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Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries Sponsor Free Celtic Concert

by Erin Dingle

Since the late 1990s, a joint musical project of the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries has brought the beauty and excitement of Celtic music to the North County region. The annual concert is intended to provide a relaxing setting for families to enjoy the sounds to the traditional and not-so-traditional music associated with St. Patrick's Day. From a gathering of about thirty people assembled at the Emmitsburg branch in its earliest days to where we are today, kicking off the 2012 Saint Patrick's Day celebration with the annual Celtic Concert. The Celtic Concert will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium at Mount St. Mary's University, and will start at 7:00 p.m.

The stars of this year's Celtic Concert are the Rogues, who have been delighting audiences around the world for nearly two decades with their signature rock-folk-classical sound. Voted number one

out of sixty-three international competitors in the first-ever Battle of the Celtic Bands contest, the Rogues have released nine albums to date and deliver a high-energy stage show that never fails to thrill concert-goers of all musical interests. Of their many accolades and awards, the Rogues are particularly proud of their performance for the troops at Guantanamo Bay and the inclusion of their music in the Christopher Walken film, *Kill the Irishman*.

The free and family-friendly event is underwritten in its entirety by the C. Burr Artz Trust. "This celebration is a wonderful way to pay tribute to the heritage of our community, and to promote our library services in the northern part of the county," says Frederick County Public Library Director Darrell Batson. "We are pleased, as always, to partner with the



The Rogues

community." This is the little concert that grew and grew, and now hundreds of people attend this annual festive event. The auditorium, with comfortable seating and excellent acoustics, is on the West side of Route 15, and easily accessible from the free parking areas.

Admission is free, all ages are welcome, and registration or tickets are not required. For further information, contact the Thurmont Regional Library at 301-600-7212 or the Emmitsburg Branch Library at 301-600-6329 or visit the library website at www.fcpl.org.

Thurmont Prepares for 8th Annual Business Expo—Fabulous 50's



Get out your bobby socks & bowling shirt! Iron your Poodle Skirt & Poof up your Pompadour!

Thurmont First, Inc. is excited to announce that the 8th Annual Thurmont Business Expo date is set and preparations are underway! Find out more information on page 5 and see their ad on page 4.

"Bessie Darling" Musical Premieres in Thurmont

The Thurmont Thespians will stage a world premiere of a brand new musical play based on a true story that happened here in Frederick County in the early part of the 20th Century. "Bessie Darling"—written by Spence Watson, with music by Barbara Watson—was a Baltimore-raised single mother who parlayed her musical abilities and her winning charm to become a successful business woman as owner of The Valley View Manor Summer Resort in Deerfield on the north slope of Catocin Mountain, now part of the Catocin Mountain Park. She was brutally murdered by a jealous ex-

sultor, George Schultz of Baltimore, at her Deerfield hotel on Halloween morning of 1933, just before she planned to attend the Hagerstown Parade with Charles Wolfe, a widower from Foxville, who had taken an interest in her that summer. The sole eye-witness to the murder was Mazie Willard, an 18-year-old employee who was staying with Mrs. Darling at the time.

George Schultz then attempted suicide but was unsuccessful. He recovered and was put on trial for first degree murder the following March in Frederick District Court in downtown Frederick (now the Frederick City Hall Building). He pleaded self-defense, because Bessie also had a pistol, but Miss Willard was the State's star witness against him.



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From the Publisher

Dear Reader:

We are happy to introduce a new “Catoctin Voices” poetry column this month. Lisa Claire Cantwell and Sister Anne Higgins share their “voices” on page 14. Readers who possess the talent of writing verse are invited to send in their poems for possible publishing in a future issue. See “Catoctin Voices” for more information.

We are pleased to include several new advertisers for this issue, along with our spring and long-time advertisers. It’s a good time of year to chase away the 2012 winter blues with some plans for vacations. Clara Green with Diakonia Travel in Thurmont is right on time to invite all of us along on her upcoming day and overnight bus trips. Pick your trip from her list on the back cover of this edition.

I’ve heard that there are some great car deals right now. Renn Kirby of Gettysburg joins us this month. Check them out, as well as long-time advertiser, Crouse Ford of Taneytown.

Several churches have joined us this month to advertise their Lenten and Easter services and activities, which take place in March and April (Easter is April 8th). Several of our favorite restaurants have advertised their schedule of events for March, including some special fun for St. Patrick’s Day. Don’t miss any of it in this issue of *The Catoctin Banner*!

As always, I urge you to patronize the advertisers who reach out to you through *The Catoctin Banner*. It has existed due to the advertising support of those featured in each publication. All of our advertisers, especially those who have been on board long-term, are greatly appreciated!

