, go to www.recreator.com or view the advertisement on page 35.

Indian Lookout Shotgun & 3-D Archery Shoots

The Indian Lookout Conservation Club in Emmitsburg will be hosting Shotgun Shoots (12 gauge and 410) on September 6, September 20, October 4, October 18, and November 1. Registration starts at noon. Shoots start at 1:00 p.m. 3-D Archery Shoots are on Thursday evenings, starting at 5:00 p.m. View the advertisement on page 27 for more information.

Cash Bingo

Join the Thurmont Ambulance Company for a Cash Bingo on Sunday, September 20, at the Thurmont Event Complex. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. This is their Friday Night Bingo on a Sunday—no tickets needed. The kitchen will be open with regular menu items. Bingo cash prizes up to or over \$1,500. View the advertisement on page 37 for more information.

Hurley Auction Property Showing - Frederick

Stop by 405 Delaware Road in Frederick for property showings on September 3, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Online bidding takes place through September 9. View the advertisement on page 37.

Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

Come out and support agriculture in our community at the 70th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show at Catocin High School. Entry of exhibits will take place on Thursday, September 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Friday, September 11, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All Baked Goods will be auctioned off on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday buffets by

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Emmitsburg Community Baptist Church Dedication Service

The Emmitsburg Community Baptist Church will celebrate its new church home and 15th Anniversary at a Dedication Service on September 20 at 10:00 a.m. Join them at their new location on 124 West Main Street in Emmitsburg, featuring a special sermon by Pr. Gary Buchman. Everyone is welcome to attend. View the advertisement on page 23.

Rocky Ridge Sportsman's Dinner

Grab your tickets for the Rocky Ridge Sportsman's Dinner on Saturday, September 26. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Drawing begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is a \$30.00 donation per person. For a complete list of prizes and more information, view the advertisement on page 15.

Thurmont Lions Club Bingo

Come ready to play Bingo with the Thurmont Lions Club on November 15 at the Guardian Hose Company Activities Building. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per ticket. Bingo will feature a \$1,000 Jackpot. View the advertisement on page 15.

Hurley Auction Property Showing – Frederick

Stop by 469 Carrollton Drive in Frederick for property showings on Saturday, September 5, from noon to 1:00 p.m., and Friday, September 11, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Online bidding takes place through September 15. View the advertisement on page 15.

Emmitsburg Lions BBQ

Stop by for some delicious BBQ Chicken on September 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vigilant Hose Activity Building to support the Emmitsburg Lions Club. The meal includes a half chicken, potato salad, apple sauce, and chips for \$14.00. Credit cards are accepted. View the details on page 13.

Baust Church Days

Join Baust UCC Church for its Baust Church Days, which includes a Yard Sale on Friday, Saturday 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Then, on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., stop by for the Antique Car & Tractor Show & Apple Festival. Food, baked tables, yard sale, baked apples, ice cream, raffles, and children's area. View the advertisement on page 12 for more information.

Grace "Rocky Hill" Food & Shopping Fair

Come ready to eat and shop on October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church. Reserve food for pickup from noon to 3:00 p.m. (includes chicken corn soup, pints of hot beef, and ham sandwiches. Interested in being a vendor? Reserve your 10x10 space by October 10. View the advertisement on page 12 for more information.

Pioneer Baptist Church Holds Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate Pioneer's Baptist Church's 50th Annual Anniversary on September 27. Sunday morning service is at 9:00 a.m., with evening service at 5:45 p.m. View the advertisement on page 11.

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All are welcome to join the Catoctin Church of Christ for a Gospel Sing and Hog Roast on Saturday, October 3, at 4:00 p.m. at the Thurmont Community Park in the Large Pavilion. RSVP to CatoctinCOC@gmail.com. View the advertisement on page 11 for more details.

Round Up Sunday at Tom's Creek Church

Saddle up and join Tom's Creek UMC for its Round Up Sunday on September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Come dressed as you are or in your cowboy/cowgirl attire—all are welcome! View the advertisement on page 11.

Apples Church Events

You are invited to join Apples Church United Church of Christ for two free events! On Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, come learn the Japanese art form of Notan. On September 26, stop by for Eco-Printing "Make & Take," from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. View the advertisement on page 6.

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Tuesday Night Bingo

Bingo is back on Tuesday nights at the Thurmont AMVETS Post 7! Join the Ladies Auxiliary on September 15. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 and includes Jackpot. Bring a friend and receive an extra dauber and Jackpot card. All proceeds benefit the Veterans Hospital Programs. View the advertisement on page 9.

Apple Dumpling Sale

The Union Bridge Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is selling Apple Dumplings. The cost is \$5.00 per dumpling (baked, unbaked, or sugar-free). Place your orders by September 15 by calling Charlene at 443-605-6252. Pickup will be on September 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Union Bridge Fire Hall on 8 W. Locust Street in Union Bridge. View the advertisement on page 10.

Lions Club Sandwich Sale

The Thurmont Lions Club will be selling its pit beef, pork, ham, and turkey sandwiches on September 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until sold out), at the Bell Hill Farm on Rt. 15 in Thurmont. View the advertisement on page 11 for more information.

Barbeque Ribs, Steamed & Fried Shrimp

Come ready to eat for the Thurmont Ambulance Company's Barbeque Ribs, Steamed & Fried Shrimp Feed (all-you-can-eat) on Saturday, September 26, at the Thurmont Event Complex. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person (includes wine coolers and beer). Take your chance at tip jars and 50/50. View the advertisement on page 33.

Bingo — Every Friday Night

The Thurmont Community Ambulance hosts its Friday Night Bingo every Friday! Come out to the Thurmont Event Complex every Friday night to play bingo! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo also features tip jars, food, and a jackpot of up to \$1,500! Proceeds benefit Thurmont Community Ambulance. View the advertisement on page 39.

Live Music at the AMVETS

The Thurmont AMVETS is now offering weekly live music, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. This is open to the public, and there is no cover charge. Food is available for purchase until 7:00 p.m. The line-up for September includes: September 5: Sweet Blue Revival Band; September 12: Firehouse DJ; September 19: Tune Shifters; September 25: Joey Kolega. View the advertisement on page 27.

RidgeFest

Come support the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company at RidgeFest. They will be serving up food on October 10, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and October

11, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., including the famous fried ham sandwiches, breakfast sandwiches, and French fries. Yard sale spots are still available. Inside spots are \$20.00, and outside spots are \$10.00. View the advertisement on page 53 for more information.

9/11 Ceremony & Dedication of the Gold Star Family Monument

The Thurmont Lions Club is hosting two events at the Thurmont Memorial Park. On September 11 at 6:30 p.m., a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will be held with guest speaker Daryl Byrne, a former firefighter at the Connecticut Fire Department. On September 27, the club will hold a Dedication of the Gold Star Monument at 5:30 p.m. The monument is a dedication to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. A reception will be held immediately following the dedication at the Thurmont American Legion. View the advertisement on page 2 for more information.

Thurmont's 275th Anniversary Celebration

The Town of Thurmont has several events planned to celebrate the town's 275th Anniversary. September 8 at 6:30 p.m., stop by the Town Meeting Room for a screening of the film *Thurmont on Parade*. On September 25, check out Facebook for the launch of the virtual tour of downtown buildings. A "Now & Then" Display will be available for viewing at the Guardian Hose Company Activities Building on September 26, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. And finally, on September 27, there will be a Town Picnic from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Thurmont Town Park. Food will be available for purchase from the Lions Club. 275th merchandise is now on sale at the Thurmont Historical Society. View the advertisement on page 5 for all the details.

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Bingo

Mark your calendars for the next Bingo at the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company in Rocky Ridge on Saturday, September 12. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with games starting at 7:00 p.m. Come hungry! Food is available for purchase. View the advertisement on page 49.

Mountain Fest

Save the date for the 50th Annual Mountain Fest on October 10 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and October 11 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) at Sabillasville Environmental School. The event will include a Car Show on Saturday (Rain date: Sunday), Tractor Show all weekend, and Touch-A-Truck on Sunday (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Admission is free. The event is currently looking for vendors. View the advertisement on page 55 for more information.

Graceham Moravian Church Served with Grace Dinner

Graceham Moravian Church will hold its monthly Served with Grace Free Dinner on Monday, September 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. View the advertisement on page 53 for more information.

Book Sale

Stop by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library Book Sale, taking place during the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, on September 9, 10, and 11. Sunday is the Fill the Bag sale for \$10.00. View the advertisement on page 53.

Vigilant New Year's Eve Bingo

Bring in the New Year with the Vigilant Hose Company at its New Year's Eve Bingo on December 31. New time this year! Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 in advance and \$60.00 after December 11. Tickets include a 9 pack with 22 games at \$300, 6 games at \$500, and 2 games at \$2,000, and a dinner platter (roast beef and fried shrimp). For tickets, call 240-472-3484. View advertisement on page 47 for more details.

Cruise In Car Show

Shine up your cars and come out for the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company's Cruise In Car Show on October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No entry fee is required, but donations are welcome. Spectators are free. Food and drink are available for purchase. Event features door prizes, 50/50, music, basket raffles, and games of chance. View the advertisement on page 47.

When Maryland Prepped for WWII



School duck and cover drill.

BY RICHARD D. L FULTON

Now, therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the aforesaid Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, do hereby proclaim the existence of a state of Civil Defense emergency.

— President Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Cold War technically lasted between the late 1940s to the early 1990s, but the timeframe that had the most impact on the civilian population occurred in the 1950s and the early 1960s.

The Cold War broke out in the wake of World War II,

as a direct result of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) developing a nuclear weapon, which resulted in a fierce ideological struggle between Western democratic capitalism and Eastern communist authoritarianism, and the ensuing hostilities between the United States and the USSR and their respective proxies, according to “Explore Nike Missile Site BA-79: A Cold War Relic in Our Backyard,” by Jody Arneson, published on September 10, 2024, on midatlanticdaytrips.com.

Preparing for “Armageddon”

The auspices of educating and training the general populace of Maryland fell predominantly upon the shoulders of the Civil Defense, notably the Maryland Civil Defense Agency, which was responsible for coordinating safety programs, overseeing nuclear attack drills, and managing shelter training for residents and municipalities across the state.

Since there was little hope of surviving an actual detonation of the nuclear bomb, most of the activities focused on the secondary effects of a nuclear bomb strike: surviving the shock waves that would emanate from a detonation and protection methods to deal

with the radioactive fallout from a nuclear explosion.

In order to alert the citizenry of an “imminent” nuclear threat, Maryland, and the country, were peppered with Civil Defense warning sirens, which had their own unique tones to not be confused with other fire and disaster (such as weather-related) warnings.

The sirens were tested routinely, adding to the general nervousness of the populace of the times.

Many of those who lived in the 1950s and early 1960s and were young enough to have been students at the time, are likely to have never forgotten the intimidating and somewhat frightening “duck and cover” drills.

If and when an actual alert was given by sirens and media, students were instructed to duck under their desks or a table and cover their heads with their hands or books, if for no other reasons than to protect the students from any flying glass or brick fragments, resulting from the shock waves of a detonation.

Finally, the Cold War triggered an avalanche of establishing public and home “fallout” shelters in Maryland, as elsewhere, when the federal government launched the Community Fallout Shelter Program in 1961.

In theory, these were places that were shock-proof and even self-sustaining for their occupants. “Directional fallout shelter signs used to be commonplace on street corners, pointing the public to protected areas for when the unthinkable happens,” according to True Preppers’ website.

Public shelters were established in numerous state and municipal buildings and even campuses. For example, the University of Maryland began the process of constructing 34 fallout shelters on campus in 1961, and had 43 shelters by 1971, according to “Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Bomb?” published on November 9, 2018, by umdarchives.

As for the homefront—literally—homeowners could buy prefabricated fallout shelters for as much as \$2,000 in today’s monetary valuations, or build one of their own in a specially-built out-building or in the family basement. Numerous publications were printed for those who wished to build their own shelter, such as the U.S. Government’s *The Family Fallout Shelter* booklet.

The “Ring of Fire”

In 1954, the Army began to establish continental Nike anti-aircraft missile installations at

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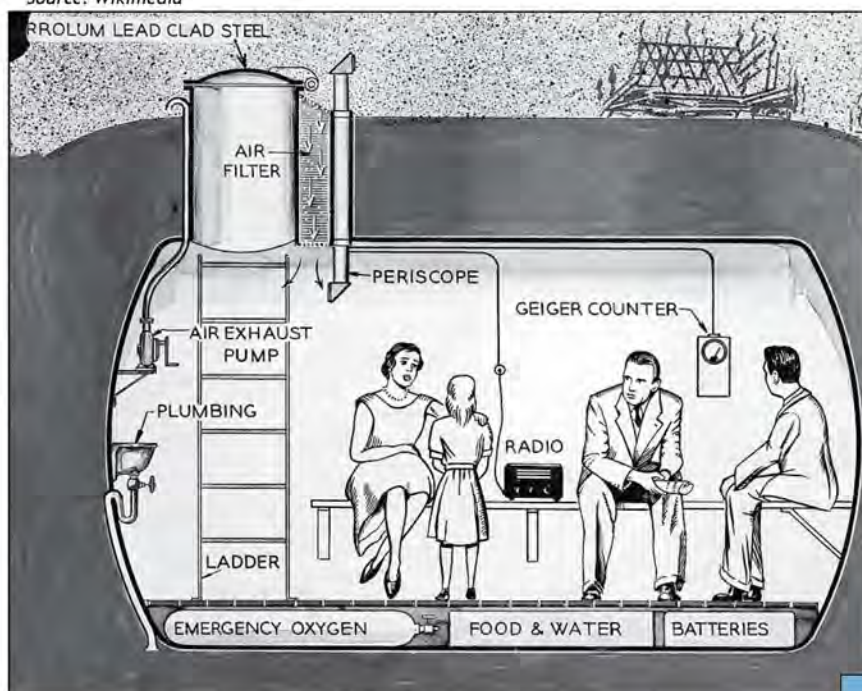
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(left)
One of many home fallout shelter designs typical of the Cold War.

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(right)
B-52 bomber similar to the one that crashed at Savage Mountain.

(below)
Nike missile launch site.



Source: Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing Headquarters

When the Nukes "Fell" on Maryland

Flying nuclear weapons-armed aircraft over civilian populations proved as being risky—at best—during the Cold War, as Marylanders found out during 1964.

Residents of Grantsville, a town in the northern part of Garrett County, were weathering out a blizzard-like snowstorm when a B-52, armed with two thermo-nuclear bombs, approached their area.

The B-52 was one of a good number of armed bombers that were routinely flying missions close to Soviet military targets, and then breaking off and returning to their base. According to an article entitled "Maryland's Nuclear Moment," published in *Go Outside* in a March 7, 2017,

various places in Maryland as part of a ring of sites to protect the greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C. metropolitan area from any attempted incursions made by long-range, nuclear-armed Soviet bombers.

The first of these launch sites was in Fort George G. Meade, with launch sites subsequently established through the 1950s in the counties of Anne Arundel (Jacobsville, Davidsonville, and Skidmore), Baltimore (Phoenix/Sweet Air, Fork, Granite, Cronhardt), Charles (Mattawoman/Waldorf), Hartford (Edgewood/Aberdeen/Lauderick Creek launch site), Kent (Chestertown), Montgomery (Rockville, Derwood, and Gaithersburg), and Prince George's (Brandywine/Naylor, Croom/Marlboro, and Accokeek), according to an article "List of Nike missile sites" at wikipedia.org.

The missile launch sites were initially armed with Nike-Ajax surface-to-air missiles, and later the nuclear-capable Nike-Hercules surface-to-air missiles.

Of the more than a dozen missile launch sites in Maryland during the Cold War, one of the sites located in Granite has been undergoing restoration by the Civil Air Patrol, Maryland Wing Headquarters since the organization began leasing the site from the State of Maryland, beginning in 2018, according to the Civil Air Patrol, Maryland Wing Headquarters website.

For tours of this Cold War relic, contact the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing Headquarters at phone number 410-750-6394, or by email at granite@mdwg.cap.gov.

Maryland Troops Activated

During the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Maryland 104th Fighter Squadron, a section of the Maryland Air National Guard 175th Wing, was reorganized as a fighter-interceptor squadron and "tasked with defending the Baltimore-Washington region against possible Soviet bomber attack," according to the State of Maryland's National Guard website.

Additionally, according to the National Guard website, around the time the 104th Fighter Squadron was designated as a fighter squadron, the Maryland Army National Guard's 70th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment was directed to provide ground-based defense against bomber attack.

This regiment was initially armed with World War II-era anti-aircraft guns but had since been upgraded to Nike-Ajax surface-to-air missiles.

Maryland also took other steps to upgrade its Cold War military defense strategies.

In 1955, the state established the Air Guard's 135th Air Commando Group and subsequently created the Towson-based 16th Special Forces Group, Company B (resulting in Maryland having been the first state to do so), according to the National Guard website.

article, the purpose of these near incursions was to keep an eye on Russian launch sites to detect early launchings of nuclear missiles.

Around 1:40 a.m. on January 13, one of the B-52s went down over Savage Mountain during a flight from Massachusetts to Georgia.

Flight Commander Major Thomas W. McCormick reportedly told *The (Baltimore) Sun*, "I encountered extreme turbulence. The aircraft became uncontrollable and I ordered the crew to bail out," according to an account published in the January 1, 1964, issue.

Major Robert J. Townley (radar bombardier) died in the wreckage. Major Robert Lee Payne (navigator) died of exposure after ejecting, and Tech. Sgt. Melvin F. Wooten (tail-gunner) died of exposure and injuries after bailing out. Major Thomas W. McCormick (pilot) and Captain Parker Peedin (co-pilot) survived.

The two 24-megaton nuclear bombs were removed by Glen Giconi, owner of M&S Stone Quarries, and employee Warren Miller, utilizing a front-end loader, to load the then-inert bombs onto two trucks, both of which then delivered them to a local airport, according to a story in the January 16, 1964, edition of *The Cumberland News*.

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Garrett Joins J&B Real Estate Team

BY ALISHA YOCUM

J&B Real Estate in Thurmont is expanding its team with the addition of its newest agent, Crystal Garrett.

Garrett (pictured right) was born and raised in Frederick County before moving to Carroll County at age 14. She now resides in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Her knowledge of the region is an asset, as she works with clients looking to buy or sell a home.

While Garrett is new to the real estate world, she knows how to work hard for her clients. "I know buying a home is a huge step and investment, and I want to be able to help them get the perfect place to call home."

With her local connections, J&B seemed like the perfect real estate team to join. "I chose J&B as my brokerage since I am familiar with the area and wanted to be with a smaller company that is well known and respected by the community."

When she isn't helping clients navigate the real estate market, Garrett enjoys spending time

with her husband of 15 years and homeschooling their son. She also stays busy caring for her four dogs, two cats, and chickens.

For those looking to buy or sell a home, Garrett can be reached through the J&B Real Estate office at 301-271-3487, on her cell at 301-992-5994, or by email at crystalgarretthomes@gmail.com.



Courtesy Photo

Thurmont Business Chalk Off

Calling all Thurmont businesses! Enter your business and come out to create some Art on Main Street!

Get your creative juices flowing and enter the Main Street Chalk Off. Just keep it clean. Maybe you want to chalk your business logo or anything else you want to create. Come on out and have some fun.

Each participating business must have employee(s) as their team, with one person outside of the business to compete in the sidewalk chalk competition. This is all about Bragging Rights!

The Main Street Chalk Off will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. at 10Tavern in Thurmont.

They will have the chalk, so just email them at mlittle@thurmontstaff.com to register and show up. There is no rain date.

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Emmitsburg New Business and Development Briefs

The following are the statuses of new businesses and development coming to Emmitsburg from the town planner's report:

- **Emmit Ridge** — The developer submitted a revised Preliminary Plan on July 1. They continue to address Improvement Plan comments from the Frederick County Soil Conservation District.
- **Brookfield Phase 5** — Bond was posted and permits have been applied for and approved. Stakeout work began the week of July 17, with work expected to begin any time.
- **Patriot Crane** — The site plan was submitted on June 23, and comments from the town engineer were provided to the applicant on July 10. The applicant submitted a Board of Appeals application on July 20 and a hearing was held on August 11. Pending the outcome of the Board of Appeals hearing, the project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on August 31.
- **Seton Center Subdivision** — Subdivision application has been reviewed. Comments were provided to the applicant. The Planning Commission reviewed the application and conditionally approved it on June 29. The town is now waiting for the submission of a revised plat for approval before recordation.

Thurmont New Business and Development Briefs

The following are the statuses of new businesses and development coming to Thurmont from the town planner's report:

Subdivisions:

- **Hammaker Hill, Phase 2** (Westview Drive) — 22 single-family homes in R-2. Completed.
- **Mechanicstown, LLC** (Emmitsburg Road) — Final Plat conditionally approved for 31 single-family lots in R-2/ ARP. Discussions between developer and builder in progress.
- **Leal Homes** (Eyler Road) — Improvement Plan conditionally approved — 6 single-family lots in ARP.
- **The Meadows** — Simmers Property Concept Plan for subdivision to create 61 single-family dwelling lots in R-2/R-5.

Site Plans:

- **Michael & Holly Late** — Preliminary Plan, 2 duplexes, 4 dwellings in Mixed-Use Village-1, Final Site Plan.
- **Mountain Gate Business Park** — Access road from Thurmont Blvd. to access Thurmont Village Lot 1, zoned General Business, Preliminary Plan conditionally approved.
- **McDonald's** — Site demo and rebuild, zoned General Business, Preliminary Site Plan conditionally approved.
- **J&R Transport Office Building** — Apple Church Road zoned Office Industrial, Preliminary Site Plan conditionally approved.

Other:

- Planning & Zoning Staff provided project management on the recent sidewalk improvements project on Carroll Street, Lombard Street, and Walnut Street.
- Planning & Zoning staff are currently providing project management on the upcoming Municipal Parking Lot Improvements project.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission encourages residents to attend its regular monthly meetings to take an active role in guiding and shaping growth/development in our town.

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Businesses Past...

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BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON

Hesson's Department Store

Source: Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association website



Photograph of the Taneytown Theatre from the 2019 Taneytown Heritage and Museum Association Christmas ornament.

Daniel J. (D.J.) Hesson, a prominent merchant, banker, and politician in Taneytown, established the D.J. Hesson Department Store in 1903, according to Google AI, on the northwest corner of the town square (1 York Street).

Hesson served as a president of Taneytown Savings Bank, and he had also operated the Taneytown Garage Company, and the Key Grain and Feed Company. Additionally, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Taneytown Grain Company, according to his obituary published in the March 6, 1941, edition of *The (Baltimore) Evening Sun*.

Hesson served a term in the Maryland House of Delegates and another term in the Maryland State Senate.

According to the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form for the Taneytown Historic District, "The

Hesson Store presents a concise depiction of early 20th century commercial design, with its corner entrance highlighted with ornamental concrete block, its first story dentil cornice, and its second-story bracket cornice with parapet."

The Hesson Department Store was one of various Taneytown businesses that had experienced a rash of retail thefts during the week of August 20, 1917, when the store was broken into and robbed on August 23.

According to an article that was published in the *Catoctin Clarion* on August 30, 1917, there had been shoes, clothing, and money stolen from the store. On August 24, *The*

Democrat Advocate had reported that entry had been gained by one or more of the suspects by their breaking the glass in a rear window, thereby allowing the suspect or suspects to reach in and unlock the window, and then leaving by the back door.

If the 1970s was culturally renowned for anything beyond the Vietnam war protests, Watergate and bell-bottom pants, it was the rebellion against the so-called "blue laws," which had restricted what businesses could sell or not sell (primarily on Sundays).

For example, in some states, stores could sell hardback books, but not softback books on Sundays; and in some cases back then, various numbers of employees would either be allowed, or not allowed to work on the Sabbath.

As the anti-blue law movement spread across Maryland, blue laws that had been established in

Baltimore City, and in Prince George's, Montgomery, and Dorchester counties "had been repealed or ruled unconstitutional," according to an article published in the November 26, 1979, issue of the *Cumberland Evening Times*.

Blue laws, however, still remained on the books in Baltimore, Howard, Carroll, Ann Arundel, and Frederick counties.

Management at the Hesson Department Store decided to challenge the validity of the blue laws and opened their store on Sunday, November 25. Subsequently arrested were Larry Baughman, vice president for the Pennsylvania-based Hess chain, "who had come to the store dressed as Santa Claus," Scott Ratarski, Hesson store manager, and Rich De Paulo, assistant store manager.

Their arrests were still pending as of November 26.

Maryland officially repealed its statewide general retail Sunday blue laws on June 29, 1987, according to Google AI, thereby making Sunday shopping legal across most of the state, but some counties have continued to retain some form of blue laws, especially regarding automobile and alcoholic beverage sales.

Hesson retired from his business in 1940, passing away in 1941. The department store was then subsequently converted into a sewing factory on the second floor,

Source: Google Street Views



Hesson's Department Store building as it appears today.

while the first floor became the Taneytown Theater (which, itself, had closed in 1954), according to the Taneytown Heritage & Museum Association website.

After reportedly having stood abandoned for a good number of years, it appears that the old building may be having a rebound, as per an article that appeared in the October 13, 2025, edition of *The Baltimore Sun*.

According to the newspaper, a Bollinger couple was in the process of "gutting and renovating the dilapidated building—having been known historically as the Hesson Department Store, Taneytown Movie Theater, and Leonardo's Restaurant..."

The Sun further noted that the couple also plan to bring back the property's original name, Bunker Hill, and stated that Taneytown Mayor Christopher Miller had reported that \$23,207 in Community Legacy Grant Fund had been acquired with which to reimburse the Bollingers for the renovation.

Fall Programs and Events at Fort Ritchie Community Center

Programs for people of all ages and abilities highlight the fall schedule at the Fort Ritchie Community Center (FRCC). While it was sad to close out the summer camp program, it is equally exciting to introduce new opportunities and continue successful programs such as Kids Club and Homeschool Club. The FRCC will also host several special events and activities for the community to enjoy this fall.

The Walking Club will meet at the community center on Saturday mornings beginning September 19. This free program is open to everyone, including friendly furry companions. Dogs must be kept on a leash, and owners are asked to clean up after their pets. Walks will take place throughout the former Fort Ritchie property, offering beautiful views of the lakes and mountains, as well as opportunities to see the many changes taking place across the property.

Kids Club and Homeschool Club are social recreation programs that emphasize fun through group games, arts activities, guest speakers, and LEGO® Robotics. The programs are designed for children ages 6 to 13. Kids Club meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Homeschool Club offers similar programming and meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Both programs last approximately 90



Fort Ritchie Summer Camp 2026 – Field Trip to the Zoo.

minutes and have a participation fee of \$5.00 per session. Scholarships are available for families in need.

The FRCC also offers group fitness classes and personal-training sessions. A wide variety of classes are available, including Yoga, Barre, Zumba, RIP, and more. New to the fall fitness schedule is a free Tai Chi class. The introductory session will be held on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m., to gauge community interest. Partnerships with the Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.) and the Washington County Community Foundation have made this opportunity possible. For

the complete fitness schedule and preregistration information, visit www.thefrcc.org.

Upcoming special events are: October 9 – Sporting Clays Tournament; October 14 – Red Cross Blood Drive; October 17 – Fall Craft Bazaar; October 31 – Trunk or Treat; November 7 – Fall Indoor Yard Sale; December 12 – Holiday Craft Bazaar; December 19 – Breakfast with Santa; and December 23 – Red Cross Blood Drive.

Three new programs have been added to the fall calendar to focus on health, nutrition, and wellness: September 25 – Taming the Taboo Around Pelvic Floor Health; October 2 – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Nutrition; and October 9 – Heart Health and Nutrition. Each session will begin at 6:00 p.m. and include light refreshments.

The FRCC food pantry is expanding its operating hours to better serve the community. The food pantry will now be open on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, as well as on Saturday mornings. Because of partnership requirements associated with the program, participants must reside in Maryland.

The Fort Ritchie Community Center features a fitness center, weight room, basketball court, and meeting rooms. For more information about programs and events, visit www.thefrcc.org or call 301-241-5085.



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First Annual P.E.O. Walk Today for Women Tomorrow Highlights Educational Opportunities for Women

BY NAN CASHON

Photo by Nan Cashon



Members from Chapters AB, AG, AI, T and X participate in the P.E.O. 1st Annual Walk Today for Women Tomorrow.

The inaugural Walk Today for Women Tomorrow, organized by Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Chapter X of the Western Maryland Reciprocity Group, brought together members of Chapters AB, AG, AI, T and X on Saturday, August 1, at Baker Park in historic downtown Frederick. The event celebrated P.E.O.'s mission to motivate, educate, and celebrate women while raising community awareness of the organization and its support of women's educational goals.

"It was so inspiring to see members of five chapters coming together to participate in the inaugural Walk Today for Women Tomorrow in Baker Park," said Kathryn Bayne, P.E.O. International Organizer and member of Chapter X, Frederick. "We were delighted to connect with so many local residents and share the P.E.O. story, including the many ways P.E.O. International helps women pursue their educational dreams through our projects and stewardship of Cottey College. It was a wonderful day!"

For more information regarding the event, or chapters in Frederick, Cumberland, Hagerstown, Eldersburg, or Westminster, please contact Nan Cashon, Secretary, Western Maryland Reciprocity Group (WMRG), ncashonpeo@gmail.com.

P.E.O. has been motivating, educating, and celebrating women for more than 156 years. Since its inception in 1869, and as of July 2026, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 132,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$490 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans. The Sisterhood is also the primary support for Cottey College. Through membership over the years, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

What started with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with over 5,200 chapters.

To learn more about P.E.O., its powerful educational philanthropies, and see stories of women who have benefited from the programs, visit peointernational.org.

Emmitsburg Food Bank Transitions to New Leadership

BY ALISHA YOCUM

Photo Courtesy of Phyllis Kelly



Phyllis Kelly passes the keys to the new manager of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, Sarah Jacobson.

For more than 30 years, Phyllis Kelly has been a familiar face at the Emmitsburg Food Bank. After decades of serving the community, Kelly recently decided it was time to step down from managing the food bank and pass the reins to someone younger.

Two years ago, Kelly found that person: Sarah Jacobson.

The two have spent the past two years training together, and Jacobson has now officially taken over the day-to-day operations.

Jacobson has volunteered at the food bank for the past 10 years, and she says Kelly has been an inspiration to her. "Phyllis demonstrates that one person truly can make a difference in the lives of those in need," Jacobson said.

The Emmitsburg Food Bank serves approximately 75 families each month. Families can visit twice a month to receive resources, and they simply need to provide identification and proof of residence.

As Jacobson takes on her new role, she understands the challenges that come with keeping the food bank running. In addition to securing enough food to serve the community each month, the organization must also cover the building's rent, heating, and electricity costs. She also encourages people to consider volunteering—just one or two hours a month can make a difference.

There are also plans to expand the Emmitsburg Food Bank's current space. Jacobson said

the additional room will allow the organization to store more food and take advantage of bulk purchasing opportunities. An additional freezer is also planned as part of the expansion. One of the biggest needs currently is laundry detergent.

While Kelly may no longer be managing the Emmitsburg Food Bank, she plans to continue volunteering.

"I have loved every minute of it," Kelly expressed. "I have become friends with many of the clients and look forward to seeing them each week."

The Emmitsburg Food Bank is open Monday and Wednesday, from 7:00 to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off during these times.

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9/11 Remembrance

BY LION RUTH HEANEY

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"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." ~Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl.



Retired Fire Captain Daryl Byrne assessing Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

Courtesy Photos



In 2021, the Thurmont Lions Club asked Lion George Bolling to develop a remembrance program on 9/11. Lion Bolling recruited Lion Carie Stafford to assist with a program honoring those who perished and to express gratitude to first responders.

The Thurmont Lions Club resolved to continue 9/11 Remembrance. The national 25th anniversary and the 5th Thurmont Lions Club 9/11 Remembrance will be held on Friday, September 11, at Memorial Park in Thurmont at 6:30 p.m. There will be traditional posting of colors by scouts, law enforcement and other civic organizations, music, and an exceptional speaker, Retired Fire Captain Daryl Byrne.

Retired Fire Captain Byrne's career is singular in his commitment to the United States armed services. He began in the U.S. Navy as a Corpsman Petty Officer 3rd Class, assigned to the Medivac coordinator in Naval Hospital Groton and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. His next assignment was Norway as part of the cold weather unit. Thereafter, he served in the Operations Desert

Shield and Desert Storm, where he received the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V for valor.

His lifework continued with the State of Connecticut fire service at the University of Connecticut Health Center. This all-hazards fire department provided emergency fire and medical responses across the state of Connecticut. On 9-11-2001, at the request of FDNY and the New Jersey Port Authority, his department was called upon to assist at ground zero.

Please come to the 9/11 Remembrance. We can express thankfulness to first responders, such as Retired Fire Captain Byrne and his group, who experienced gruesome scenes. The 9/11 Remembrance allows each of us to express sorrow for those at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93.

Inscribed on the wall at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum is this: "No day shall erase you from the memory of time."

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Town Empolyees Appreciation Day



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The Thurmont Town Staff enjoy pizzas provided by the Thurmont Lions Club as appreciation for their unwavering support of the club's fundraisers and community service.

The Thurmont Lions Club annually shows its appreciation for the support of the Thurmont town staff and Maintenance Department workers for their dedicated help in supporting the club with their fundraisers and community service.

On July 30, PDG Paul Cannada and Lion Joyce Anthony delivered seven large pizzas to the maintenance crew and three pizzas to the town staff. A huge thank you was given to the Town of Thurmont for its continued support throughout the many, many years.

School Supply Drive

The Thurmont Lions Club did a wonderful job collecting money and donations for the school supply drive. They collected 1,195 items, plus \$200 in cash, to support the children going back to school.

The supplies and cash were delivered to the Moravian Church on August 4. Backpacks, folders, pens, pencils, notebooks, supply boxes, ear buds, markers, rulers, glue sticks, crayons, binders, and calculators were some of the supplies needed.

They would like to thank all the members who made financial donations and brought supplies to the club meetings. A big thank you to Lion Joyce Anthony for delivering the supplies. "It is a pleasure and privilege to work with the great members of our club. Thank you, Lions!"



Courtesy Photo

Donations collected by the Thurmont Lions Club for the school supply drive.

Vigilant Hose Company Donates to Emmitsburg Food Bank



Courtesy Photo

Pam Bolin, Board Member of the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg, hands Phyllis Kelly a check for \$1,000 for the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Thurmont's National Night Out

On August 4, the annual Thurmont "National Night Out" was held at the Thurmont Police Department. The crowd was much larger than last year, with more exhibits from organizations. Scouts set up a tent, Lion Mike Irons had his "Sweet Treats" ice cream truck, and Lion David Crum had a

Woodsboro Bank table with information about bank operations.

Again this year, the Thurmont Lions Club had a free raffle for "LEO the LION." There were tickets given to many individuals. You had to be present at 7:30 p.m. to win LEO. About a dozen individuals were present for the drawing. Their strategy had to change at the last minute. They also had candy bowls, small lion erasers, and small fuzzy lions as giveaways. Literature and membership material, along with applications, were handed out.



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Pictured are PDG Paul Cannada and Lion Joyce Anthony during Thurmont's "National Night Out."

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Cascade Post 239 Celebrates 75th Anniversary

BY JOAN BITTNER FRY



Categorized under Veterans' and Military Organizations, records show Cascade Post No. 239 of the American Legion, Inc., located at 14448 McAfee Hill Road, Cascade, MD 21719, was established and granted tax-exempt status in March, 1946, and incorporated on August 3, 1950.

The 75th Anniversary of Post 239 was celebrated on August 1 in the Post ballroom. There were many photo albums of past members and events available for everyone's enjoyment.

The invocation by longtime member, past Post Commander, and Chaplain, Rev. Warren Suker, was followed by a tasty meal of shrimp, pulled pork, baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, ham, green beans, and potatoes, with all the trimmings and dessert.

A short message was given by Post Commander Dale Pope, who told of the good works that the Post, Sons of American Legion, Junior Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary carry out on a regular basis. Their generosity is boundless and built on exemplary actions of their predecessors.

Commander Pope then recognized the following members. Missy Sewell was recognized for her ongoing administrative support of the post. Chrissie Mummert, Junior Auxiliary member, was recognized for her countless volunteer hours, setting up for and cleaning up after events, and demonstrating her strong spirit of service. She can be seen at Tuesday Night Bingo, Sunday Bingo, Ace of Clubs, and Meat Nights, lending a helping hand, always with a cheerful smile. Kerry Coyle, active member and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, was recognized for her administrative dedication and for stepping in wherever needed. She exhibits unwavering commitment, countless contributions (have you tasted her cakes?) to raise funds, and steadfast support of Post, Junior Auxiliary, Auxiliary, and SAL. She is a staunch sounding board for new ideas and helps ensure that projects run smoothly. Gary

Summers, Lifetime SAL Member, generously donated his time and talents with others to remodel the kitchen and the upstairs conference room, replace the roof and windows, renovate the ballroom storage closet, and most recently, renovate the horseshoe pits. Gary is an avid volunteer, assisting with meat nights and whenever and wherever else he can. Mark Dawson, Lifetime SAL Member, has provided his skills and time to help improve the functionality and safety of the facility. He designed and built a catwalk and foldable ladder around the outdoor Legion sign, allowing for safe updates to current events. He also designed and installed the handrail for the handicap-accessible ramp and added a toe kick for further safety. These improvements are invaluable contributions. John Sewell, Post Member and Director and Executive Committee member, was recognized for his volunteerism and lending a hand wherever needed. His foresight is evident in the engraved signage displayed around the club. His vision of the Wall of Honor continues to grow, honoring local Veterans and individuals for their contributions to Post 239. He preserved the new pavilion tables, cleaning, sanding, and refinishing each table, enhancing a gathering place to be enjoyed by all. Dave Kline, Lifetime SAL Member, installed a new roof on the main building, new spouting on the utility shed, and replaced spouting on the pavilion, only a few examples of Dave's dedication and willingness to contribute to Post 239. His volunteerism continues to make this organization strong.