The Catoctin Banner is a sponsor of the Thurmont Business Expo that takes place on March 23, 2012, at Catoctin High School. Pull out your poodle skirts and bobby socks for some Fabulous 50’s fun at the Expo! If you are a business in Thurmont, it is worth setting up a booth during this event. Lots of people attend. See you there!

Deb Spalding
 Publisher

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Emmitsburg, March 2012

Sheriff's Meetings

Corporal Gary Cline met with citizens in February to answer questions and discuss concerns about crime and crime prevention.

Citizens who have previously participated in these question and answer meetings helped to motivate the ordinances for the town that addressed curfew times for kids and loitering restrictions. The next Sheriff's meeting will be held on June 4, 2012. Contact the town office for the location and time.

Community Day Planning Large Celebration this Year

Plans are already in progress to coordinate a large celebration in Emmitsburg for the Annual Community Day 4th of July celebrations (not necessarily held on July 4th). This year a Civil War encampment with soldiers representing both the North and South will be joining the Emmitsburg celebration. In addition, old vintage fire service equipment will be displayed near the Fire Museum. Some equipment is actually from the Civil War era. All the normal fun activities are also on the list such as the slippery pig contest, pie eating contest, children's games, fireworks,

by Michele Cuseo

town hall reports

Lion's Club Barbeque, etc. Mayor Briggs is anticipating more than the usual participation from community based organizations. More news about this event will be available.

Sewer Treatment Plant Information

Why does Emmitsburg need a new sewer treatment plant? The Bay Restoration Act of 2004 requires that town sewer systems meet new standards for phosphorus and nitrogen levels by 2015. The town of Emmitsburg received two grants totalling \$14.5 million and a loan from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for \$5.5 Million in order to build a new plant. Residents will see their bills increase starting in July with part of the increase, and then again in July 2014 to cover the cost of the loan. Town Manager, Dave Haller, stated that even with the increase the cost to Emmitsburg residents is still lower than in some other Maryland counties.

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

Thurmont, March 2012

Food Pick Up Opportunity on Monday, March 26th

If you are in need of some groceries for your household, the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church will be giving out groceries that come from the food bank surplus. Distribution will be held starting at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot area of the church, located at 103 Church St., along the main street in Thurmont.

Food will be given out until 4:00 p.m. or until they run out. Additional distributions will take place each month: Monday, April 23; Monday, May 21; and Monday, June 18.

Old Library to Become Main Street Headquarters

The old Library building will be brought back to life as a new Main Street Headquarters Center. Thurmont was awarded a \$75,000 grant as part of the Community Legacy Program awards from the

Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development. The grant should cover the cost of basic structural repair, according to Commissioner John Kinnard. The Headquarters will fill a need for the town for office and meeting space and other miscellaneous purposes.

Revision to Water and Sewer Costs

The Mayor and commissioners are in agreement that an additional charge for water and sewer service is needed. The Mayor has asked the commissioners to come up with a fair solution on how to best implement this increase. Several ideas have been discussed, including charging people based only for their usage, so that the people who choose to conserve will also save on their bill. Other ideas included an across-the-board charge to every resident. The Mayor thinks that realistically the change will not take place until July of this year once a decision has been made. As always, citizen input is welcome.

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

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Thurmont Prepares for 8th Annual Business Expo—Fabulous 50's — continued from cover page

This year's event will take place on Friday, March 23, 2012, at Catoctin High School, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. In the fall, members of the Economic Development Committee voted on the theme "Fabulous 50's." The exhibitors are encouraged to decorate and dress within that theme. There is a contest for the best costume and best booth among the exhibitors. The winners will be given a plaque and a free booth space during the 9th annual Business Expo!

The Thurmont Business Expo steadily grows with each passing year. This year it is expected that approximately 90 -100 spaces will be filled with businesses, schools, non-profit organizations, churches, and civic groups that have chosen Thurmont as their home. This year, to date, the Gold sponsors are Powell's Insurance; Fiscus Fitness; Rich Shank & Assoc.; and Dr. Love, DDS. Silver sponsors are Stauffer Funeral Home, Mike's AutoBody, Affordable Self Storage, The Answer Group, Avon, Food Lion, Frederick County Tourism Council & *The Catoctin Banner* Newspaper. Special guests will be "GottaSwing" Lindy Hop & Jitterbug Dance Group, along with Smokey the Bear from Catoctin Mountain Park and the Catoctin Show Choir. The gracious businesses have donated a number of door prizes that the attending guests have a chance to win. There is no admission fee. The Economic Development Committee encourages everyone throughout Frederick

County and beyond to attend and explore the many services and products that are available in Thurmont—come do business with us!

We ask that guests consider bringing a non-perishable food item or making a small cash donation at the door for the Thurmont Food Bank.

A few of the upcoming events by the Thurmont Economic Development Committee include: Saturday Strolls, Furmont Days, Parking Meter Decorating projects, Farmers Market, and Christmas in Thurmont. You can go to our website <http://www.ThurmontFirst.com> and check out all of our events or visit us on Facebook (Main Street Thurmont).

All participating businesses will provide guests with information about their products and services. Our guests will see what our local businesses have to offer. Participating businesses include auto repair, dentists, graphic artists, insurance companies, landscaping, insurance companies, non-profits, and restaurants—just to name a few.

Thurmont is a terrific town, and the Expo is a fabulous way for our guests to get to see what wonderful opportunities await them when they visit our "Getaway to the Gateway" mountain community. Come see for yourself; you won't be disappointed! For more information, please contact Diana Stull, Chairperson 8th Annual Thurmont Business Expo, at 301-271-7565.

Facts About Clovers

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14!

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Catoctin Community Medical Fund Clients Receiving Assistance from Community Foundation Grants

In November 2011, the Catoctin Community Medical Fund (CCMF) received two grants totaling \$2,700 from the Community Foundation of Frederick County, under the Foundation's strategic grant's program based on its Human Needs Assessment for Frederick County. These grants supplement funding previously provided through donations by individuals and organizations, such as the Thurmont Lions Club, and have enabled the CCMF to assure the ability of the Fund to provide assistance through 2012 to those individuals in the Catoctin High School feeder region who find themselves in financial need due to a medical situation. The Fund is currently utilizing the Community Foundation Grant funding to assist clients needing assistance for prescription drug and general health needs.

The CCMF was formed in 2008, to help those who have exhausted all other available medical and funding resources and who qualify as needing assistance through screening by the Seton Center or Frederick Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. The fund assists with expenses for medical needs, such as doctor's visits, prescription medicines, medical supplies, and other medically-related needs. Any person in the Catoctin High School feeder region needing assistance may apply to the screening organizations indicated above. Tax deductible donations may be made to the fund, payable to the Catoctin Community Medical Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 23, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Lions Announce Photo Contest

Get out that new digital camera and start snapping pictures around Thurmont! The Thurmont Lions Club is on the hunt for the perfect picture to feature on their 2012 Birthday Calendar! To share the fun with everyone, the Lions are holding a contest. The winning picture, along with photo credits to the photographer, will be front and center on the 2012 Birthday Calendar.

For the contest rules and guidelines, go to the Thurmont Lions Club website at www.thurmontlionsclub.com. Contest ends April 1, 2012.

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“Bessie Darling” Honors George Wireman, Jr.

by Spence Watson

No one loved re-telling the Bessie Darling story more than George Wireman, Jr! He had popularized the 1933 murder of this Baltimore socialite in her Deerfield summer hotel on Halloween morning through serialized articles in both the Thurmont and Walkersville newspapers. It is, therefore, with great sadness that he will not be able to see our Thurmont Thespians’ world premiere production of “Bessie Darling” on March 22-25 and March 29-April 1, 2012, at the American Legion Auditorium.

As the playwright, I relied on George’s articles, along with my own

research materials, to tell the story as accurately as I could. And to honor his contributions to Thurmont through the decades, I wrote him into the script as an industrious youth in 1926, working at his first job selling the Catocin Enterprise on the corner of Main and Water Streets. I know he would have gotten a laugh at seeing himself portrayed in the Bessie Darling story, as he sells Bessie a newspaper and earns his first nickel!

This scene—set in Thurmont—not only includes George Wireman, but many historical Thurmont natives, like Lottie Gall, Sam and Grace Royer, Pauline Smith, Wink Morehead, Nathan Late, and others. It is early May of 1926, and Bessie Darling has come once more to Thurmont to stock up on provisions, as she once again opens up her Valley View Manor Summer Hotel on the hillside opposite the Western Maryland Deerfield Station. According to local accounts, Bessie always gave gifts to anyone in the area who had a new baby born during the time she was away. She also tipped all her merchants generously for their services, whether it was to deliver groceries, gas up her touring car, or sell her a newspaper.

Her death in 1933 was greeted with an enormous outpouring of public sympathy from Sabillasville to Thurmont. Her funeral service at the U.B. Church was overflowing, and she had felt close enough to this community that her family elected that she be buried here in Thurmont in the Blue Ridge Cemetery.

The scene where young George Wireman, Jr. appears begins and ends with the song “Small Town,” which

honors the small town values George Wireman stood for and what he meant to the community.