Honorees received a pewter award. Each awardee characterizes how their God-given talents are used for the benefit of this Veterans organization and the community—a spirit of goodwill and generosity that has been in place for 75 years and is still thriving.

The evening closed with more photograph viewing and recollections of memorable times. An enjoyable evening was experienced by all.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Donates Food to Area Food Banks and Nonprofits

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is helping support communities throughout Frederick County through the donation of more than 30,000 pounds of shelf-stable foods to 12 Frederick-area food banks, which included the Thurmont Food Bank, Emmitsburg Food Bank, Wolfsville Food Pantry, Frederick Rescue Mission, Helping Hands Caring Hearts, St. Peter's Food Pantry, Mt. Airy Net, Centro Hispano de Frederick, Trinity School, Difference Makers, Wesleyan Church of Damascus, Brunswick Food Bank, and the Heartly House.

Photo Courtesy of Church of Latter-day Saints



Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints help load food on trucks for distribution to local food banks.

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1st VDG Service Challenge

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Pictured are Lion Jarad Suit, Emmitsburg Lions Club, and Lion Joyce Anthony, Thurmont Lions Club.

The 1st VDG Service Challenge will be part of the youth global cause to provide young people with the support they need to make positive choices. Moving from elementary school to middle school is a big step. The FVDG created the "Brave Bag" to remind the students that they are not alone and that they have the strength to succeed. All clubs in the district will prepare enough "Brave Bags" to cover the students in their community.

A "Brave Bag" will be given to each student going from elementary school into the middle school. The bags will include a journal, pencil, pen, stress ball, and a card/note giving them words of encouragement.

The Emmitsburg (45), Lewistown (12), and Thurmont (103) schools all had students going into the middle school. Thurmont Middle School had its Open House on August 17, when the principal handed out the bags to the incoming elementary students. Thank you to Lion Joyce Anthony for delivering the "Brave Bags."

Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show's Annual Pet Show

Do you have a cat? Dog? Or other pet? Can your pet do tricks? Do you have a special costume that your pet wears? If so, bring your pet to the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Pet Show, which will be held on Saturday, September 12, at Catoctin High School. Registration for the Pet Show begins at 10:00 a.m. on the front lawn of Catoctin High School, and the Pet Show starts at 10:30 a.m. Entries will be accepted from any person in the Catoctin High School feeder area. Pets must be handled and controlled by their owners and/or crated. Everyone is encouraged to bring your own chairs to sit on during the show.

The judges will select a Grand Champion, which will receive a gift card donated by Dirty Dawg, located at 224 N. Church Street, Unit C2, in Thurmont. The Reserve Champion will receive a gift card donated by Tractor Supply Company, located at 7631 Devilbiss Bridge Road in Frederick. The previous year's Grand Champions and Reserve Champions are ineligible to enter. An ant is not a pet, and animals are not allowed inside the school—only service animals. Only one entry is allowed in each class, and you may enter as many classes as you wish. The classes are:

Class 1 — Cat with Prettiest Eyes; Class 2 — Cat with Longest Whiskers; Class 3 — Pet with Most Spots; Class 4 — Largest Pet (by height); Class 5 — Dog with Waggiest Tail; Class 6 — Prettiest Dog (25 lbs and under); Class 7 — Prettiest Dog (26 lbs and over); Class 8 — Dog with Prettiest Eyes; Class 9 — Cutest Pet (other than cat or dog); Class 10 — Smallest Pet; Class 11 — Cutest Cat; Class 12 — Best Costumed Pet; Class 13 — Most Unusual Pet; Class 14 — Best Trained Pet

Remember to bring your pet to participate in the annual Pet Show on Saturday morning, September 12, and be a part of the 70th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, which is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni & Supporters, the Maryland State Grange, and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board. View the advertisement on page 25.

CHS Class of 1976 Reunion

The Catoctin High School (CHS) Class of 1976 Reunion committee is seeking information about the following people (listed below). If you know the address, telephone number, or email address of any missing classmates, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Donna (Hahn) Gills at 240-818-2964 or donna.gills76@gmail.com.

Classmates we are unable to locate: Kim (Fraley) Schuetzle, Susan (Walter) Warren, Dave Sanders, Robert Powell, Janet (Gorman) Tate, Leona Fay Dayhoff, Brenda Dujardin, Denise Herring, Laurel Hewitt, Teresa Hilton, Debra (Kline) Makinzie, Penny Otto, Teresa Sejhona, Tamra (Smith) Swisher, Edna (Hoff) Willard, and Roy Tanner. We would love to see everyone on Saturday, September 19, at noon. The address is 13998 Tower Road, Smithsburg, MD 21783.

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Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club Happenings

BY MASYN SANDERS, Club Reporter, Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club

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(top left) Participating in the Rocky Ridge Fireman's Carnival parade in August. The club won second place for best-appearing youth float.

(top right) Club members who received awards at the 4-H County Achievement Awards night in May.

(left) Club members enjoy some snuggle time with the goats.

(right) Masyn Sanders receives a Community Service Award in recognition of his Outstanding Service to the Community in 2025 during the 4-H County Achievement Awards night.



a 2025 Record Book or Project Record. A gift bag was given to welcome newly joined 4-H members to our club. Congratulations to Ada Spencer, who received the Unsung Hero award. The club presented

memory of C. Rodman Myers, who passed away on April 23, 2026. C. Rodman Myers was the president and co-founder of the Community Show 70 years ago!

Members brought supplies to the June meeting to be donated to the Jellybean Cat Rescue in Rocky Ridge.

While patrolling the town park, Thurmont Officer Kyle Minnick stopped by for a surprise visit during a member's cow demonstration.

Lewistown's July 20th meeting was held at the 4-H camp center, followed by a pool party. Everyone enjoyed swimming and eating pizza that was provided by the club. The club was scheduled to appear in the Walkersville and Thurmont Fire Company parades on July 3 and July 9. Unfortunately, due to excessive heat and inclement weather, we were unable to participate in either of them. We look forward to being in both next year.

A practice/preview show was held at Eyler's Stables on August 8 and 9. This event provided a learning opportunity for 4-H members to practice their showmanship while in the show ring. There were also workshops, crafts, and an Ag Olympics. Although it was a hot day, everyone enjoyed working with their animals and having a chance to practice in the ring before the upcoming Community Show and Fairs.

The weather cooperated on August 12, and we were able to participate in the Rocky Ridge Fireman's Parade. Club members had a lot of fun throwing candy out during the parade. We are proud of our 4-H float that won second place for the best-appearing youth float! Our meeting on August 17 was held at the Thurmont Community Park, and members brought non-perishable foods to be donated to the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

There will be no club meeting during the month of September, as everyone is busy showing and exhibiting at the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show and The Great Frederick Fair.

The Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club welcomes new members to join our club. Our next meeting will be held on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Graceham Moravian Church (lower-level fellowship hall). You may also reach out to our club leaders, Ms. Becky at 240-315-6544 or Ms. Sarah at 443-605-4794, with any questions. Follow us on Facebook: Lewistown Mt. View 4H Club.

Our club has been bustling with activities this spring and summer.

We had a large turnout on March 15, as we enjoyed a fun afternoon of pizza and bowling at Walkersville Bowling Lanes. Many thanks to the following businesses that donated gift cards to our club for door prizes: Old Towne Restaurant (Woodsboro), Mason Dixon Mixin (Emmitsburg), Bollinger's Restaurant (Thurmont), Ace Hardware (Thurmont), Chick-fil-A (Monocacy Blvd.), Southern States (Woodsboro), Trout's Jubilee (Emmitsburg), and Texas Roadhouse (Frederick). Also, a special thanks goes out to Paul and Donna Inskeep for their generous gift donations to recognize the members' 2025 achievements.

Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club held its annual club awards banquet at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant on April 20. Fifty-eight adults and 49 youth savored a bountiful buffet of food prior to the awards being presented.

The Cloverbuds received recognition for their attendance, followed by a presentation of gift cards to all members who completed

Mrs. Donna Inskeep and Mrs. Cheryl Lenhart with special gifts to recognize their retirement from 4-H leadership.

Lewistown Mt. View 4-H Club was also delighted to have our special guests in attendance this year to help us celebrate our achievements. Thank you to Peggy Long (a former leader of our 4-H club for 60+ years) and Erin Kline (4-H Educator) for joining us on this special evening.

Numerous members were invited to attend the Frederick County 4-H Achievement Night on May 9 at the 4-H Camp Center, where they received certificates and awards for their outstanding 4-H accomplishments throughout 2025. The club's community service project for May was the donation of supplies to the Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program to assist them in rebuilding their program after their devastating fire.

A fair decoration committee was formed at our June 15 meeting in preparation for the upcoming 2026 fair. The club voted to make a monetary donation to the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show in



Mt. Bethel U.M. Church Celebrates 190th Year

BY BETTY WILLARD BROWN

Pastor Andrew and the congregation of Mt. Bethel U.M. Church, located at 14110 Stottlemeyer Road, Foxville, will celebrate its 190th anniversary on September 13, 2026.

The following information detailing the church building of the first Mt. Bethel Church was obtained from records handwritten by Henry Buhrman, a member of the first congregation. This congregation was composed of 17 people: Henry Buhrman, Ann Buhrman, Jacob Hauver, Elizabeth Hauver, Jeremiah Forrest, Vashti Forrest, Leven Hays, Julian Hays, Elizabeth Hurley, Lydia Bussard, Henry Munson, Samuel Ross, Livey Troxell, Christian Hauver, Catherine Hurley, Rebecca Pryor, and Hiram Buhrman.

Their first worship services were conducted by a circuit rider, Moses Hurley, as early as 1810 in the homes of the first members. In 1824, the death of Henry Buhrman's four-year-old sister initiated the need for a church and a cemetery. By necessity, the child was buried on her home property.

Ann's parents were Henry and Catherine Poorman. When Henry Poorman came from Germany to America, he continued to keep his last name. His son, Henry, along with his 13 siblings, Minnie, Albert, Theresa, Vernon, Ada, Lula, Alfred, Harvey, Kate, Sida, Emory, Erias, and Elias, changed their last name to Buhrman.

Henry Poorman was not a poor man. His obituary mentioned his huge land acreage and farms in the Mt. Zion area that employed slave labor.

Later, in 1835, Henry Buhrman's mother, Catherine Poorman, died at the age of 57 and was buried alongside her daughter, Ann.

The following year, Catherine's husband, Henry Poorman, deeded 72 square perches of land to his son, Henry Buhrman, to be used to build a church. The present Mt.

Bethel Church was later built on that same foundation.

Two years after the land was given, Henry Poorman died on January 11, 1838, and was buried alongside his wife and daughter.

Later, in 1913, Henry Poorman's descendant gave one-half acre of land for a cemetery adjacent to the church. Henry, Catherine, and Ann Poorman were brought to Mt. Bethel Cemetery for their final resting place.

During the spring of 1836, a decision was made to build a church. One dollar was paid for the legal transaction of the deed, which had been written on May 7, 1836, but not recorded until September 9, 1836.

The deed stated, "The land was for a house of worship that employed a minister that was authorized by the General Conference."

Trees were cut down, and work began.

The first Mt. Bethel Church was a simple log structure made of 38 logs and 26 rafters. It had one door in front and two windows on the side that faced Stottlemeyer Road. The interior showed exposed logs. There was no chinking or doubling between the logs, or around the door and windows, until three years later. There was no whitewashing inside. It was very uncomfortable when winter breezes blew in between the logs. Later, a wood-burning stove was purchased for \$13.12. Benches made from hewn logs and rough sawmill board provided seating. Two candles were used for illumination. Two candlesticks had been purchased for 37 cents.

According to Henry Buhrman's records, the laborers employed to build the meeting house were David Stottlemeyer, Samuel Ross, George Smith, Samuel Johnson, William Brown, Daniel Barkman, Owen Forrest, and Markin Ridenour. Those paid for hauling, using

horses and wagons, were Henry Craver, John Bower, Christian Hauver, and Jacob Ridenour.

Daniel Funk was paid for sowing.

David Wolfe was paid for sawing and joists.

William Draper, George

Klin, and Joseph Shultz were paid for planks. Jacob Fox provided the rafters.

One pound of nails cost 8 cents. Two-and-one-half pounds of spikes cost 18 cents. It took 6,500 joint shingles at \$4.00 a thousand to cover the roof, totaling \$26.00.

Each man was paid 50 cents a day. Two boys who tended the chimney mason were each paid 25 cents a day.

While the church was being built, the people who provided the food for the workers were paid 25 cents a day for each worker. The church took care of this bill.

The total cost to build the first Mt. Bethel Church was \$154.27. The debt of \$25.27 was still owed to Henry Buhrman; the soliciting of donations continued until all bills were paid.

The first worship service conducted by William Butler was held on September 12, 1836.

By 1839, renovations were needed. The logs were covered with poplar boards. Shutters were added to the windows, and chinking and daubing were applied between the logs and around the doors and windows. The interior was whitewashed. A bible costing



Mt. Bethel meeting house with poplar board exterior, circa mid-1800s.

\$2.00 was placed on the pulpit, giving an aura of God's presence.

Later in 1901, during the pastorate of AB. Snedega, the old log church was torn down. A new church with poplar board was built on the same foundation.

Years later, in 1960, the church was brick cased.

On Christmas Day in 1966, Mt. Bethel U.M. Church experienced a tragedy. At 2:00 p.m., a passing motorist saw smoke and spread the alarm. The complete interior had been ruined by fire, heat, smoke, and water, caused by a faulty oil-burning furnace. Under the pastorate of Rev. Arthur Wood, worship continued at the Old Foxville School. By the grace of God and the devotion and determination of the congregation, the newly renovated church, debt-free, held the dedication service on July 23, 1967.

As an educational annex, Asbury Hall was built in 1971.

Realistically, time bring changes. At present, the congregation looks back over the past 190 years and sees that there were times when obstacles presented themselves, but perseverance carried on. God has showered a myriad of blessings.

Rocky Ridge Baby Show Results 2026

The annual Mt. Tabor Church Big Picnic, Tractor Parade, and Baby Show was held on Saturday, August 8, at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. A total of 18 babies—9 girls and 9 boys—participated in the show.

For the first time ever, we had more tractors in the Tractor Parade (22) than we had babies in the Baby Show! The youngest baby was Molly Carter, 17-day-old daughter of Lauren and Kevin Carter of Smithsburg. There was one set of twins, but no triplets in this year's Baby Show. The 18-month-old twin boys, John and Steven Sanders, sons of Ralph and Brittany Sanders, came from Thurmont. Nine-month-old Jaxson Greene, son of Brad and Sheri Greene, traveled the farthest distance from York, Pennsylvania. Babies placed in three categories: prettiest girl, cutest boy, and chubbiest baby, in five age categories, from 1 day to 24 months old.

There were only two babies, one boy and one girl, in the one day to three-month-old category. The prettiest girl was Molly Carter, 17-day-old daughter of Lauren and Kevin Carter of Smithsburg. Two-month-old Jacob Roelkey, son of Alecia Sexton of Rocky Ridge, was named the cutest and chubbiest baby. There were no babies in the four to six-month-old age category—that's a first!

In the 7-to-12-month-old category, there were six babies. Marielle Rivord, 8-month-old daughter of Samantha and Justin Rivord of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was judged the prettiest girl. The cutest boy was Jaxson Greene, nine-month-old son of Brad and Sheri Greene of York, Pennsylvania. Sadie Wivell, 7-month-old daughter of Shante Wivell and Sophien Djemmao

of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was named the chubbiest baby.

The 13-to-18-month-old category had only three registered babies. Olivia Hahn, 17-month-old daughter of Amanda and Danny Hahn of Emmitsburg, was judged the prettiest girl. The cutest boy was Steven James Sanders of Thurmont, 18-month-old son of Ralph and Brittany Sanders, while his twin brother, John Brooke Sanders, was named the chubbiest baby.

The 19-to-24-month-old category was the largest this year, with seven babies. Lucy Carter, 22-month-old daughter of Lauren and Kevin Carter of Smithsburg, was named the prettiest girl. Knox Potts, 21-month-old son of Rob and Kortney Potts of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, was named the cutest boy. The chubbiest baby was 23-month-old Samuel Roelkey, son of Alecia Sexton of Rocky Ridge.

Please come out again next year on Saturday, August 14, at Mt. Tabor Park, for the annual Baby Show. You may register your baby (or babies) who range in age from 1 day up to 24 months, 0 days.

Watch your local newspaper for more details, including registration time.



Knox Potts, 21-month-old son of Rob and Kortney Potts, named the cutest boy. Lucy Carter, 22-month-old daughter of Lauren and Kevin Carter, named the prettiest girl.



Eighteen-month-old Steven James Sanders, son of Ralph and Brittany Sanders, named the cutest boy; twin brother, John Brooke Sanders, named the chubbiest baby. Olivia Hahn, 17-month-old daughter of Amanda and Danny Hahn, named the prettiest girl.



Two-month-old Jacob Roelkey, son of Alecia Sexton, named the cutest and chubbiest baby. Seventeen-day-old Molly Carter, daughter of Lauren and Kevin Carter, named prettiest girl.

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CATOCTIN FOREST ALLIANCE'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

BY LINDA SUNDERGILL

Art has been part of the history of national parks since the 1860s, when Hudson River School painters captured the majestic Western landscapes that became our first iconic national parks. Their awe-inspiring works spurred Americans to preserve those lands for future generations. Artist George Catlin, during an 1832 trip to the Dakotas, was perhaps the first to suggest the idea of a national park. Catlin traveled extensively and noted that Indian civilization, wildlife, and the wilderness were in danger unless they could be preserved "by some great protecting policy of government ... in a magnificent park ... a Nation's Park, containing man and beast, in all the wild[ness] and freshness of their nature's beauty!"

Today, there are Artist in Residence (AIR) programs in more than 50 National Park Service units, which preserve the connection between arts and the parks. Catoctin Forest Alliance (CFA) manages the local Artist in Residence program jointly with

Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park. Artist selections for the program are made by a panel that includes local literary and art professionals.

The criteria that are used to make the selection include: technique, originality, and creativity; essence of the work complements area and would draw visitors to nature; work is appropriate for adults and children; work supports CFA goals (enhance education and appreciation of nature); and candidate shows willingness to work with the public and share talents.

CFA was established in 2009 as a partner organization to Catoctin Mountain Park NPS and Cunningham Falls State Park MSP. One of the CFA founders was artist Elizabeth Prongas, who began the local AIR program here in 2010 to bring a new and diverse voice and constituency to the parks. Since the inception of the AIR program, CFA has welcomed 38 artists to the Catoctin Mountains. They have come from California; Washington,



Artist Jerry Brown



Artist Adrien Gehring

Courtesy Photos

D.C.; Kentucky; Tennessee; Massachusetts; Maryland; New Jersey; New York; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Missouri; North Carolina; and Virginia.