Wherever George Wireman Jr. is now, I imagine he will be smiling broadly when he hears this song sung! Thus, the Thurmont Thespians will dedicate our production of “Bessie Darling” to his memory. For tickets and reservations, please contact Mrs. Urian at 301-271-7613.

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The One Mountain Foundation to Hold Spaghetti Dinner, Auction, and Dance

The One Mountain Foundation (OMF) will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, auction, and dance on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the American Legion Post #239, located on McAfee Hill Road in Cascade beginning at 5:00 p.m. An auction will begin at 7:00 p.m., and dancing will be from 8:00 until 11:00 p.m.

The cost of tickets is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 years of age will be admitted free. Advance sale tickets are available from any One Mountain Foundation Board member or by calling Dave Sanders at 717-794-9988 or Jeff Coyle at 301-241-3964. Seating will be limited, so it’s best to reserve a place with a ticket early. Jeff Coyle, Chairperson of OMF’s Events Committee, said, “Everyone, especially families, are welcome. It will be an evening of great food, fun and surprises! And, we will be very pleased to present the 2nd Annual Pillar of the Community Award.”

The One Mountain Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-stock corporation with a focus to promote and support educational programs, historical preservation, community improvement projects, cultural activities, and special projects that benefit the Mountaintop area. OMF is celebrating its 10th Anniversary as a Foundation. Since 2002 the OMF has helped by establishing a need for a community center for fitness and recreational activities; hosting events to raise awareness and resources for the Help Hotline (community food bank), Hope Alive, and the Fort Ritchie Community Center; hosting Mountaintop Heritage Days to allow (non-profit) community churches, fire departments, and the Sons of the American Legion to raise funds for their respective needs; bringing to light that a Civil War battle occurred at Monterey Pass; and hosting fun community-focused activities, such as the Fall Harvest Fest with the community pastors, a Community Tree Lighting and Fun with Santa, and premiers of documentary films focused on our community’s history.

This event kicks off OMF’s activities for 2012. Proceeds from this event will support the OMF Scholarship Program and the 7th Annual Mountaintop Heritage Days, scheduled for June 30, 2012, and July 1, 2012.



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Emmitsburg Lions “Rock n Roll” Dance

The Emmitsburg Lions Club will sponsor a “Rock & Roll” dance March 24, 2012, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. The Dance will feature sounds from the 50’s and 60’s played from 8:00 p.m. till midnight by the “Rock and Roll Relics” band. Tickets are \$15.00 per person in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are available through Zurgable Hardware or Sharon Hane (301-447-2401).

JD’s Family Restaurant’s Grand Opening

JD’s Family Restaurant will be holding their Grand Opening on March 15, 2012. Check out their game room, and come in and visit with Mario on March 15-18, 2012. JD’s Family Restaurant is located at 304 East Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland. (See their ad on page 11 for great coupons.)

Stars of HOPE Relay For Life Team to Hold Cash Bingo to benefit the American Cancer Society

The Stars of HOPE Relay For Life Team will hold its 5th annual Cash Bingo on Friday, April 20, 2012, at the Thurmont Activities Building. There will be 20 regular games, 3 special games, raffles and door prizes. Tip Jars and a King Tut (cash prizes) will be sold. Food will be available for sale. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., with bingo games beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For advance sale tickets, call Jennifer at 301-271-3129. All proceeds from this event will benefit the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer.

Mountaintop Community Spring Fair

Spring on up to Blue Ridge Summit for the fourth annual Mountaintop Community Spring Fair, held at the Blue Ridge Fire Hall, on Saturday, March 17, 2012. All proceeds from this event benefit the Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

While you’re there, visit with singer/song writer Rich Fehle, who will be entertaining during the day; bring an item from the attic to have it appraised at the Collectibles Road Show (\$5.00 per item); or come by at 2:00 p.m. for the auction and bid on local memorabilia, antiques and collectibles, local goods and services, and some great baked items.

There will be over 25 vendors, along with exhibits by local organizations at the Fair, as well as some great food from the kitchen of the Blue Ridge Mt. Fire and Rescue Co.—soups, salads, and sandwiches, along with breakfast items. Vendor spaces are \$10.00 each for an 8’ x 10’ space, which includes an 8’ table. We hope to see you there!

For more information regarding the event, please contact Lynn or Duke Martin 717-642-5645 or Kevin Kipe at 301-241-4863.

The Ott House Pub

Join the Ott House, located at 5 West Main Street in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on March 17, 2012, for drinks, dinner, and Irish Shenanigans at their St. Patrick’s Day Party. (See their ad on page 8.)

Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company’s All New Monday Night Bingo

Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Co. is now hosting Bingo every Monday Night! Pay one low price and play every game. Payouts depend on the number of players. Guaranteed jackpot is: Less than 50 players—\$250; More than 50 players—\$500. Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company is located at 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

St. Philomena’s Upcoming Events

St. Philomena Catholic Books & Gifts is located at 2 West Main St., Emmitsburg, Maryland. Upcoming events and entertainment in the month of March include: March 2—Open Mic Nite, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Please bring a donation for the Catocin Pregnancy Center; March 24—Book signing, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., J. Catherine Sherman, PhD, *Inviting God into My Pain: Grieving*; March 24—Celtic Music by *Seasons*, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 301-447-3833. (See their ad on page 27.)

QuarterMania Fundraising Event

The Frederick County Young Farmers will hold their 3rd annual QuarterMania Fundraiser on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the Thurmont Activities Building. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, snacks, and much more. Admission is \$6.00 (includes one bidding paddle); additional paddles can be purchased for \$2.00 each. There will be no advance ticket sales; however, tickets can be reserved and held at the door with prepayment. Large parties are encouraged to arrive early.

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Fishing Creek Convenience Store Opens in Lewistown

by Aaron Heiner

Heading south from Thurmont towards Frederick sat a little country store for many years. This store was a little ways off of the Catoctin Mountain Highway, but was well-known to those who reside in the town of Lewistown. That little country store was renowned for selling the coldest beer in the area. Sadly, as the days passed, the little store fell on hard times and had to close, leaving the people of Lewistown without a general store. Thankfully, with the recent re-opening of the Fishing Creek General Store, locals once again have a local community-centric general store nearby, without the hustle of running up the highway to Thurmont or down the highway to the city.

With the store's re-opening this past December, Owner, Scott Jensen, and General Manager, Stacey Thompson (who is also Jensen's fiancée), wish to regain the reputation of selling everything that the residents could use or need. From fishing supplies and beer to cereal and candy bars—with almost everything in between—the small country store caters to the community.

"We have a little bit of everything," Jensen said. "We have one or two of everything in the world here." He went on to state that once spring arrives, the store plans to begin selling ice cream.

Proud of his store's re-opening and the inventory of goods he sells, Jensen looks towards a bright future for the store.

Having purchased the property last March, Jensen spent the better

part of 2011 renovating the building for a December re-launch, but it was not without a lot of sweat and labor. However, hard work is nothing new to Jensen who retired a few years ago from the County as maintenance technician, who also owns several rental properties and was a former scuba diving instructor. His decision to re-open the store was based on the reality that the community lacked a general store that it sorely needed.

While Jensen acknowledges that there is a 7-11 nearby, he also notes that the 7-11 has limited inventory of items for sale and does not sell beer.

"We have the coldest beer in town," Jensen noted. "We are certainly known for our cold beer."

The store is slowly but steadily regaining the business of local residents who were mostly unaware that the little store had recently opened its doors again.

One such area local, Glen Baker, had stopped in for a case of beer on an unseasonably warm February afternoon. "This store always has the coldest beer in town," Baker noted as he paid Jensen—unaware of Jensen's earlier comment about cold beer.

"I'm just the beer boy," Jensen added. "Stacey [Thompson] pretty much set everything up and ran with it."

Thompson, the general manager, said when asked why she chose to go in to the business of running a general store, "I couldn't see doing this with anybody else," to her fiancée's delight.

"The best part of a small town like this is you get to know all your customers," Thompson added. "You

get to know what they need and want."

Soon, a second customer—a regular—entered with two small children and seemed in a slight rush. After her purchase, she left, but returned a few moments later forgetting to purchase a lighter. Jensen, sensing the time constraint the customer was under, simply stated, he "would catch her next time." The key to a good general store is good customer service, he noted.

In the future, the Fishing Creek General Store also plans to start selling deli meats, and expand its offering of other products.

Another possible service the store is seriously looking at is localized beer delivery to the Lewistown-Mountandale area. According to Jensen, no other business is delivering cold beer to individual homes. This fact became apparent during the past New Year when area residents would drive to the store for beer, who may have already consumed enough to warrant not being on the road.

As the season grows warmer, the store intends to offer products that not only appeal to the community, but also the increasing presence of cyclists who pedal through the north county, and motorcyclists who



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

Pictured are Scott Jensen, Owner, and General Manager, Stacey Thompson, standing outside of the Fishing Creek General Store with their Harley, on which Scott has toured America. The store is located on Hessong Bridge Road in Lewistown.

often ride through the area. Two wheels, four wheels, or no wheels are all welcomed at the Fishing Creek General Store—18 wheels are welcome too, but parking may be a tad tight for big rigs!

"We already thought about [cyclists] when we started the store," Thompson said. "We even had a biker's welcome sign out."