The artists include painters, photographers, poets, writers, a videographer, cast metal artist, a wool felter, a journaling artist, and a fabric artist/quilter. The artists stay in an historic cabin in Catoctin Mountain Park or a campsite at Cunningham Falls State Park for two to three weeks and produce art influenced by the mountain setting. After the residency, each artist donates one piece of the art they created during their stay to the CFA AIR collection.

The AIR art collection has been on exhibit at the Delaplaine Arts

Center in Frederick, the Thurmont Library, the Emmitsburg Library, and the Visitor Center in the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls State Park. The collection is permanently housed in Catoctin Mountain Park.

The Artist in Residence program not only strengthens the bond between nature, art, and the outdoors, but the sale of the art produces funds to bring children to the parks for outdoor learning experiences.

This fall we were privileged to have two artists doing residencies in our parks—Adrien Gehring and Jerry Brown. Both artists will be doing free programs for the public.

For full details, go to <https://catocinforestalliance.org/cfa-calendar-events/>.

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Terrence (Terry) Joseph Miller of Waxahachie, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2026, at the age of 86. He was a Christ-follower, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, and friend.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Rhonda Miller; daughters, Allison Pinkerton (husband Danny), Marcia Heindl (husband Norb), and Jennifer Solotaroff; his grandchildren, Ryan (wife Emily), Sarah, Brad, Hannah, Nathan, Emma, Joel, and Jada; and his great-grandson, Walker. He is also survived by his cousins, Dick Creager and Tena Karinshak, and nephew, Chris Jones.

Terry was the son of Hugh and Ethel Miller, growing up in Thurmont, Maryland. After graduating high school, he joined the Air Force. The Air Force eventually sent him to Duncanville, Texas, where he officially became a Texan! After the Air Force, he enjoyed an extensive career in banking and, in later years, served as Pastoral Care Director at Waxahachie Bible Church. He authored four books and was most recently writing "Friendships Are Golden." During his journey through illness, he was so grateful to have many "guy friends" who loved to spend time with him, and he included some of their stories in his latest book.

In lieu of flowers, Terry has requested that contributions be made to either Waxahachie Bible Church or the Ellis County Homeless Coalition.

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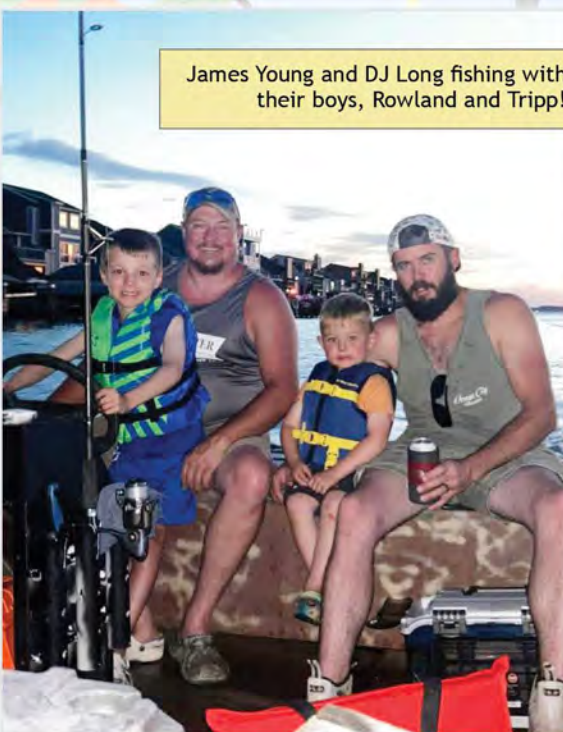


Viola's first beach trip to Ocean City, Maryland!



Samuel and Nathaniel at Devil's Bathtub in SW Virginia!

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CYA Football & Cheer Hold Successful Fundraiser



JV Football Team raises the most funds for recent Punt, Pass, Kick Fundraiser.



Pony Cheer raises the most funds for the Fill the Bow Fundraiser.

Every year, Catoctin Youth Association (CYA) Football & Cheer asks its athletes to help raise funds for critical needs like equipment, uniforms, and field maintenance.

This year, the program was able to raise over \$8,000 toward the program through the Fill the Bow Fundraiser, where cheerleaders collected money in an attempt to fill their bow and raise the most money, and the football players raised money for attempts at the Punt, Pass & Kick for their chance to not only place in competition but also raise the most money.

CYA Football & Cheer wants to thank the community for all of its support!

Congratulations to the winners:

Top Fundraising Teams

Pony Cheer: \$1,910
JV Football: \$1,610

Cheer Top Earners

Nicole Greenwell (Varsity/JV) — \$470
Laci Crabb (Pony) — \$455
Rylie Rice (Pony) — \$405

Football Top Earners

Lukas Bromwell (JV) — \$725
Olivia Gray (Girls Flag) — \$350
Bryce Yocum (JV) — \$330

Punt, Pass & Kick Winners

Youth Flag

Punt: Hunter Lendowski
Pass, Kick & Dash: Lincoln Cassidy

Mini-Pony

Punt & Kick: Carson Unger
Pass & Dash: Joseph Clements

Pony

Punt: Maverick Williams
Pass, Kick & Dash: Isiah Justman

JV

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Thunder & Lightning

Recently, we learned of another notable high school football team that faced defeat—not on the field but in the record books. The Hancock Panthers in Washington County have been playing football since 1957. That run has ended. The Panthers notified the MPSSAA that they will not field a team for the 2026 football season.

Two years ago, a similar fate befell our neighbors to the north, the Fairfield Knights. In 2024, Fairfield forfeited its last five games and announced later that they were merging with Gettysburg football and that Fairfield varsity football would be no more. I had a personal stake in that outcome. I was a coach in the Fairfield youth league from Smurf to Varsity, and now I am the Pennsylvania announcer for the youth league games played in the beautiful Fairfield football stadium. I still remember the look on those kids' faces who I'd known since second grade, when the program collapsed. The problem was the same: a lack of players.

Catoctin football has been realigned back into the 1A West by the MPSSAA (Maryland Public School Athletic Association) this year after spending the past several years in the 1A North. They rejoin old friends like Fort Hill, Mountainridge, and Allegany, all

powerhouses in Maryland high school football. In 2024, Catoctin fielded a team of 30. Last year, our Cougars varsity team consisted of 26 players. In enrollment, Catoctin is ranked 166th in Maryland out of 259 schools, with 823 students. This year, they have 24 players on the roster. Injuries are certainly to blame. The 2025 standout running back and middle linebacker, Colton Gray, will not play football this season. He is joined by teammate Isaac Dayberry, also injured and not playing. Those two are big losses for Coach Ridenour, especially on defense.

It's not just a numbers problem. It's a recruitment problem. Both Fort Hill and Allegany are smaller than Catoctin, yet, year after year, they field huge, powerful teams that win championships. However, it's more complicated than that. Safety perceptions and an expansion of varsity sports are factors. Kids and their parents are opting for sports with little or no contact, like tennis and golf. As a matter of fact, former injured football star Colton Gray is now playing for the Catoctin golf team. Soccer is coming on strong. Lacrosse is gaining, too.

Enrollment has remained steady at Catoctin for the past decade. Youth sports leagues in Northern Frederick County are seeing modest

growth. Overall, Frederick County, unlike the rest of Maryland, is experiencing the fastest growth in Maryland, with a 14 percent increase in enrollment over the past several years. It's not really a numbers problem. It's more a culture problem.

Recently, I had a chance to speak with Catoctin Varsity Football Coach Brady Ridenour, who begins his second year as head coach in the 2026 season. We walked around the practice field together and talked about individual players. Coach Ridenour admits his team is still young and rebuilding. While we were talking, the junior varsity football team came running up over the ridge towards us and, for a second, I thought it was varsity. They were huge and athletic. They seemed loose and cocky. I was very impressed. I smiled at Coach Ridenour and said, "Your future is looking pretty good." He laughed and talked about the JV team's offensive line, and then he paused and said, "Watch this Yocum kid..... Eli can play football, and he's only a freshman. The kid is a natural quarterback, smart, tough, and with a cannon for an arm." I watched as Yocum ran the JV offense, and Coach is right. Coach said the only reason this kid is not up on varsity is that he is so valuable to his JV team right now. There is another reason. Coach has a three-deep lineup of QB's in Chase Creeger, a junior in his second year at the helm; Ben Bingman, Creeger's backup, who plays wideout; and, in the event of the unthinkable, the third-string QB is Quinton Thompson, who blew up the field at running back against Clear Spring in their first scrimmage of the season a couple of weeks ago. A pretty impressive depth chart at quarterback! But watch out for this Yocum kid. He reminds me of another great Catoctin quarterback: Christian Michael. Michael was the leader of the 2019 Catoctin Maryland state 1A football champions. As practice continued, I looked up, and trotting onto the practice field came that very same Catoctin star. Christian Michael is the new Catoctin quarterback coach! Coach Ridenour deserves a lot of credit for recruiting Michael to coach on his team. As a matter of fact, I watched Michael working with Chase Creeger during practice on technique. Coach Michael showed Creeger how to execute the perfect run play fake. I grinned ear to ear.

Two standouts on the field that I want to mention are SJ (Jack) Smith and Quinton Thompson. Smith and Thompson will bring a "thunder and lightning" quality to the backfield. Smith, the scatback, is lightning fast, and Thompson hits the line with a boom that sounds like thunder on every play. Both are deadly on play action passes out of the backfield, with Quinton making some moves in the secondary that belie his size and strength as the big back in Coach Ridenour's wing offense. Both have great hands. Smith is small and shifty and hides behind bigger players as he darts in and out of openings. By the time the defense finds him, it will be too late.

I am excited to broadcast this season on the radio again from the Catoctin pressbox. We have expanded our equipment, team, and coverage. Coach Rick Little and play-by-play veteran Ryan Piers will put on the headsets. We welcome senior Lucas Bradley back, who will be our go-to Catoctin sports reporter. Lucas will keep Cougars fans informed on our Frederick County Sports Connection website: fredcosports.com. We have a new addition to the team, Josh Valentine, a 2025 Catoctin grad, who will be working production in the booth and on-field with in-game interviews this season. We have added a new state-of-the-art AI-driven sports camera that will capture all the action much more clearly and will significantly improve the fans' video experience. We will cover the Cougars' home opener against Clarke County. Be sure to come down and support the team for their first game at home on Thursday, September 10. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.

Just like the weather this summer, I'm ready for some more thunder and lightning. How about you?

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A motto is an expression of a guiding principle. Several members of the Catoclin High School (CHS) Boys' Soccer Team recently voiced their mottoes, including "I think that a strong community is at the heart of every successful team and school. Strengthening the community is a pleasure and an honor that Catoclin soccer will aspire to excel at." Another member said, "I hope to inspire others to give back to their community and support those who need it the most."

The CHS Boys' Soccer Team put these words into action by pioneering the 2026 fundraiser, "Goals for Hunger." CHS staff, thrilled by the team's initiative to help others, secured the Thurmont Lions Club and the Thurmont Food Bank's support to launch the fundraiser. Options to collect contributions for those lacking food and to give back to communities in need are under discussion.

One option suggested by the CHS Boys' Soccer Team is this: For every goal made by the CHS team, a monetary contribution can be made at the end of the games. Donations could also be made through the Lions Club via its website at Thurmont Lions Club. Then, the Thurmont Lions Club would reserve those monies and later help direct contributions to appropriate organizations and individuals.

The idea, created by the CHS Boys' Soccer Team, is a fundraiser in progress. Please join the CHS Boys' Soccer Team at their first official home game on September 15 at 6:00 p.m. Catoclin High School will play Highland View Academy. Support your team! Clap, jump, yell, cheer, and contribute to the CHS Boys' Soccer Team "Goals for Hunger!"



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I once saw a large banner hanging from somebody's porch. The banner had a picture of a grey cat with the caption "I'm lost". Normally, I'm not too worried about missing pet posters. I'll take a glance at the picture and make a mental note to keep an eye out, but then I won't spend much time thinking about it. But this one made me feel differently. This one made me picture that poor animal all alone in the elements, hungry and cold. And I pitied it. I wanted to find it and bring it back home. The banner was remarkably effective. I suppose all of that stemmed from two things: it used the word "I'm" which causes you to see things from the cat's perspective, and "lost": one of the saddest words in the English language.

Being lost is one of the most dreadful things that can happen to someone. Do you remember how it felt when you were lost at some point? Maybe you were a child and got separated from your parents at the grocery store. Or maybe you were hiking, and couldn't find the trail. Do you remember the sinking feeling in your stomach when you realized you didn't know how you were going to return home?

The Bible frequently uses the word "Lost" to describe us. **Matthew 18:11: For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost. 2 Corinthians 4:3: And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are lost.** Perhaps the most powerful use of the word is in the parable of the prodigal son, in which a man's father who represents God says this about his son. **Luke 15:24: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to celebrate.**

If you have rebelled against God, then you are lost. But you don't have to be. The way back to your father's home is clear, you only have to walk there. God waits as the father did, hoping that he will see you from afar, and embrace you again.

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SCHOOL News

Catoctin High School Student Earns Silver at National SkillsUSA Competition

BY ALISHA YOCUM

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Tanner Shorb from Catoctin High School recently took the Silver Metal at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Welding. Pictured from left are Tanner Shorb, Silver Medalist from Maryland; Luis Sousa, Gold Medalist from Massachusetts; and Elijah Cluff, Bronze Medalist from Utah.

Tanner Shorb, a student at Catoctin High School, recently competed in the 62nd Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

The NLSC is the nation's largest workforce development event for students enrolled in public career and technical education programs. The SkillsUSA Championships features over 6,700 competitors in 114 hands-on skill and leadership contests.

Shorb competed at both the local and regional levels before advancing to the state competition in welding. After winning the gold medal at states, Shorb advanced onto the national competition, testing his skills against the best in the nation.

During the national competition, Shorb took home the Silver Medal in Welding.

"Tanner is at that point in his development where his outstanding work ethic aligns with an exceptionally high level of skill," said Frederick County Public School Career and Technology Center Welding Teacher Tim Bromhal. "Among his many metalworking talents is blacksmithing, a skill that has already earned him summer employment with Baltimore Knife and Sword."

Congratulations to Tanner on this incredible accomplishment and for representing Catoctin and our community on the national stage!

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From Calf to Show Ring

An FFA Project Series

BY MAKAYLA COMER

Makayla Comer is a junior at Catoclin High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). She is serving as the 2025-2026 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show Ambassador and currently serves as Social Media Coordinator. In this monthly series, Comer will take readers behind the scenes of what it takes to raise both market and breeding cattle, sharing her journey as she prepares to show at the Carroll County Fair and the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show in 2026. Comer and her family own and operate a cattle farm in Rocky Ridge, Maryland. Readers are invited to follow along as she shares the dedication, responsibility, and hard work involved in raising cattle.



Pictured from left: Judge, Danette Comer, Daytona, Makayla Comer (Showman).



Makayla Comer and Fort Worth in Showmanship.

For my 2026 Market and Breeding projects, all animals were born and bred on my farm. The steer I plan to take to the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show in September is a Maintainer named Fort Worth. Fort Worth was born on March 25, 2025, and was the last calf born on my farm in 2025. I also plan to bring two heifers to the community show. My Maintainer heifer, Montana, and my Shorthorn Plus heifer, Daytona.

Carroll County Fair was not that long ago, and this year, I had a great turnout from the fair. On Monday, August 3, I had the heifer show, where Daytona came out to be Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer and Champion Bred and Owned Shorthorn Plus Heifer. Montana was Champion Bred and Owned A.O.B. Heifer, and Fort

Worth was Champion Bred and Owned Maintainer Steer. Overall, I had a great turnout at the Carroll County Fair. At the end of August, I will be at the Maryland State Fair exhibiting those three again, along with my bull Sasquatch. Once the State Fair is over, I will be at the Community Show, taking Fort Worth for his last go-around in the show arena. I hope to see you all there! The Community Show is September 11 through September 13. On Friday night, I will be at the Cake Auction, handing off my Ambassador title to the new 2026 Community Show Ambassador.

If you have been reading along since I started writing and talking about the process of raising a show cow, then you have probably seen the changes in the cows themselves. One way you have noticed the changes is by the way they look,

which is achieved by feeding. As my county fair is Carroll County, the minimum weight for the market animal is 1,200 pounds and the maximum is 1,500. My goal is mainly to make them eligible for the Carroll County Fair. If they are not eligible for the Carroll County Fair, they will then be shown and sold at the Community Show.

When you first get your calf, you want to start feeding out slowly. You want them to gain weight, but not too much weight. After we weigh them in for the fair, we then start to put more feed onto them. A way to put more feed on them is by having a higher percentage feed or feeding more. We feed 12 percent protein sweet feed. We get all of our feed and supplements from Farmers Cooperative. One thing I see the most when going to shows is people who have steers that meet

the minimum weight in April. That can be good and bad. It shows that your animal is eating enough, but you could also go over weight and be too heavy for your fair. One time, we had a steer at a show that was at the maximum weight in May and then was grass-fed for a few months to lose weight. Doing that will make your steer lose its shape. To prevent this from happening, you should watch what you feed and how much you feed.

Next step is the state fair and the community show! I hope to see everyone at the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show in September!

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Maryland on Stamps & Covers

Baltimore Cathedral

BY RICHARD D. L. FULTON

The United States Postal Service (USPS) issued a series of 15-cent stamps, featuring examples of early “architecture of enduring beauty, strength and usefulness,” according to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, on June 4, 1979.

The first set of four different stamps was issued on June 4, 1979, and the first-day-of-issue covers (FDCs) were all canceled at the Kansas City, Missouri, post office. One of the stamps commemorated the architecture of the Baltimore Cathedral, while the remaining three each commemorated the Virginia Rotunda, the Boston State House, and the Philadelphia Exchange.

The cover depicted in conjunction with this article was published by the Fleetwood Corporation out of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and featured an artist rendition of the Baltimore Cathedral, along with several individuals in colonial attire, accompanied by the caption, “The Baltimore Cathedral, America’s first cathedral, is a monument to religious freedom in the New World.”

The Baltimore Cathedral, located at 409 Cathedral Street, was designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who had become a

renowned architect, and became recognized for his work on portions of the United States Capital, among many other projects, including the designs of the Virginia State Penitentiary, the Bank of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Waterworks, and the Baltimore Exchange, according to the Institute of Sacred Architecture’s website.

John Carroll, archbishop of Baltimore, had proposed the idea of a Baltimore cathedral, which became a reality when, upon the recommendation of President Thomas Jefferson, Carroll then engaged Latrobe to design the new church. The cornerstone for the new cathedral was laid under the auspices of the archbishop on July 7, 1806.

According to an article published in the April 21, 1946, edition of *The Baltimore Sun*, the cathedral was erected on land purchased from John Eager Howard for a little over \$20,500, which is equal to about \$543,334 in today’s monetary equivalent.