Fishing Creek sells energy drinks, vitamin water, and snacks to cyclists, as the store is located on the county cycling map as a stop.

But not to be forgotten by Jensen, this is a store that caters to the local community.

"A friend of mine once said, 'When you see us, don't think of beer. But when you think of beer, come see us.' You can quote me on that."

The store is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

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All sales are held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (or until sold out). For more information, please call 301-271-0558. The funds from the sandwich sales support the many Lions Club community and vision-related projects.

Seton Heritage Literary Guild

Looking for a bookclub? Come and join the Seton Heritage Literary Guild (SHLG) where you will have the opportunity to delve into the legacy of America's first native-born canonized Saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. at the Visitor Center in the Seton National Shrine. Selection, "Friendship of My Soul," by Sister Betty Ann McNeil, DC. Registration Required. 301-447-6606.

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A Little Rebel

by Carie Stafford

A parent might say that by age two everyone has had a little rebel in them. But, have you ever met an educated rebel? They do exist and you will find two of them as the owners of That Rebel Place in Thurmont. Sherri Allen and John DeHart are originally from the Columbia/Jessup area of Maryland. However, loving the country and the history of Northern Frederick County, they decided to move to Rocky Ridge. They opened a store in Thurmont for their already growing business selling rebel memorabilia and novelty items.

John and Sherri became educated in the real meanings behind some of the most controversial pieces of history from the old south—for example, the Confederate flag. They don't sell certain items to just anybody; they ensure that age requirements are met and that an educational history lesson is given with those items. The store is not just about biker stickers and controversial items parents don't want their children to have.

That Rebel Place is a proud supporter of our military members, and they carry many items supporting our men and woman who sacrifice for our freedoms. Being a breast cancer survivor, Sherri is bringing in more breast cancer awareness items. In addition, they also carry items such as jewelry (they do not do piercings), hats, sunglasses, a wide range of flags from military to



Photo by Carie Stafford
Pictured are Sherri Allen and John DeHart, Owners of That Rebel Place.

different states, t-shirts, custom made novelty motorcycles, and so much more. If you cannot find an item you are looking for, they will do their best to find it for you.

If you are a Civil War buff and have a little rebel in you or just want to see how "rebel" That Rebel Place is, stop on by and check them out for yourself. John and Sherri would be happy to meet you and to help you find that perfect gift for someone or for yourself. They are located at 133 East Main Street in Thurmont, Maryland, 301-271-2101. Major credit cards accepted. Hours are Thursday and Friday, from 2:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturday, from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

They are currently holding a drawing for a basket of rebel goodies, so stop by and fill out a free ticket. The drawing will be held on April 1, 2012.

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Seton Center Thrift Shop Holds March \$5 Bag Sale

The Thrift Shop of Seton Center, Inc., a nonprofit sponsored work of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, at 16840 Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, is holding a Bag Sale on Friday, March 16, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 17, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shoppers are given a grocery-sized paper bag by Seton Center and are asked not to bring their own bags. Customers are allowed to fill it full of merchandise for \$5; overflow bags will be charged \$7. Items for sale include clothing, as well as household items and merchandise that are on the shelves. New items will be placed out on Saturday, March 18, 2012. Customers will not be allowed to bring in infant strollers or baby buggies due to limited space in the Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop is open during the week from Tuesday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All revenue from the Thrift Shop is used for Seton Center's Outreach programs, which provide services for people in need, primarily in northern Frederick County. Services include emergency and temporary financial assistance with rent, heat, utilities, prescriptions, referral and information services, supportive counseling, advocating for the needs of the poor, and other services. Seton Center's Outreach Services serve approximately 10,000 people a year.

For more information or to make donations, please call 301-447-6102, email setoncenterinc@doc.org, or visit www.setoncenterinc.org.

Pot-Pie & Schultz's Deli Sandwich Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church, located on 8619 Blacks Mill Road in Creagerstown, Maryland, is now taking orders for: Chicken Slippery Pot-Pie—\$5.00/qt.; Country Ham Slippery Pot-Pie—\$5.00/qt.; Schultz's Ham & Swiss Cheese on Pretzel Bread—\$4.50/ea.; Turkey & Swiss Cheese on Pretzel Bread—\$4.50/ea.; Schultz's 12" Subs: American Cold Cut—\$5.50/ea.; Italian Cold Cut—\$5.50/ea.

To order, please call Linda at 301-898-5167, no later than March 13. Pick-up is on March 22, between 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at the Parish House in Creagerstown (across from the church).

"Bessie Darling" Musical Premieres in Thurmont — continued from cover page



Lori Hockley as Bessie Darling receives a strand of pearls from Dr. Joseph Pache, Conductor of the Baltimore Oratorio Society, played by the playwright, Spence Watson.