The “granite” used to construct the cathedral was hauled from quarries near Ellicott City on carts drawn by oxen. There are no deposits of granite near Ellicott City. The stone was actually a rock



June 4, 1979, first-day-of-issue cover of the Baltimore Cathedral stamp.

type known as gneiss, according to the Maryland Geological Survey.

The Sun reported that the cathedral had cost \$225,000 to build (or about \$6,158,947 in today’s monetary equivalent), and that the money was raised primarily by lottery, which had been authorized by the (state) legislature, by the sale of some church-owned land, and by donations.

The newspaper further noted that in 1904 the exterior of the cathedral’s dome and crosses were “covered with \$2,000 worth of gold leaf,” or worth about \$75,045 in today’s monetary equivalent.

“The only building to rival it (the Baltimore Cathedral) in size, scale, and architectural sophistication was the U.S. Capitol,” according to the Institute of Sacred Architecture’s website.

The Institute of Sacred Architecture further reported that Latrobe had employed “revolutionary” architectural concepts in the design of the cathedral, which had included “the use of masonry vaults to support the main floor, the use of reverse arches in the undercroft to support the rotunda pendentives, large clear glass windows to flood the interior with light, and the construction of a large Delorme wood-framed dome with twenty-four skylights in the field of the dome.”

The cathedral was dedicated on May 31, 1821, thereby establishing

the church as having been the first Roman Catholic cathedral in America. The dedication took place a year following Latrobe’s death, and Carroll had already passed away in 1815, only nine years after the cornerstone had been laid. Additional construction, such as the portico, was also performed on the building... up through 1863.

Most recently, the cathedral had undergone a 30-month, \$34 million historical restoration, which was completed in 2006, according to a story on the National Public Radio website.

During the East Coast’s 5.8-magnitude earthquake of 2011, it was estimated that the event had inflicted damages of about \$5 million to the church.



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The King's Gambit

written by
JAMES RADA, JR.

9: Emmitsburg

Lou Preston's hand trembled slightly as he lifted the receiver and dialed the Gettysburg Police. His voice felt small in the quiet kitchen, white walls humming with the hum of the refrigerator. He reported the break-in at his house, every word careful and measured. A half hour later, an officer arrived, his boots clicking on the worn linoleum, and swept the rooms with a practiced eye. Lou stood by the front door, clutching his coat sleeves, offering only what he knew for certain. He didn't mention the knot of suspicion in his chest that pointed to Douglas Reaver—his great-grandfather's protégé—who had insisted on a long lunch at O'Rourke's Restaurant in Gettysburg. Still, Lou dropped Douglas's name into the report, hoping it might spark something.

The officer, polite but reserved, scribbled notes but made no promises. Lou tried not to think about the missing heirloom clock, the broken window latch, or the smooth way Douglas had steered him away. He only wanted an official record—something to show if darkness returned again.

When the patrol car's taillights winked away down the street, Lou retreated upstairs to his den. The afternoon light slanted through the blinds, painting the walls in stripes of gold and shadow. At his heavy oak desk, he spread out the yellowed maps he'd discovered tucked inside his great-grandfather's leather-bound journal. The paper was fragile; the

edges curled like old leaves. He snapped photographs, the camera's flash startling him each time, then printed crisp black-and-white copies. With a fine-tipped pen, he traced precinct lines and annotations.

He sat back and studied the maps from every angle. Thirty-two monuments marked: equal numbers for Union and Confederate, equal tributes to men and regiments. Why that symmetry? The thought twisted in his mind. Had Douglas known the hidden meaning? Was there some code buried in those white granite stones dotting the battlefield?

He rose and fetched the journal, its spine creaking like a voice longing to speak. On the couch, nestled among pillows, he opened it again, turning yellowed pages. Maybe the story would tie in with the maps.

July 3, 1863

Now that I trusted Col. Donaldson, I wasn't so suspicious about what he was doing or the trips that he made south. I can't say that it allowed us to make better progress, but it didn't hurt. What did hurt was every time there was a battle and lives were lost, both sides were more reluctant to give up anything and more anxious to find a way to make peace.

Some evenings, Col. Donaldson and I would sit in his office, whiskey in hand, dissecting the peace proposals, swapping roles like actors rehearsing every twist. We uncovered

phrases and clauses that could reignite war. In arguing both sides, we have discovered what I believe to be the fairest path to lasting peace.

He presented the agreement to both presidents, Lincoln and Davis, and their response was mixed. They had other motives than simply finding the best path to a lasting peace, and neither man fully trusted the other, but progress was made.

Four days ago, Col. Donaldson strode into my quarters clutching a bottle of brandy in one hand and a small stack of papers in the other. His usual stern jaw was slack with a grin I can't recall ever seeing. "We have an agreement, Maj. Preston," he declared, voice brimming with triumph. "Lincoln has signed off. All that remains is Davis's signature."

I felt the world shift beneath my feet. He set the brandy before me; the amber liquid caught the lamplight like a captured sunset. "We inform the generals first," he continued, eyes alight. "July 4 seems fitting—Independence Day reborn in peace. We ride to Emmitsburg. You must pack quickly."

"Emmitsburg?"

"It's a small village in Maryland, just below the Mason Dixon Line."

"Why there?"

"We consider it neutral ground. It is home to the Daughters of Charity, who have given fair aid to both sides in caring for our wounded. Gen. Meade also arrived there today with the Army of the Potomac. Gen. Lee is heading towards Harrisburg with the

Army of Northern Virginia. So time is of the essence to reach them both and not only stop the war but to stop an attack on Harrisburg. Pack your bag. We ride within the hour."

We rode north on dusty roads winding through orchards still bare of blossoms. We reached Emmitsburg the next day. As we neared the town, we saw rows of white tents and rifles stacked in orderly pyramids. Somewhere in that sea of white, Gen. Meade held court.

The main road into the small village passed between the camp and St. Joseph's College. The three-story stone building, walls mottled with ivy and time, was the largest building in the region. It looked out of place so close to a small town.

"It is a college for women," Col. Donaldson said.

"Didn't we pass another college further south?" I asked.

"That is Mount St. Mary's College. It is for men."

"How can a town support two colleges?"

"They are church schools. Their students are Catholic."

While the town could support the two colleges, it was doubtful it could support the Army of the Potomac for too long. It would have to move on soon. Hopefully, it would move toward Washington and not toward the Confederate Army.

We were directed to St. Joseph's College, where Gen. Meade had

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taken up a temporary residence in the school, which looked to be nearly abandoned of students. Inside, a Catholic sister in a crisp habit led us to a room lined with bookshelves and lit by two tall windows. Dust motes floated in the shafts of morning light. The air smelled faintly of old paper and polished wood.

General Meade entered, his uniform immaculate, stars on his shoulders glinting. We rose, but he waved us to remain at ease. Donaldson produced a crisp copy of the peace agreement. Meade's steel-blue eyes measured every word as he sank into the leather chair. After a slow, breathless moment, he looked up. "Is this genuine?" His voice held awe.

Col. Donaldson nodded. "Signed by President Lincoln. President Davis's signature will follow. I have been working on this under the direction of the President for more than a year. We now finally have an agreement. Once President Davis signs both copies, I will return a copy to President Lincoln."

"And this will happen in Emmitsburg?"

"Near here. I don't think he is brave enough to enter a town occupied by the Army of the Potomac."

Meade's gaze drifted to the window, where his men stood silent in the morning haze. He chewed his lip, then turned back. "After this signing, both armies withdraw?"

"That is the plan," I said. "The Army of the Potomac returns to Washington, and Gen. Lee takes his men to Virginia. Then both presidents announce peace."

Gen. Meade reached for a cigar, but then he thought better of it and put it back. "The sisters asked that there be no smoking in the building." He stood up and walked to one of the windows and looked out to where his army was encamped. "Do you think it will be that easy?"

"I don't think it will be easy at all, sir, judging by how long the negotiations took. For the peace to hold, both sides must trust each other and uphold their part. However, I think what I described will be easy compared to that."

"I want to send a telegram to the president confirming this."

Col. Donaldson took out a sealed letter and passed it to the general.

"He wrote this for you. I believe it will confirm the legitimacy of the agreement."

Meade took it in one hand and slapped it repeatedly against his other palm.

"Regardless of what this letter says, I will stay here until Lee turns back south. I will not risk Harrisburg if he refuses the peace."

"But the letter..."

"Colonel, if General Lee continues toward Harrisburg, then there is no peace agreement, and I must act to defend that city, that commonwealth, and this country."

"Yes, sir."

"When will this exchange take place?" Gen. Meade asked.

"I am riding out to meet him after I finish here."

Meade nodded and looked out the window again. "Then Gen. Lee should have the agreement by this evening. I would expect his men to break camp and head south tomorrow morning. We should know by tomorrow evening if we have peace."

"Yes, sir."

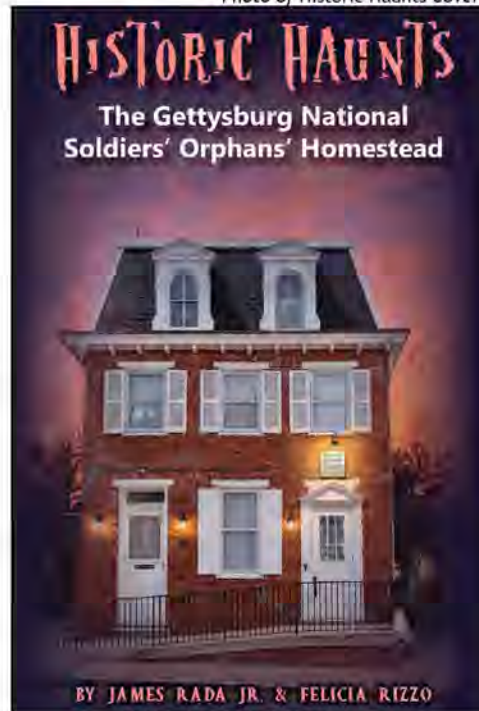
Outside, I asked where we were headed next. Donaldson gave only instructions: He was going to meet his Confederate counterpart where the Waynesboro Pike crossed into Pennsylvania. I was to stay at the Emmet House and wait. No names, no reasons—only I didn't like it, but Col. Donaldson hadn't told me who he met, let alone asked me to meet him. He was protecting the man's identity, as I assumed the Confederate man was doing for Col. Donaldson.

The town's single main street bore scars of a recent fire: charred timbers still blackened against splintered brick. Smoke had long since cleared, but the smell lingered in the air, reminding me of war's fickle mercy. At the Emmet House, Donaldson tasked me with finding brandy to celebrate peace. The tavern was dim, scent of roasted meat and sawdust underfoot. I found a bottle tucked behind dusty whiskey jugs; its label faded but the glass intact.

I paid the innkeeper and carried the bottle upstairs. Its weight was promise and burden both. I set it on the bedside table and gazed out at the road where peace—or its opposite—would emerge. Every minute that passed brought me closer to a future none of us could yet see.

WILL YOU DARE ENTER THE CELLAR OF THE GETTYSBURG ORPHANAGE?

Photo of Historic Haunts Cover



Are you afraid of things that go bump in the night?

Nearby Gettysburg has been called one of the most haunted places in the country, largely because of the famous Civil War battle fought there and the thousands of soldiers who died because of it. Not all the paranormal activity is due to the war dead, though.

One of the most haunted sites in the town is the National Soldiers' Orphans' Homestead. It opened in 1866 as a beacon of hope for the war's fatherless children. But hope quickly turned to horror. Under the tyrannical rule of matron Rosa Carmichael, the orphanage became a house of cruelty: children chained in a dungeon-like cellar, starved, beaten, and broken. The institution that promised refuge delivered nightmares instead.

Today, visitors, ghost hunters, and paranormal investigators report disembodied cries of children, shadowy figures in tattered clothes, slamming doors, and the oppressive presence of a woman in black. EMF spikes, moving objects, and chilling EVPs captured in the infamous basement suggest the orphans—and their tormentor—have never truly left.

Award-winning author James Rada Jr. and debut author Felicia Rizzo have released a new book that looks at the history, both physical and paranormal, of the orphanage.

"The children who were there had already lost their fathers in the war, and then they were taken from their mothers to be placed in the orphanage, sometimes a thousand miles away from their homes," Rada said. "Then, on top of that, they wound up being abused by the matron. If any place was bound to be haunted, it was a place like that."

Rada is the author of 50 books, most of which are non-fiction history. *Historic Haunts* is his first foray into paranormal non-fiction.

"I write about stories that fascinate me and I hope will entertain and inform readers," he said. "The story of the orphanage caught my attention, especially with some of the stories that Felicia was able to find."

Rizzo is a teacher who has been published in anthologies, but this is the first book she has authored.

"I've always had an interest in the paranormal, and being a sensitive runs in my family," Rizzo said. "I also love Gettysburg, so putting the two together for a book seemed a natural fit."

Besides stories of paranormal activity in the building going back more than 150 years, *Historic Haunts* includes some first-hand experiences Rizzo experienced.

During one tour of the building, she said, "I saw two boys and a girl appearing near the tour guide. They were distressed and told me, 'Please make them stop. Every time they tell this story, they make us relive it.' Later, when we were in the cellar, a lone balloon, initially motionless, began drifting toward me with apparent intention, settling at my feet. An EMF detector placed nearby began flashing rapidly, lighting up as if mirroring the unseen activity."

From Civil War battlefields to modern ghost hunts, *Historic Haunts: The Gettysburg National Soldiers' Orphans' Homestead* is a tale of innocence lost, justice denied, and spirits that refuse to rest.

The book contains dozens of pictures, showing the history and hauntings of the building. It is the first in a new series, and Rada and Rizzo are already working on the next book.

Historic Haunts is available at your favorite local bookstore or online bookstore.

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Please note: The contests are not based on who gets their guesses in first. Each month, we put all correct guesses in a "hat" and randomly draw a winner.

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



August's "Where Am I?" photo was taken at the Friends Creek Road Bridge in Emmitsburg. **The winner of the Where Am I? Contest for August's issue is Cody Stitley.** Cody, please select an advertising business from which you'd like your gift certificate. Then, contact *The Catocin Banner* at news@thecatocinbanner.com or call 301-241-9249, so we can mail you your prize!

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TIME ~ Part 2 ~



One of the most polarizing questions in astronomy is “How old is the universe?” This question, besides answering the age of the universe, also insinuates that there was a beginning. And like all beginnings, there must also be an end. No one on this Earth knows for certain how the universe was created, nor do they know why.

This month, in part two of “Time,” I thought we could answer the theorized “how” in the case of the creation of the universe. We’ll leave the why to spirituality and religion, as I am in no place to speak as to the why.

The universe is actively growing, in a certain sense, right this moment as you are reading this. We are moving at an incomprehensible speed. This speed is also not constant throughout the universe. Not only that, but it is entirely relative to the observer. The space between us and other superclusters of galaxies is what shows this relativity. Our solar system, the Milky Way galaxy (our home), and the Local Group (the group our galaxy falls in) all are bonded by their gravitational pull toward one another. Between superclusters, though, lies something strange: an unknown force that pushes these superclusters of galaxies away from each other.

For the sake of understanding when I say the speed of expansion is “relative,” let us take a trip to one of the most distant galaxies, named “MoM-z14.” To an observer from this galaxy, if they were to look at us, they would see that we are traveling nearly two-and-a-half times the speed of light, which is, of course, the fastest known thing in the universe. From here on Earth, though, MoM-z14 appears to be moving away from us at the same speed. There is no center of the universe; there are no edges of the universe. Clusters of galaxies are all moving away from each other, which

points to the idea that the universe is expanding, and the space between these distant objects fuels this expansion. The universe has been stretching since its inception after the Big Bang, but what is driving it? The energy behind this is called dark energy. Much is unknown about it, but figuring it out may be able to tell us the secrets of the universe—the beginning and the end. Dark energy is what can explain the expansion of our universe now, but what explains how the universe came to be?

THE BEGINNING

Nearly 14 billion years ago, the universe looked very different from how it looks today. It is theorized that it was very small, and all the energy and matter of the universe was packed into the size of an atom. This atom-sized fireball then exploded, in a sense, expanding into what we know as the universe today. This theory is called singularity. This theory of the Big Bang is usually what people think of when they ask the question, “How does something come from nothing?” That is a very valid question. The singularity theory of the Big Bang is not very accepted by cosmologists in today’s world, as it does not even begin to answer the question of how all this energy came to be in the first place.

The 1970s were the birthplace of the cosmic inflation theory of the Big Bang. It helped answer some of the difficult questions, such as how a singularity (small dense area the size of an atom) would create the conditions needed to create galaxies. A lot of these initial conditions that were needed to create the universe were largely assumed in the case of the pre-inflation model of the Big Bang. Particle physics, the study of matter, helped pioneer the theory of cosmic inflation. A particle physicist by the name of Alan Guth discovered that a positive-energy false vacuum

could be the exact conditions that would allow space to expand at an unbelievable rate.

What is a “positive-energy false vacuum,” though? For starters, you hear most people refer to space entirely as a vacuum, as in there is nothing in it. In quantum field theory, it suggests that empty space is not truly empty. I will not go into detail, as quantum mechanics is very complicated, but basically it states that particles in a vacuum will constantly pop in and out of existence, which results in the vacuum always having some level of positive energy. That also means that it is not completely stable. The energy in this positive-energy false vacuum eventually creates a repulsive gravitational field from the negative pressure created by the energy; this causes the universe to inflate, expanding unconceivably fast. The false vacuum will eventually decay, which means that it drops into a lower state of energy. In addition to this, it is also theorized that the decay stopped the inflation phase; after this, all the stored positive energy from the massive inflation and expansion turned into copious amounts of hot particles and radiation. You’ll hear this phase called “hot particle soup,” which indicated the start of (and what caused) the Big Bang. What was before inflation is still unknown to us, as the rapid expansion wiped any physical evidence or clues from the earlier time of where our universe exists now, as in before the Big Bang created all the matter in our universe.

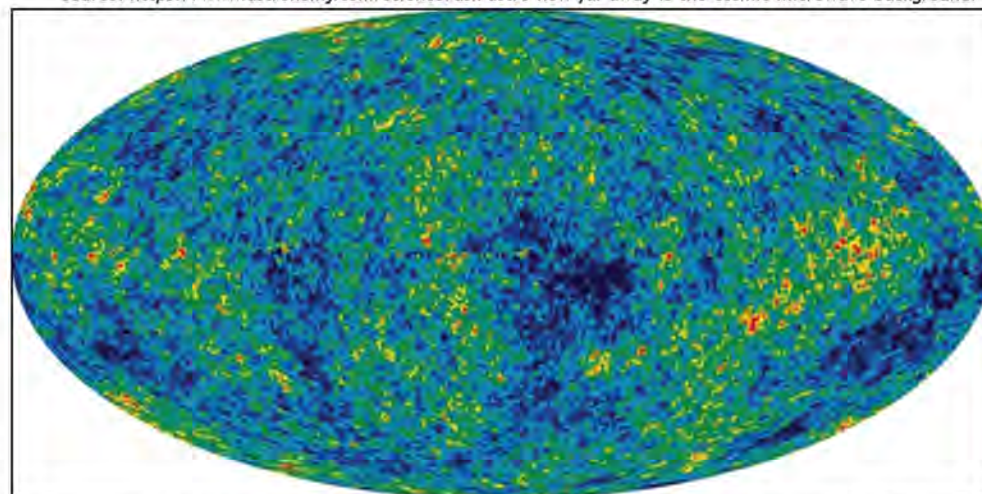
Some say that looking into space can allow you to see into the past. We can see light from stars millions of years ago, due to light traveling at a finite speed, and the distance between us and distant stars being

so vast. Something interesting happens when we look past the distant galaxies of stars; we see something we cannot see past. It is something to do with the “hot particle soup” we learned about earlier. The furthest we can see in the observable universe is the Cosmic Microwave Background, or CMB for short. Observable in “observable universe” is important, as it states that the CMB does not serve as the edge of the universe, meaning that the universe is finite, but rather the CMB is as far as we can see. It is very likely, way more likely, that the universe goes on beyond the CMB. What that part of the universe looks like, we haven’t the slightest idea.

The CMB was first discovered by Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson, accidentally. While studying radio waves, they noticed a constant low-level hum coming from every direction in the sky. They diagnosed equipment, removed any potential interfering objects, and then quickly discovered that the real signal was from outside our galaxy. It was stemming from all over, in all directions. This background humming was predicted many years earlier by Big Bang scientists. They predicted that leftover heat from something as big as the Big Bang should fill the universe with *something*; they just didn’t know exactly what. Penzias and Arno gave the scientific world the evidence that was needed. The CMB is the earliest we can see of the beginning of the universe, 380,000 years after the Big Bang. We cannot see any further, as it is completely opaque.

What does this mean for the future of the universe? Does it have an end? Tune in next month for part 3 of “Time.”

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Differences in the density of the early universe can be seen in the variations within the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB). These differences are the seeds that eventually grew into clusters of galaxies.



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KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Your Financial Checkup for Retirement

When was the last time you had bloodwork done?

Most of us don't wait until we feel terrible to see a doctor. We have routine checkups, check our blood pressure and cholesterol, and occasionally get bloodwork to see what's going on beneath the surface. Our finances deserve the same attention.

One of the biggest sources of anxiety I see around retirement is simply not knowing the numbers. People ask, "Do I have enough?" or "Can I afford to retire?" But without knowing a few key numbers, it's difficult to answer those questions, and uncertainty can create a lot of unnecessary fear.

Whether you're 35 and building wealth, 55 and wondering when you can retire, or already retired, knowing your numbers can give you something much more valuable than a perfectly designed spreadsheet: Confidence.

Here are six numbers worth knowing.

1. Your Net Worth

Start with the big picture. Add up what you own, retirement accounts, investment accounts, cash, real estate, and other significant assets. Then subtract what you owe.

That's your net worth.

If you're still working, look at how that number is changing over time. Is it generally moving in the right direction?

As retirement gets closer, take a closer look at what makes up your

net worth. Having \$1 million in assets sounds great, but \$1 million in home equity is very different from \$1 million in investments that can provide retirement income.

2. Your Savings Rate

If you're still accumulating wealth, this may be your most important number.

How much of your income are you actually saving for the future?

A common rule of thumb is to work toward saving about 15 percent of your gross income each year for retirement, including employer contributions. Your personal target may need to be higher or lower depending on when you started saving, when you want to retire, and how much you expect to spend.

This is why the standard 3 percent automatic 401(K) enrollment rate shouldn't be confused with "enough." It's a great starting point, but for most people, 3 percent alone is unlikely to build enough retirement savings.

If you're currently saving 3 percent, don't be discouraged. The goal isn't to jump from 3 percent to 15 percent overnight. Try increasing your contribution by 1 percent when you get a raise, bonus, or promotion. Small increases can add up significantly over a career.

3. Your Annual Spending

As retirement approaches, the focus begins to shift. Instead of asking, "How much do I make?" start asking, "How much does it cost me to live the life I want?"



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Your retirement portfolio isn't trying to replace your salary. It's trying to fund your lifestyle.

Knowing your annual spending, and separating essential expenses from discretionary spending, gives you a much clearer retirement target.

4. Your Expected Retirement Income

Next, estimate the income you can reasonably expect once you stop working.

This could include Social Security, a pension, rental income, an annuity, or other predictable sources of income. Then compare that income with your expected spending.

If you expect to spend \$90,000 per year and have \$55,000 of reliable income, your investments need to provide the remaining \$35,000.

That's a much more useful question than simply asking, "Do I have enough saved?" Now you know what job your portfolio needs to do.

5. Your Tax Picture

Taxes don't stop when you retire. In fact, retirement can create an entirely different tax picture.

Know where your money is located: traditional retirement accounts, Roth accounts, and taxable investments. Understand your current tax bracket and how future withdrawals, Social Security, and required minimum distributions could affect your taxable income.

Two people could have identical \$1 million portfolios and very different after-tax spending power, depending on how that money is structured.

6. Your "What If?" Number

Finally, don't just ask, "What happens if everything goes according to plan?"

Ask what happens if it doesn't.

What if you retire two years earlier? What if the market drops shortly after you retire? What if you live into your 90s? What if you spend more than expected?

You don't need to predict the future. You want to know whether

your plan is resilient enough to handle some changes.

Start with your numbers. You don't have to be a financial expert to do this. And you don't need an elaborate financial plan to get started.

At a minimum, you should be able to answer:

What do I have?

What do I owe?

What am I saving?

What do I spend?

What income will I have in retirement?

And how well does my plan hold up if things don't go exactly as expected?

Think of these as your financial bloodwork.

You may discover that everything looks healthy. You may find an area that needs attention. Or you may realize you need a more thorough checkup. The important thing is that you won't be guessing anymore.

And sometimes, simply knowing your numbers is the first step toward feeling a whole lot more confident about your financial future.

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A Change of SCENERY

"A Change of Scenery" focuses on day trips from Thurmont that are within 150 miles (give or take). These trips will not include "Disney-level" destinations, but rather, lesser-known points of interest. The purpose of the article is to suggest venues for folks seeking a short, easily accessible change of scenery. In the process, hopefully something will be learned. Some will be historic, some cultural, and others just plain quirky. I confess an ulterior motive for writing this article: I have a wanderlust addiction.

A PLACE TO REMEMBER



Nancy Yocum in the open wildflower fields of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Do you remember where you were when you first heard the news? Who were you with? What were you doing? Do you recall the difficulty your brain had trying to reconcile what you were seeing with what you thought reality should be? A plane had flown into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. How could that be? The weather was perfect. In broad daylight.

When the second plane struck the South Tower just 17 minutes later, the thin thread of hope that what we were all seeing was just a horrible accident snapped. A new reality had manifested itself. We were under attack.

While the world watched the two World Trade Center towers burn, another attack occurred at 9:37 a.m. This one was closer to home. American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Thurmont's mayor at the time, Marty Burns, was in the building when it was hit. News of the third attack fanned the flames of panic. A congressman erroneously

reported a fourth plane had crashed "somewhere near Camp David."

Another plane had indeed crashed, but not near Camp David. United Flight 93 flew into the ground at an abandoned strip mine in rural Pennsylvania, near the small town of Shanksville. Forty passengers and crew died instantly as the plane slammed inverted into the ground at 536 miles per hour.

The passengers had learned the fate of the other hijacked planes that morning and decided their only hope was to fight and regain control. It was apparent they were not in a hostage situation with hope of a later release. When the resisting passengers attacked the terrorists, the terrorist piloting the plane began flying erratically, trying to throw the attackers off balance. Flight 93 crashed just eighteen minutes away from Washington, D.C. The intended target is thought to have been the Capitol.

This coming September 11 will be the 25th anniversary of that

terrible day. A whole generation has grown into adulthood since that time. They have never known a world devoid of 9/11 consequences.

A little more than two hours from Thurmont is the Flight 93 National Memorial. It is well worth the effort to visit. Being the 25th anniversary, there are many events scheduled for remembrance.

Visiting the Memorial is quite sobering. The once-abandoned strip mine has been transformed into a 2,200-acre rolling wildflower landscape. The open space is nearly always breezy. A 93-foot-tall windchime is located on a crest not far from the crash site. Forty chimes, one for each passenger or crew member, catch the wind to remind the visitor of their valor with a haunting melody.

At the visitor center, you will see the timeline of events, the aftermath, and will be introduced to the innocent victims lost that day. Perhaps the most difficult display to interact with is the recording of some of the passengers' final calls to their loved ones to say goodbye. You leave the exhibits with a genuine sense of loss for lives cut short by cowardly terrorism.

If you go, give yourself plenty of time to walk the grounds, absorb the peaceful beauty of the open fields, and remember with reverence what happened there. While there are restrooms and a gift shop, there is no food service or picnic tables. It wouldn't be appropriate. There are diners and restaurants in the general area. My wife and I ate at the Lincoln Café, which is right on US Route 30, just a few miles away. I highly

Photos by Jeff Yocum



The Memorial wind chime tower, officially known as the Tower of Voices.

recommend the Ham and Jam sandwich.

Do yourself a favor and visit the Memorial. It was an event that changed the world down to the granular level of people's lives. If you're old enough to have watched it unfold on the news, there's no doubt that you recall where you were, who you were with, and what you were doing. Take the time to tell your young ones.

For more information regarding 9/11 Remembrance events, visit flight93friends.org.



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He then made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself. When he recovered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, he was tried and sentenced to 18 years in the Maryland State Penitentiary in Baltimore.

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LOOKING BACK

Woman In Black Scares Gettysburg

1909

BY JAMES RADA, JR.

As the chill of the winter nights settled into Gettysburg in 1909, many people shunned being outside if they could. Not only was it preferable to remain warm inside, but the Woman in Black couldn't get you if you were in your house.

The Woman in Black wasn't just another of Gettysburg's multitude of ghost stories. She was a real person who quickly became a myth. Imagine going about your life, cooking, reading, washing, all in the privacy of your home. The hairs on the back of your neck begin to tingle. You look around and see nothing at first. Then outside your window, a shape takes form. It is a head. The features are indistinguishable as they are cast in even more shadows than the night provides. And then the face moves off, leaving you wondering whether you've seen a ghost or a prowler.

The Woman in Black first appeared in the summer of 1909. People talked about her, but it wasn't a story that rose to the level of being considered news. However, when she returned again in late November, people began to get worried.

"Many women and children have refused to leave their homes after dark and each new rumor made their fears more intense. Not only were the female members of various families alarmed but many men are reported to have remarked that they would not care to meet her alone in the dark," the *Gettysburg Times* reported.



A mysterious woman dressed in black had residents of Gettysburg reluctant to be on the street at night in 1909.

The woman was described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall with broad shoulders. She wore a heavy black veil and black dress. She would walk down the street, pausing to peer into windows.

"In every house, women saw her and all were afraid to say anything or to investigate. Houses were locked a little more securely but nothing else done," the newspaper reported.

When the Woman in Black was seen in the summer and in late November, she was seen only on North Washington Street. Then,

at the beginning of December, she began prowling South Washington Street.

"Her conduct this time is exactly the same as at the time of the visit a few months ago. No clue whatever has been obtained showing her identity and she remains as mysterious a personage as ever," the *Gettysburg Times* reported.

As rumors grew, it became difficult to be a woman wearing black in Gettysburg. On December 1, the *Gettysburg Times* reported that a woman matching the scant

description of the Woman in Black had been accosted on Lincoln Avenue, but it turned out to be a "domestic" from a North End home.

Another time, two men saw the Woman in Black on Chambersburg Street and began pursuing her.

"She turned South on Washington Street and soon realized that she was being followed for she zig-zagged back and forth across the street in an effort to follow the dark places," the *Gettysburg Times* reported.

The woman eluded her pursuers, but the men who pursued her swore that the Woman in Black was actually a male.

On December 2, the *Gettysburg Times* reported on the front page that the Woman in Black had been identified. Though not named, the Woman in Black was the domestic who had been accosted on Lincoln Avenue. It was also noted that she "is said by those who know her to be somewhat mentally deficient."

Besides working as a domestic in a North End home, she had also performed similar duties at some of Gettysburg's hotels. In the course of her work at one of the hotels, she "is said to have become infatuated with one of the employees, in search of whom she now wanders the night."

It is not noted whether the Woman in Black ever found where the man she loved lived, but she apparently stopped peeking in windows to find out.

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Former Emmitsburg resident Wilber Roland Long was born on October 6, 1918, in Creagerstown, to parents Wilmar L. and Carrie Fuss Long.

Long had no siblings, but “had a number of relatives in the Emmitsburg-Rocky Ridge section,” according to an article published in the September 29, 1942, edition of *The (Hanover) Evening Sun*.

The Sun newspaper had also reported that Long was a graduate of Emmitsburg High School in the class of 1936 and was involved in farm work before his induction into the Army.

Long, upon joining the Army, became a member of the crew of a bomber in the 11th Bomber Group, Heavy 26th Bomber Squadron, according to the HonorStates.org website.

The September 29, 1942, edition of *The Sun* stated that Long was “reported to be a photographer on a giant bomber of the Army Air Corps.” However, Long was listed as the flight engineer aboard a B-17E Flying Fortress, also as per HonorStates.org and other references.

At some point during his service, he achieved the rank of staff sergeant.

Long and his close friend, the late James Adelsberger, also of Emmitsburg, both served in the Army Air Corps (and had also registered together), and both were based at Hickam Field in Oahu, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

Long and the 26th Bomber Squadron were subsequently reassigned to Henderson Field in Guadalcanal in September, where the bombers were assigned to bomb enemy naval areas in order to mask forces, transports, and airfields during the Guadalcanal Campaign.

According to *Solomon Air War, Solomons Air War - Volume 1: Guadalcanal August - September 1942* (Avonmore Books, 2023), on September 14, 1942, Long was in the crew of the B-17E (Number #41-2527) when his plane, and a number of other bombers, began attacking enemy shipping, north from the New Hebrides, in the area of the Solomon Islands.

During the attack, Long’s B-17E was struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire, which damaged the plane’s #4 engine, forcing the plane to withdraw from the fray.

According to HonorStates.org, the plane’s crew had a difficult time receiving the directional radio beam and were forced to land in the sea. The bomber and its crew were subsequently reported lost, and no remains of the crew or the wreckage were ever found.

Long’s mother received notification that he was reported as missing in action during September, and that he was lost at sea, according to an article in the September 29, 1942, edition of *The Sun*, which had misidentified Long as having been “William Roland Long.”

Also noted was the fact that the misspelling of his name had given his mother some hope that she had been misinformed, and that her son might not have been the subject of the notice. However, the newspaper had further noted that the mother had subsequently received a corrected notification with her son’s name in it.

Long was officially declared dead a year after he had been declared missing in action, according to an article published in the September 29, 1943, edition of *The (Frederick) News*.

Those who perished with Long in the crash of Long’s airplane included Harry Bolles, radio operator; Hugh

W. Owens, pilot; George W. Chandler, co-pilot; Thomas L. Daly, bombardier; Emory L. Hall, navigator; John G. Jones, assistant radio operator; Nicholas P. Novogrodsky, assistant engineer; and Edgar L. Stone, gunner.

Long was reportedly the first Emmitsburg soldier who had been deemed missing in action in World War II, according to the March 5, 1943, edition of *The Sun*.

The Sun also reported that at the time of Long’s death, Emmitsburg had 155 men serving in the armed forces.

Long was reputedly posthumously awarded the Air Medal, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, according to HonorStates.org. However, the

website states, regarding the posting of citations, “Please note this might not be a complete or completely accurate accounting.”

Long was memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Source: Loaned to the author for publication by the late-James Adelsberger



Emmitsburg members of the Army Air Corp, Wilber Roland Long (left) and friend James Adelsberger (right), photographed at Hickam Field in Oahu, Hawaii, on September 14, 1941.

Corrections to August’s column “Joseph Wood, Jr. – Founder of Woodsboro,” Courtesy of Dahl Drenning, a descendant of Colonel Joseph Wood: Joseph Wood, Jr. was born in 1743, probably on Monocacy Manor, Frederick County; Joseph Wood, Jr. did not remarry after the death of his wife Anne Reed Wood in 1781; Town of Woodsboro was laid out in 1786, on Lot 52 of Monocacy Manor, which Joseph Wood, Jr. (Colonel) purchased. The town was never part of Wood’s Mill Land; The brick bank barn was constructed after the ownership of Woods Mill Land passed from Colonel Wood in 1789; The Flying Camp was more than home guards with the 37th Battalion joining Washington’s army in Philadelphia in January of 1777, then moving to the winter encampment in New Jersey, likely returning to Frederick at the end of their sixth month. Not entirely sure he had a militia command in 1780; Joseph Wood died sometime in 1793, and may have been buried in an unmarked grave.

Community Veteran Event Board

Thurmont AMVETS Post 7, Thurmont

Come out to Thurmont AMVETS Post 7, located at 26 Apples Church Road in Thurmont, for lunch and dinner every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m., with weekly specials Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Check out the Friday Night Special: Bucket of Domestic Beer and an appetizer for only \$20.00! Follow them on Facebook for the weekly menus, featuring a variety of delicious food! View the advertisement on page 52.

Every Thursday is Bar Bingo at AMVETS Post 7! Enjoy cash prizes, drinks, food, and fun! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo is open to the public. Come early; it fills up quickly!

The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7's new Tuesday Night Bingo is on September 15. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy tip jars, raffles, cash bar, and delicious food available for purchase. Bring a friend and receive a free extra jackpot and dauber! Bingo benefits Veterans Hospital Programs. View the advertisement on page 9.

Thurmont AMVETS Post 7 is now hosting live music! The upcoming schedule for September is as follows: September 5—Sweet Blue Revival Band, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; September 12—Firehouse DJ, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; September 19—Tune Shifters, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; September 19—Joey Kolega, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Don't miss out! The public is welcome. Food available for purchase until 7:00 p.m. View the advertisement on page 27.

American Legion Post 168, Thurmont



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left are Robert Vorlaufer, Carie Stafford, Niki Falzone, (Platoon22) Rick Hall, and Connie Tricia.

Hopefully, you got your ticket for the Membership Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 13, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Doors open at noon. We are looking forward to beautiful weather and a great turnout!

The Golf Tournament in June was another great success! Thanks to all the golfers, volunteers, and the Maple Run Golf Course. We were able to donate \$8,000 to Platoon 22!

Legionnaires, SAL, and the Auxiliary have adopted a military unit that is deployed, and we are actively collecting snacks through February, and we are hoping to ship them monthly. Items include, but are not limited to, jerky, energy bars, protein bars, microwavable Easy Mac, Cup of Noodles, and candy (no chocolate). Drop your donations off daily, from noon to 10:00 p.m. A collection bin will be in the lobby.