Courtesy Photos

Rosalyn Smaldone as Mazie Willard asks her boyfriend, Charles Bowman, played by Johnny McCracken (a Mount Saint Mary's University student), who he was dancing with at Pen Mar Park last summer while she was away working in Baltimore.



He was convicted of second-degree murder in an unusual one-day trial, overseen by then Frederick District Chief Judge Hammond Uner. Bessie Darling was buried in Thurmont, and her hotel property passed to her son Wesley, then eventually to the Department of Interior in 1934 to become part of the Catocin Recreational Development Area (now known as Catocin National Park).

The musical version of "Bessie Darling" begins with her hiring as an accompanist and personal secretary to the Conductor of the Baltimore Oratorio Society, Dr. Joseph Pache, the Sabillasville author, who is portrayed by Spence Watson. The role of Bessie Darling is being created by Lori Hockley of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the role of Mazie Willard, her maid, will be played by Rosalyn Smaldone of Emmitsburg. The show is under the overall direction of Beth Royer Watson, with Musical Direction provided by Anne Raugh of Frederick and Choreography by Jennifer Buchheister of Fairfield, Pennsylvania.

The cast of "Bessie Darling" includes over thirty-five local volunteer actors and singers from the area, playing various roles as the saga unfolds from 1914 to 1943. Supporting roles include Paul Smaldone as George Schultz, the murderer; Norman Gibat as Charles Wolfe; Anna Perry as Bertha Grosnickle, Bessie's friend; Johnny McCracken as Charles Bowman,

Mazie's future husband; Emmit Krager and Todd McQuinn play young Wesley Darling Jr. at ages 15 and 29. Steve Ross and Christine Kreitz play Bessie's surprise hotel guests, President and Mrs. Hoover. Charles Long also makes a surprise appearance in the last scene of the play as Sir Winston Churchill in 1943, when the former Bessie Darling hotel was then being used as a training ground for Office of Strategic Services' Special Agents before being inserted behind the German occupation lines during World War II.

"Bessie Darling" the Musical will be presented over two weekends at the American Legion Auditorium at 8 Park Lane in Thurmont, Maryland, with a total of eight performances, opening Thursday night, March 22, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. and continuing through Friday and Saturday nights of both weekends. There will be two Sunday matinee performances on March 25 and April 1, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$15 per person and early reservations are encouraged due to limited seating. There will be one dinner theatre performance on Saturday, March 31, 2012, starting at 6:30 p.m., with food catered by Cozy Restaurant for an additional \$20 per person. Due to the adult content of the show, parental discretion is advised. Reservations and information about all "Bessie Darling" performances can be obtained from Mrs. Becky Urian at 301-271-7613.

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Lewistown Ruritan Club Donates Monies Raised



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At a recent meeting of the Lewistown Ruritan Club in Lewistown, money raised from the club's Chicken BBQs were given to the following organizations (left to right): Ron Demory, Ruritan President and presenter; Brenda Woelfel, Catocin High School Safe and Sane; Harold Staley, accepted for the Lewistown Elementary PTA; Pastor Elza Hurst, Thurmont Food Bank and the Lewistown United Methodist Women; John Poston accepted for Lewistown Fire Company 22; Gail Boggs accepted for Team Hope; Dick Basely accepted for the 4H Therapeutic Riding Organization; and Charles Smith, former National Ruritan Director, accepted for the 4H Camp Center.

Facts About Clovers

Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.

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



From the February issue of *The Catocin Banner*, Sherrie Fritz was the winner of the Hidden Object Contest (\$25 gift certificate). The kilroy was hidden in Peggy Koontz's ReMax ad on page 26. Last month's "Where Am I?" Photo was taken at Graceham Moravian Church. This month's Hidden Object is a 5-leaf clover.

Michael Eyler was the winner of the "Where Am I?" Game (\$10 gift certificate). For the "Where Am I?" Photo contest, take a look at the photo and tell us where it was taken. It is somewhere in or around our Northern Frederick County Area which is defined as Rocky Ridge to Cascade and Lewistown to Emmitsburg, Foxville to Creagerstown and everywhere around and in between. Call 240-288-0108 to leave a message or e-mail news@thecatocinbanner.com. Don't forget to leave your name and phone number.



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people making news

Riffle Inducted into Bridgewater College's Athletic Hall of Fame

Patricia Ann Riffle, daughter of Elwood and Jean Riffle (formerly of Thurmont), of Jupiter, Florida, was a 1971 graduate of Catocin High School. She was inducted into the Bridgewater College Hall of Fame in October of 2011.

At Bridgewater, Riffle was a three-sport standout. She played basketball, field hockey, and tennis during each of her four years at the college. She was a team leader in all sports, serving as captain of the basketball and field hockey teams during her senior year.