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Natural Approaches to Autoimmune Conditions: Part 2 — Major Factors

BY DR. THOMAS K. LO, Advanced Chiropractic & Nutritional Healing Center

*Recap of last month's column, Part 1, of "Natural Approaches to Autoimmune Conditions." One in every 10 people is affected by an autoimmune condition. There are currently over 80 different kinds of known autoimmune diseases.

Besides genetics, though, several dietary, lifestyle, and health factors may increase your risk of developing an autoimmune condition. Some of the major causes are below.

Major Factors Causing Autoimmune Conditions (continued from last month's column)

Pesticides & Herbicides

Pesticides and herbicides get into your body when you eat the produce that has these pesticides on them, which increases the risk of chronic inflammation, gut imbalance, chronic health issues, and autoimmune disorders.

Mold and Mycotoxins

Mold toxicity occurs when mycotoxins are produced by microfungi, such as mold, that can affect your body's system leading to chronic symptoms. Toxins produced by mold will start to accumulate inside the body and trigger inflammatory reactions that cause a wide variety of symptoms, from allergies, sinus

congestion, and breathing issues to fatigue, brain fog, and mood disorders such as depression and anxiety.

Heavy Metals

Heavy metals that may harm your body include lead, cadmium, arsenic, aluminum, nickel, and tin.

When present in the human body, heavy metals like these have no beneficial role. They usually interfere with normal biological processes by binding to proteins in the body that would otherwise be activated by normally occurring minerals like magnesium and zinc.

This causes massive cellular interference, oxidative stress, and chronic inflammation.

Phthalates

Phthalates are a group of chemicals that are toxic and weaken immunity. They are most commonly found in plastics (BPA) and cosmetics but may be found elsewhere.

According to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), they are "used in products, such as toys, vinyl flooring and wall covering, detergents, lubricating oils, food packaging, pharmaceuticals, blood bags and tubing, and personal care products, such as nail polish, hair sprays, aftershave lotions, soaps, shampoos, perfumes, and other fragrance preparations."

Blood Sugar Imbalance and Insulin Resistance

Blood sugar balance and insulin sensitivity are incredibly important for your health. Insulin helps your cells absorb and use glucose for energy. Insulin resistance happens if your body is unable to respond to and use the insulin produced by your body. Insulin resistance may increase the risk of prediabetes, diabetes, and an array of other health issues.

According to a 2021 study published in the *World Journal of Diabetes*, there is a link between gut health and insulin resistance.

Consuming refined and processed sugars, refined oils, and other unhealthy fats, and following an overall high-carb, inflammatory diet may increase the risk of blood sugar imbalances, insulin resistance, gut health issues, and chronic inflammation.

Chronic Stress

Chronic stress is a major underlying issue in the development of chronic health issues. The Adverse Childhood Events (ACE) score was developed to score people on their early childhood trauma.

High ACE scores and lots of childhood trauma have been linked to the increased risk of developing chronic health issues, including autoimmune diseases.

According to a 2009 study published in *Psychosomatic Medicine*, cumulative childhood stress may increase the risk of developing an autoimmune disorder as an adult.

However, adulthood trauma and chronic stress may also increase your risk.

Even if you don't have major stress, chronic physical stress from bad posture or a poor diet may also increase chronic inflammation and the risk of autoimmunity.

Circadian Rhythm Dysfunction

Sleep is critical for your health. Chronically poor sleep may increase chronic inflammation and related health issues. According to a 2015

study published in *Sleep*, sleep disorders may increase the risk of autoimmunity.

Your circadian rhythm is your body's natural sleep cycle. Under natural circumstances, when it gets dark, your body gets tired, and you sleep overnight, then your body naturally should wake up with the sun and brightness.

The problem is, in our modern world, we have indoor lighting that interferes with this natural cycle and our schedule, causing circadian rhythm dysfunction.

Bright light after dark can suppress melatonin production and increase cortisol and dopamine levels at night.

Many of us also don't get enough natural light and sun exposure during the day to stimulate mitochondrial melatonin levels during the day to set the proper sleep cycle.

Melatonin and Autoimmune Conditions

Melatonin is a natural hormone. It is mainly made by your pineal gland. It aids your sleep, but it's also essential for mitochondrial function.

According to a 2020 review published in *Physiology*, melatonin production in mitochondria may help to reduce oxidative stress and other health dangers.

Optimal mitochondrial function is critical for cell survival and overall health, but poor melatonin levels are enough for an increased risk of autoimmunity, according to a 2019 review published in *Cytokine Growth Factor Review*.

Chronic Infections

Chronic infections, including oral infections, gut infections, and infections affecting your blood or organs, may increase chronic inflammation, immune dysfunction, gut microbiome imbalance, leaky gut syndrome, and multiple organ damage.

According to a 2018 study published in *Science*, small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) may

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NATURAL APPROACHES TO AUTOIMMUNE CONDITIONS: PART 2 — FACTORS

trigger bacteria to travel to other organs and cause an autoimmune response.

According to a 2022 study published in *Frontiers in Immunology*, *H. pylori* bacterial overgrowth may increase the risk of gastric autoimmunity.

According to a 2021 study published in *Cureus*, Lyme borreliosis may increase the risk of developing an autoimmune disease.

According to a 2020 review published in *Frontiers in Immunology*, chronic Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) infections may increase the risk of systemic autoimmune diseases.

Nutrient Deficiencies

Nutrient deficiencies may also increase the risk of chronic inflammation, immune health disturbances, gut health issues, and autoimmune health issues.

Some of the specific nutrient deficiencies that may increase your risk of autoimmune disorders include vitamin D, zinc, B vitamins, selenium, and omega-3 fatty acids.

Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin essential for bone, muscle, immune, brain, and mental health.

According to a 2013 review published in *Clinical Reviews in Allergies and Immunology*, vitamin D is essential for regulating immune responses.

Zinc

Zinc is a critical mineral for immune health. It plays an important role in cell communication, proliferation, differentiation, and survival.

According to a 2018 systematic review and meta-analysis published

in *Nutrients*, low zinc levels are commonly seen in autoimmunity.

B Vitamins

B vitamins are a group of vitamins that are important for cellular function, nutrient transport, and brain health.

According to a 2022 study published in *Nutrients*, B vitamins play a role in gut microbiome balance, and deficiencies along with gut dysbiosis may play a role in autoimmunity.

Selenium

Selenium is a powerful antioxidant that plays an important role in immune, thyroid, heart, and mental health.

According to a 2019 review published in *Current Rheumatology Reviews*, there may be a link between low selenium and autoimmunity.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

Omega-3 fatty acids are healthy fatty acids with anti-inflammatory properties that may be beneficial for brain, metabolic, heart, mental, bone, and joint health. They may help to reduce chronic inflammation and pain, and may be helpful for those with autoimmune diseases.

If you are struggling with health issues, call the Advanced Chiropractic & Nutritional Healing Center at 240-651-1650 for a free consultation. Dr. Lo uses Nutritional Response Testing® to analyze the body to determine the underlying causes of ill or non-optimum health. The office is located at 7310 Grove Road #107, Frederick, MD. Check out the website at www.doctorlo.com.

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CATOCTIN Cookin'



Recipe of the Month

BY MAXINE TROXELL

I can't believe it's September already. The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show is just around the corner. I decided to delve into my Aunt Erma's cookbook for the recipe this month. Erma earned numerous champion ribbons at various baking competitions in the area. Her recipe for Grand Champion Chocolate Chiffon Cake is in the recipe book she had published some years ago. This recipe takes a little effort, but it is well worth it. Enjoy!

Erma Black's Grand Champion Chocolate Chiffon Cake

Ingredients

- 1¾ cups cake flour
- 1¾ cups sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 8 unbeaten egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon red food coloring
- ¾ cup boiling water
- ½ cup baking cocoa
- 1 cup egg whites
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Directions

1. Sift dry ingredients into a bowl; make a well.
2. Add oil, egg yolks, vanilla, and red food coloring.
3. In another bowl, combine boiling water and cocoa. Let cool, then add to the well. Beat until smooth (1 minute).
4. In another bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff. Pour first mixture over egg whites. Using a smooth spatula, fold in the egg whites until blended.
5. Pour batter into a 10-inch tube pan. Bake in the oven at 325 degrees for 55 minutes, then increase oven temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 10 more minutes. Remove from the oven, invert the cake pan, and cool before removing.

Enjoy!



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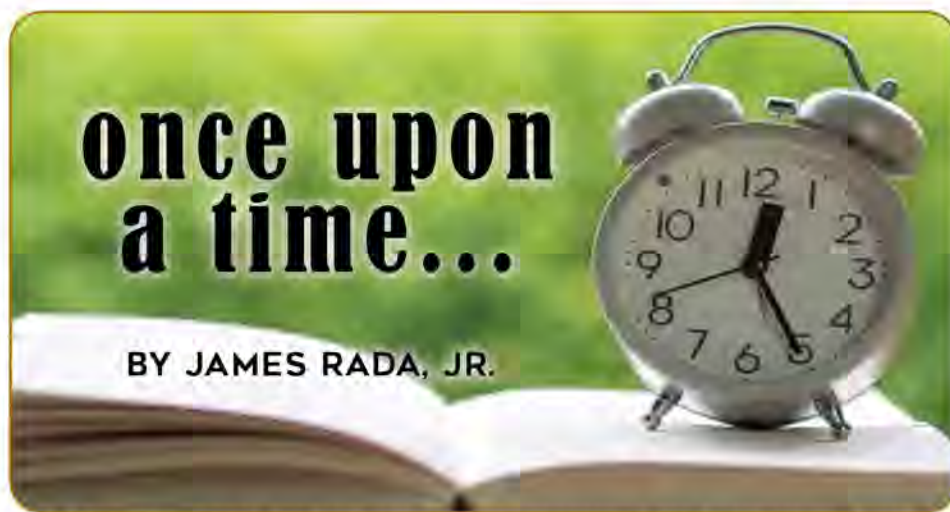
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September 1926, 100 Years Ago

Rally At Thurmont

Upwards to 150 persons attended the Law and Order League rally held in the town hall at Thurmont Monday evening. The speaker for the occasion was Leslie N. Coblentz who spoke at length on "Law and Its Enforcement." At the conclusion of the address, signers for the Fredrick County Law and Order League pledge cards were obtained adding 25 new members to the organization. — *The Frederick Post*, September 14, 1926

Brakeman Killed When He Is Hit By W. MD. Train

An accident which resulted in the death of a railroad brakeman 23 miles east of Thurmont, on the Western Maryland Railroad early this morning, became known in Frederick as the result of investigation to determine why the mails were late. A railroad brakeman named Edwards, whose home is said to be in Williamsport, near Hagerstown, was killed when struck by Western Maryland train No. 1, which brings the mail from Baltimore to Thurmont, where it is transferred to the H. & F. trolley which brings it to Frederick, arriving here about seven o'clock each morning.

Edwards was a brakeman on freight No. 308 of the Western Maryland. According to reports received at Thurmont, the freight pulled in on a siding to permit train No. 1 to pass and Edwards was supposed to flag the mail train. It is believed he fell asleep on the track and in the early morning darkness was not perceived sitting on the rails. Just how Edwards was injured was not known. — *The Frederick Post*, September 18, 1926

September 1951, 75 Years Ago

Parade Draws 8,000 Here; Prizes Awarded

Emmitsburg opened its 1951 Old Home Week celebration last Thursday evening with the crowning of Miss Mary Fiery as Old Home Week queen, and a parade which was described as one of the largest and most colorful in the history of the community.

More than 8000 persons jammed the Square and streets through which the parade passed, at many points three and four deep, to cheer and applaud the marching units, drum and bugle corps, bands, floats, drill teams, fire companies and other organizations. There were bands from Hagerstown, Westminster and Emmitsburg; drum corps from Chambersburg, Littlestown, Hagerstown and Waynesboro; 16 fire companies, nearly 20 floats, a 40 and 8 locomotive of the Frederick County Venture Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, a 1914 Oldsmobile; the VFW ambulance; three color guards and other features. The celebration opened at 6:15 o'clock on the Square with the crowning of the queen. As Miss Fiery knelt on the reviewing stand, the crown was placed on her head by Burgess Thornton Rodgers. Then the queen joined her court on the float on which they rode in the parade. — *Emmitsburg Chronicle*, September 7, 1951

Emmitsburg is County's Second Largest District

Final figures of the 1950 census place Frederick County's population total at 62,287, an 8.7 per cent increase over the 1940 population figure of 57,312. The census also proves that Emmitsburg District, No. 5, is the second largest in the county with a total of 4399, followed by Brunswick District No. 25, with 3752, and Thurmont, neighboring District No. 15, with 3444.

Frederick City's population, according to the final figures, now stands at 18,142 and although this is an increase of 2260 in the past 10 years, the city dropped to fifth place in cities in the state. This was due to the inclusion of a number of suburban areas in the official census of Annapolis, giving that city a population of 25,104. Emmitsburg proper showed a decrease in population from a 1940 figure of 1412 to 1261 while the District No. 5 showed a surprising increase of several hundred. — *Emmitsburg Chronicle*, September 28, 1951

September 1976, 50 Years Ago

Lucille Beale Honored

Mrs. Lucille K. Beale has just completed her 20th year as a volunteer weather observer for the National Weather Service near Emmitsburg, Maryland. It was announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), parent agency of the National Weather Service, that Mrs. Beale is one of 35 observers selected to receive the John Campanius Holm Award.

John Campanius Holm Awards, created in 1959 by the National Weather Service, are made annually to honor volunteer observers for outstanding accomplishments in the field of meteorological observations. The award is named for a Lutheran minister who is the first person known to have made systematic weather observations in the American colonies. The Reverend John Campanius made records of the climate, without the use of instruments, in 1644 and 1645, near the present site of Wilmington, Delaware. These observations were published in Sweden by his grandson, Thomas Campanius Holm, in 1702.

Mrs. Beale was honored for her excellence as a cooperative observer in maintaining complete and accurate records of temperature and precipitation since May 1, 1956. Her records have been published weekly in local newspapers and have been used for litigation in court cases. — *Emmitsburg Chronicle*, September 2, 1976

Council Withholds Action on Illegal Boarding

Monday evening the town council decided to take no action right now on the illegal boarding of Mount students by property owners who are not paying the required water and sewer charges.

The issue was brought before the commission by Zoning Administrator Patrick Boyle, who wanted to know from the council whether he was to take action on the many complaints he has received. The complaints have come from property owners of homes in areas that are presently restricted to boarding students or otherwise. According to Boyle, boarders or roomers are allowed only in the business district and are restricted in the R-1 zone but property owners can apply for a variance in the R-2 and R-3 zones.

The complaints have been about noise, excess parking and some rowdy behavior in the neighborhoods and are being attributed to the students. Commissioner George Danner stated ten years ago it was necessary to pump water from Tom's Creek to ensure an adequate water supply. — *Emmitsburg Chronicle*, September 16, 1976

September 2001, 25 Years Ago

Traffic Study Shows Full Traffic Signal Not Warranted at Silo Hill Intersection

Emmitsburg officials and a reporter from the Dispatch spoke with Neil Parrott of the State Highway Administration regarding the necessity of improvements to the traffic control situation at the east end of Emmitsburg. Mr. Parrott was asked about the possibility of a traffic light installation at the intersection of MD Route 140 and Silo Hill Road.

The inquiry was prompted by a May 24th traffic accident in which a car was struck by a tractor-trailer traveling west on Route 140 through the intersection. The car, which was deemed a total loss, had been coming across Route 140 onto Silo Hill Road.

It was learned that Hess Development, builder of the new Sleep Inn and Suites, is holding a bond of \$80,000 toward improvements of this intersection. Mr. Parrott, also being aware of the bond, stated that a traffic study needed to be conducted.

On August 29, Traffic Engineer Khursheed Bilgrami of the Maryland State Highway Administration told the Dispatch: "We have completed our traffic study and have determined that a full traffic signal is not warranted based on this new study just completed." — *The Dispatch*, September 2001

Ambulance Company Defends Emergency Response Record

On Monday evening, August 6, there was standing room only at the town office for the regularly scheduled town meeting. The order of business was changed to address a crowd comprised mostly of persons related in some way to either the Vigilant Hose Company, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, or the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Tim Clarke, president of the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC), raised concerns about the delivery of emergency medical service (EMS) being provided by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26. Clarke cited the failure of Company 26 to respond to seven out of eight calls during a 33-hour period over the weekend of July 20 - 21 as an example of a chronic problem. (According to Frederick County Code, "Service must respond within 8 minutes from the time of the first dispatch for an emergency incident. Failure to respond within 8 minutes of the dispatch is considered a failed call.")

Ann Messner, chief of Company 26, spoke in explanation of those failures, saying the particular incident cited was "due to a breakdown in communication." — *The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*, September 2001

THURMONT SENIOR CENTER

BY TARA MILLER

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As summer winds down and the first hints of fall arrive, the Thurmont Senior Center is gearing up for a busy September, filled with opportunities to get active, get creative, learn something new, and, perhaps most importantly, spend time with friends.

Our regular exercise schedule continues throughout the month, including Chair Exercise at 9:30 a.m.; Strength and Balance Class at 10:30 a.m.; Chair Yoga on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; and, for just \$5.00, we offer Zumba Gold with Kellie Bevard on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. These classes offer a great way to keep moving while enjoying the encouragement and companionship of others.

September also brings plenty of opportunities for games and socializing. Cards and games are offered throughout the month. Our popular 50/50 Bingo returns on September 2, 16, and 30, at 1:00 p.m. The Senior Center's monthly Birthday Party will be held Friday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m.

If you're looking for something creative to do, Craftin' in the Catocins has a full lineup of fall-inspired projects. Participants can make a Fall Gnome Door Hanger on September 3, Whimsical Crows on September 8, a sunset Kinusaiga project on September 15, Pretty Little Rocks through rock painting on September 24, and a charming Book Witch on September 29. These projects are a wonderful opportunity to try something new and enjoy some creative time with friends.

September's special programs offer something for just about every interest. Seated Massage with Marie Free will be available on September 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at \$1.00 per minute. Travel without leaving Thurmont on September 21 with "Armchair Travel: India," sponsored by Frederick County Public Libraries. Music lovers won't want to miss the September 23 concert, featuring award-winning fiddle player DeeJ Kessinger at 1:00 p.m. On September 25 at 12:30 p.m., the "Solo Together" program will feature a guest speaker discussing downsizing.

And, of course, there's always room for a little pampering and conversation. Manicure Mondays are scheduled throughout the month by appointment, while Chair Dancing is offered Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Stitch & Chat will meet September 14 at 1:00 p.m.

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. Please note that the Center will also close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, for a board meeting.

We also want to remind the community that the Thurmont Senior Center is available to rent. Our facility can be a great option for meetings, gatherings, celebrations, classes, and other community activities. If you're looking for a local space for your next event, give us a call to learn more about availability and rental information.

The Thurmont Senior Center is more than a place to attend an activity; it's a place to make connections, try new things, stay active, and enjoy the company of friends. If you're 55 or older, we invite you to stop by and see what we're all about. There is always something happening at the Thurmont Senior Center, where friends gather! For a complete schedule or more information, please contact Tara at the Thurmont Senior Center.



August Birthdays: Pictured from left are Jackie Campbell, Moe Snyder, and Carol Robertson.

Photo by Tara Miller

EMMITSBURG 50+ CENTER

BY CAITLYN KIRBY
& COURTNEY ALCON

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We're welcoming fall at the Emmitsburg 50+ Community Center with our newest team member, Center Assistant Courtney Alcon. Come say hello, enjoy a fresh cup of coffee, and get to know us! Stop in between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for a game, check out an art or fitness class, and spend time visiting with friends and neighbors over lunch.

Our Lunch Bunch gathers every Monday at noon. We're looking forward to savory fall favorites, including hearty soups, fresh salads, and comforting chicken piccata. Seniors under 60 pay just \$6.06 for lunch, and voluntary contributions are welcome for participants over 60. Reservations are open until the Wednesday prior to each meal, so claim your spot by calling or signing up on your next visit! On Monday, September 28, before Lunch at 11:00 a.m., our Long-Term Care Ombudsman will be here to present about scams and fraud awareness. Drop in to see the presentation and reserve a lunch for afterward!

If you've got a green thumb (or wish you did), join us on September 8 for Native Gardens and Prepping for Winter, presented by UMD Extension. Learn why "leaving the leaves" and resisting the urge to over-clean your landscape can provide critical habitat and food sources for birds, pollinators, beneficial insects, and other wildlife.

For arts and crafts opportunities this month, the Emmitsburg Library will once again join us on September 23 for a free dried-flower ornament craft. Our art teacher, Dorothea Barrick, will also be back on September 15 for a Sunflower Field painting class (\$15.00). No matter how crafty you are, everyone always enjoys the camaraderie and creativity in our classes!

On Friday, September 25, we're off to the Circus! Join us for a vaudeville-style show and hands-on learning from circus group Theatricks. Tickets are \$15.00, and transportation may be available from Transit-Plus with a two-week advance notice. There's still time to sign up! Call us or stop by to register.

Keep an eye out for the Fall Program Guide, which will be available on our website in early September. Remember, registration day for fall programs and classes will be on Friday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m.

You can find more information about all our programs on our website at frederickcountymd.gov/virtual50 or give us a call at 301-600-6350. We hope to see you soon!

PET OF THE MONTH

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Cuddles Cat Rescue Is Moving to Sharpsburg

After proudly serving Northern Frederick County for the past 14 years, we are excited to share that Cuddles Cat Rescue is relocating our operations from Thurmont to Sharpsburg, Maryland. While this is a big change for us, we are not closing or quitting—we're simply moving!

Thurmont has been our home for 14 years, and we are incredibly grateful for the amazing community of supporters, volunteers, adopters, fosters, and donors who have helped make our work possible. We could not have saved as many cats and kittens as we have without you.

As we look toward the future, we recognize the tremendous need for cat rescue services in Washington County, and we feel that this move will give us an opportunity to help fill that gap while continuing the mission we have always cared so deeply about. We are incredibly fortunate to have a donated property in Sharpsburg, where we hope to build a new home for Cuddles. It is an exciting opportunity, but turning that property into a place where we can care for cats and kittens will take time, hard work, and financial support.

We hope our Cuddles family will continue this journey with us. Whether you have volunteered, fostered, adopted, donated, or simply cheered us on over the years, your support has meant everything to us.

Leaving Thurmont is certainly bittersweet, but we are also incredibly hopeful and excited for what is ahead. Our mission isn't changing—only the location. We can't wait to build something special in Sharpsburg and continue helping the cats who need us most.

Follow Cuddles Cat Rescue on Facebook for regular updates as we work toward our grand reopening in Sharpsburg. We can't wait to share this next chapter with you!

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PET OF the MONTH

Bridger



Meet Bridger

Bridger is a nine-month-old Registered Karakachan (a rare and ancient breed from Bulgaria) and the adored and cherished pet of Carlene Curtis (Curtis Mill Farm).

Bridger is a full-time livestock guardian dog. He lives in Thurmont with a mix of registered Boer goats and Savanna goats, keeping watch over them during the day and night. At nine months old, Bridger is already nearing 100 lbs. His breed is very uncommon in the U.S. and is one of the oldest domesticated breeds in Europe, believed to have originated in the 3rd millennium BC.

During daylight hours, Bridger is extremely friendly with a goofy personality, but takes his job very seriously when the sun starts to set. You can often find him patrolling the fence lines to keep predators away. He also enjoys finding and picking up trash/debris and placing it in buckets, making him quite the helpful partner around our farm.



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YARD SALES

September 10-11-12: 16143 Kelbaugh Road, Thurmont. Lots of items, including Xmas, household, too much to list. Rain or shine.

Saturday, September 12: CARROLL VISTA COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Something for everyone! Use 1 Clubside Drive, Taneytown, MD for GPS directions.

September 18 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) & September 19 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.): Baust UCC Church, 2940 Old Taneytown Rd. (Rt. 832), near Taneytown.

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- 2..... Queen of Hearts Drawing (Wednesdays), American Legion Post 168, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 7:30 p.m.
- 2..... Cornhole Tourn. (Wednesdays), American Legion Post 168, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games at 7 p.m.
- 3..... Property Showing: Brick Rancher at 405 Delaware Rd., Frederick. 5-6 p.m. Bid Online through Sept. 9. Info.: Hurley Auctions 717-597-9100; www.hurleyauctions.com.
- 3..... 3-D Archery Shoots, Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg. 5 p.m.
- 3..... Bar Bingo (Thursdays), Thurmont AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. 7 p.m. Open to the public. 301-271-3371.
- 3..... 7 of Hearts Drawing (Thursdays), Thurmont AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. Open to the public. Must buy ticket by 6 p.m. 301-271-3371.
- 4..... Bingo (every Friday night), Thurmont Event Complex, 13716 Strafford Dr., Thurmont. Doors open 5 p.m.; Bingo 6:45 p.m. Tip jars; food; jackpot up to \$1,000. Benefits Thurmont Community Amb. Srv. www.thurmonteventcomplex.com.
- 5..... Property Showing: Charming Home at 469 Carrollton Dr., Frederick. Noon-1 p.m. Bid Online through Sept. 15. Info.: Hurley Auctions 717-597-9100; www.hurleyauctions.com.
- 5..... Thurmont Lions Club's Sandwich Sales, Bell Hill Farm, Rt. 15, Thurmont. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (or until sold out). Pit beef, pork, ham & turkey sandwiches.
- 6..... Shotgun Shoots (12 Gauge & 410), Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg. Registration at noon. Shoots at 1 p.m. Tip jars available.
- 7..... Served With Grace Free Dinner, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. 5:30-7 p.m. www.gracehammoravian.org.
- 8..... Thurmont's 275th Anniversary Celebration Event, Screening of the 1940's film, Thurmont on Parade, Town Office Meeting Room, 615 E. Main St., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Join Mayor Kinnaid for screening of film.
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- 11..... 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, Memorial Park, 116 E. Main St., Thurmont. 6:30 p.m. Featured speaker: Daryl Byrne, former Connecticut Fire Dept. firefighter. Bring chairs or blankets. Sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club.
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- 12..... Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge. Doors open 5 p.m.; games 7 p.m. Food available for purchase.
- 13..... Lewistown Ruritan Chicken BBQ, 15 North & Fish Hatchery Rd., Thurmont. 10 a.m. until sold out.
- 15..... NEW DAY: Tuesday Night Bingo, AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 7, 26 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. \$20 (includes jackpot). Food available for purchase. Cash bar. Tip jars & raffles. Bring a friend & receive a free extra jackpot & dauber. Benefits Veterans Hospital Programs.
- 15..... Union Bridge Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Apple Dumpling Sale: \$5/each. Baked and unbaked or sugar free. Place orders by Sept. 15: Charlene 443-605-6252. Pickup (Sept. 20): Fire Hall, 8 W. Locust St., Union Bridge, 1-3 p.m.
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- 18..... Potluck Senior Lunch (55 & older), St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 17015 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. 11:30 a.m.
- 19..... Emmitsburg Lions Club BBQ Chicken, Vigilant Hose Activities Bldg., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10 a.m. until sold out. \$14 (half-chicken, potato salad, apple sauce, chips). Credit cards accepted.
- 19..... Artisan Market, American Legion, 8 Park Ln., Thurmont. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 19..... Bar Bingo, American Legion Post #121, 105 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 7 p.m.
- 20..... Shotgun Shoots (12 Gauge & 410), Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg. Registration at noon. Shoots at 1 p.m. Tip jars available.
- 20..... Round Up Sunday, Tom's Creek UMC, 10926 Simmons Rd., Emmitsburg. 9 a.m. Rounding up all ages for Worship and Sunday School. Come as you are or dressed as a cowgirl/cowboy. Everyone welcome. 301-447-3171.
- 20..... Cash Bingo, Thurmont Event Complex, 13716 Strafford Dr., Thurmont. Doors open at 11 a.m. Bingo starts at 1 p.m. No tickets needed. Kitchen open for regular menu items. Tip jars & Bingo Ball games. Small jackpot & large jackpot. Benefits Thurmont Community Amb. Service.
- 20..... Dedication Service of New Church Home, Emmitsburg Community Baptist Church, NEW LOCATION: 124 West Main St., Emmitsburg. Special sermon provided by Pr. Gary Buchman. Everyone welcome to attend. 301-801-1129.
- 24..... Thurmont's 275th Anniversary Celebration Event. Watch Thurmont Main Street Facebook page as the Virtual Tour for downtown historic buildings is played, hosted by Mayor Kinnaid & Caylee Winpiger of the Thurmont Historical Society.
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- 26..... Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co. Sportsman's Dinner, 13527 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Drawing begins at 7 p.m. \$30 donation per person (includes meal). No alcoholic beverages. Tickets: <https://rockyridgevfc.com>.
- 26..... Thurmont's 275th Anniversary Celebration Event, The Vault 1891, 4 E. Main St., Thurmont. 2-6 p.m. Travel through Thurmont's past at the "Now and Then" display. Explore fascinating exhibits.
- 26..... All-You-Can-Eat Barbeque Ribs, Steamed & Fried, Thurmont Event Complex, 13716 Strafford Dr., Thurmont. Doors open at 4 p.m. Eat at 6-8 p.m. \$25/person. Beer & wine coolers. Tip jars & 50/50. Tickets: 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. Proceeds benefit Thurmont Community Amb. Service.
- 26..... Trivia, American Legion Post #121, 105 N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 7 p.m.
- 26,27..... 2026 Pippinfest, Celebrates 250 Years of Freedom, Fairfield, PA. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or shine. Free admission. Yard sale (Sat. only), crafts, food, live music, a car show, quilt exhibit & kids' entertainment center. www.pippinfest.com. 717-642-5640.
- 27..... Dedication of the Gold Star Family Monument, Memorial Park, 116 E. Main St., Thurmont. 5:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets. Reception immediately following the ceremony at the Thurmont American Legion. Sponsored by the Thurmont Lions Club.
- 27..... Pioneer Baptist Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration, 13802 Long Rd., Thurmont. Morning service 11 a.m.; evening service 5:45 p.m. 240-877-8773.
- 27..... Thurmont's 275th Anniversary Celebration Town Picnic, Thurmont Community Park, Thurmont. 1-5 p.m. Enjoy delicious food for purchase from Thurmont Lions Club. Children's games from 1-4 p.m. Live music.
- 29..... Town of Emmitsburg Election Day, Emmitsburg Community Bldg., Gymnasium, 300A S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Up for election: Mayor seat & one Commissioner seat.

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- 1.....3-D Archery Shoots (every Thursday), Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg. 5 p.m.
- 3.....Catocin Church of Christ Gospel Sing & Hog Roast, Thurmont Community Park, Large Pavilion A, 19 Frederick Rd., Thurmont. 4 p.m. Open to the public. All ages welcome. Activities & crafts for kids. RSVP: please email catocincoc@gmail.com.
- 3.....Cruise In Car Show, 13516 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free for spectators. No required entry fee; donations are welcome. Food & drink available for purchase. Door prizes, 50/50, music, basket raffles & games of chance. Questions: Rob 301-271-7780. Sponsored by Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co.
- 10.....50th Annual Sabillasville Mountain Festival Car Show, Environmental School, 16210 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration at 10 a.m. \$10 entry fee. Dash plaques for first 50 registrants. Trophies awarded. All proceeds benefit SES PTO. www.sesclassical.org. Rain date: Oct. 11.
- 10,11.....50th Annual Sabillasville Mountain Festival, Sabillasville Environmental School, 16210 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun.: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission & parking. Vendors, live demos, kids' games, food trucks, live music, car show, tractor show & more. www.sesclassical.org.
- 10,11.....50th Annual Sabillasville Mountain Festival Tractor Show, Environmental School, 16210 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. No entry fee. Contact Brad Brauning for drop-off information: 443-375-9766. All proceeds benefit SES PTO. www.sesclassical.org.
- 10,11.....Ridgefest Food Sales, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13527 Motters Station Rd., Rocky Ridge. Oct. 10: 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Oct. 11: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Breakfast sandwiches, fries & drinks. Yard Sale spots available: inside \$20; outside \$10. Call Penny 240-674-9834. All sales benefit Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co.
- 11.....50th Annual Sabillasville Mountain Festival Touch A Truck, Environmental School, 16210 Sabillasville Rd., Sabillasville. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Touch, learn & explore a variety of construction, emergency, farm, and military vehicles. All proceeds benefit SES PTO. www.sesclassical.org.
- 17....Grace "Rocky Hill" Food & Shopping

Fair, 10825 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Reserve food for pickup: noon-3 p.m.—qts. of chicken corn soup (\$8.50), pts. of hot beef (\$10), ham sandwiches (\$5). Reserve your 10x10 space: \$10/table (supplies are limited)—Call 301-514-1297 or grhchurch@gmail.com. Food pickup rain or shine; yard sale weather permitting.

- 4.....Shotgun Shoots (12 Gauge & 410), Indian Lookout Conservation Club, 17107 Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg. Registration at noon. Shoots at 1 p.m. Tip jars available.
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- 15....Thurmont Lions Club Presents Filled Basket & Cash Bingo, Guardian Hose Co. Activities Bldg., 123 E. Main St., Thurmont. Doors open at 11:30

a.m. Bingo at 1 p.m. \$20/ticket (20 regular games). Featuring \$1,000 jackpot special. King Tut, tip jars, specials, raffles & 50/50. Bring non-perishable food item, cash donation or eyeglasses for special drawing. Tickets: Sharon Morgan 301-748-0159.

december

- 31....Vigilant Hose Company's New Year's Eve Bingo, 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.; games start at 1 p.m. \$50 in advance; \$60 after Dec. 11. All-inclusive 9 pack, includes 22 games at \$300, 6 games at \$500 & 2 games at \$2,000. Ticket includes dinner platter. Snacks & refreshments available for purchase during breaks. Tickets: Pam 240-472-3484.



YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES



THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY 76 E. Moser Road, Thurmont

- 3.....DFS Family Support Specialist & the Seton Center. 10 a.m.
- 3.....Elementary Explorers: Who Was Laura Ingalls Wilder? 2 p.m.
- 3.....Teen and Tween Open Chess Play (Ages 9-18). 5:30 p.m.
- 4.....Offsite: Storytime and Tyke Hike at Catocin Mountain Park, Visitor Center 14707 Park Central Rd., Thurmont. 10:30 a.m.
- 5.....Gentle Flow Yoga: A Beginner Yoga Class. Noon.
- 9.....A Conversation on International Affairs with Shaun Donnelly. 7 p.m.
- 10....Elementary Explorers: A Great Idea - Edwin Binney. 2 p.m.
- 10....The People's Guide to College Applications with Jill Constantino. 5:30 p.m.
- 12....Gentle Flow Yoga: A Beginner Yoga Class. Noon.
- 13....Sunday Funday: Science and Surprise - Amazing Apples! 2 p.m.
- 14....Teen Dungeons and Dragons: Session 3 (Ages 13-17). 5:30 p.m.
- 17....Drop- In Digital Learn. 10 a.m.
- 17....DFS Family Support Specialist. 10 a.m.
- 17....Elementary Explorers: Who Would Win? Lobster vs. Crab. 2 p.m.
- 17....Tween Bag Charms (Ages 9-13). 5:30 p.m.
- 19....Gentle Flow Yoga: A Beginner Yoga Class. Noon.
- 20....Sunday Funday: Yo Ho Ho! Pirate Craft Party! 2 p.m.
- 21....ThorpeWood Community Day, Visitor Center, 14707 Park Central Rd., Thurmont. 10 a.m.
- 21....Outdoor Storytime at Thorpe Wood, Visitor Center, 14707 Park Central Rd., Thurmont. 10:30 a.m.
- 21....Offsite: Pop up at the Thurmont Senior Center, Thurmont. 1 p.m.
- 21....Teen Scupley Creations (Ages 13-17). 5:30 p.m.
- 21....Junk Journaling Workshop. 6 p.m.
- 24....Elementary Explorers: Bollywood Beats & Indian Traditions. 2 p.m.
- 24....Tween Gaming Hour: Switch Edition! (Ages 9-13). 5:30 p.m.

- 24....Community Connections: Explore Local Resources and Data. 6 p.m.
- 26....Gentle Flow Yoga: A Beginner Yoga Class. Noon.
- 26....Artist Talk & Showcase with Catocin Mountain Park Artist-In-Residence Jerry Brown. 2 p.m.
- 27....Sunday Funday: R.E.A.D with WAGS. 2 p.m.
- 28....Potty Training 101. 11 a.m.
- 28....Teen Beaded Plants (Ages 13-17). 5:30 p.m.

EMMITSBURG LIBRARY 300 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

- 3.....Elementary Explorers: Doodle Day Fun! 6 p.m.
- 8.....Intro. to ShareIT! Maryland's New Interlibrary Loan Platform. 2 p.m.
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- 9.....WonderLab: Acidity Adventures. 1 p.m.
- 9.....Tween Pasta Plants. 3:45 p.m.
- 10....Elementary Explorers: R.E.A.D with WAGS. 6 p.m.
- 15....Imagination Station! Polka Dot Party! 2 p.m.
- 15....Teen Mug Cakes. 5:30 p.m.
- 16....My Plate Bingo: Adult Adaptive. 11 a.m.
- 17....Elementary Explorers: Cars and Coding. 6 p.m.
- 21....School's Out: Zine Zone. 2 p.m.
- 23....Pressed Flower Clay Ornaments. 11 a.m.
- 23....WonderLab:Color Craze. 1 p.m.
- 23....TweenYarn Wrapped Letters. 3:45 p.m.
- 24....Hatchlings: From Bump to Bookworm. 2:30 p.m.
- 24....Elementary Explorers: Apple Art Night. 6 p.m.
- 26....Antietam Travel - Cruises. 2 p.m.
- 29....Emmitsburg STRONG: Emergency Ready! - 911 Simulator Experience. 3:45 p.m.
- 29....Emmitsburg STRONG: Emergency Ready! - 911 Simulator Experience. 6:30 p.m.

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