Riffle averaged 9.5 points per basketball game, finishing her career with 703 points. She averaged 2.1 steals per game. Upon her graduation, Riffle ranked first in program history in steals and assists and her 703 points ranked number five in career scoring.

Following graduation from Bridgewater, Riffle received her master's from Salisbury University and became an elementary school guidance counselor in Delaware. She also coached field hockey, girls' basketball, and tennis at Sussex Central High School.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured is Patricia Riffle, Bridgewater College's Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee.

Thurmont Receives Community Legacy Award

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development announced this morning that the Town of Thurmont has been awarded a \$75,000 Community Legacy award to be used for renovations to the Library building on Water Street.

For those in the community who are not familiar with the building, here is a short history: 1874—The Moravian Church congregation from Graceham built the church on Water Street; 1918—The Moravian Church held their last service in the building; 1926—D. S. Weybright purchased the building and added the basement and second floor and operated his grocery business in the building; 1932—Gall & Smith purchased the building and continued to use it as a grocery. It was later

leased to the American Stores grocery chain until 1967; 1967—Teen Town occupied the building for a short time before the property was deeded to the Thurmont Library Board for use as the Thurmont Public Library; 2008—With the construction of the Thurmont Regional Library on Moser Road, the Water Street building was put on the market by the Library Board; 2011—With grant money from the State of Maryland, the building was purchased for the use of Thurmont's Main Street program.

It will be a considerable amount of time before work on the actual renovations can begin; however, Thurmont is definitely on the way to realizing its dream of using the historic Water Street building for Main Street events and activities!

Thurmont Lions Club Welcomes New Member

The Thurmont Lions Club recently welcomed new member, Cindy McKane Wagester. Visit the Thurmont Lions Club's website at www.thurmontlionsclub.com to see the many ways they proudly serve their community.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured from left are Ross Smith, Club President; Paul Cannada, 1st Vice District Governor of Lions District 22-W; new Lion Cindy McKane Wagester; and George Bolling, Club Membership Chair.

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Who Will Be the 2012 Teacher of the Year?

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This award is open to Pre-K through Grade 12 full-time teachers in the Catocin feeder school system: Catocin High, Thurmont Middle, Thurmont Primary and Elementary, Sabillasville Elementary, Lewistown Elementary, Emmitsburg Elementary, and Mother Seton School.

All nominees, nominators, principals, fellow-teachers, parents, and students are invited to attend a reception at Thurmont Primary School on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, when one finalist from each of the eight schools will be announced. The final Teacher of the Year will be selected from these finalists by a committee of community leaders and will be announced at the Thurmont Lions Club's Education Night on May 9, 2012.

Nomination forms are available at www.thurmontlionsclub.com and are due by Friday, March 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

senior moments

by Helen Deluca

Hello to all the seniors of Thurmont and surrounding areas. I have so much to tell you. First, I must express my gratitude for the wonderful and generous response to our sponsor a chair request. We had hoped for 55 chairs, but the response was so great, we were able to purchase 125 chairs, and offers are still coming in. We stopped at 125 chairs, because that was the capacity of the Center. When the Center is rented for special events, we now have enough tables and chairs available. Many thanks to all who made this possible, and many thanks to all who—when there were no more chairs—generously donated anyway, to help defray the cost of the shades for the new windows. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

The following are several upcoming events to put on your calendar: March 23—The seniors will have a booth at the Business Expo, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the Catocin High School Gym. Stop by, say hello, and hear about what we have to offer at the Center; April 4—A grand re-opening of the Center is planned, from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. You can join us for lunch, but remember to call a day

in advance, so we can order the proper amount of food from Cozy Restaurant, of course. The cost is \$5.00 or a donation. There will be a silent auction, entertainment, and refreshments throughout the day. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 11:00 a.m., and the start of a very special day at the Center. Put it on your calendar and come join in the fun; April 28—the Thurmont Community Ambulance Co. is hosting a Big Cash Bingo fundraiser for the Senior Center. It will be held at the Ambulance building. We will be getting more information out to you in the near future. Watch channel 99, pick up one of our flyers, or call the Center for tickets at 271-7911.

Some of the special upcoming activities are as follows: March 7—Senior Life Care Planning with David Wingate at 10:30 a.m.; March 21—Remaining Independent (safely) in your own home (panel discussion) at 10:30 a.m.; April 4—grand-reopening at 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

These are in addition to the regular scheduled activities that are available. You are welcome to come in and pick up a schedule of the lunches and activities for the month. If you like music or like to sing, come in at 12:45 p.m. on Mondays to listen to or join the Canaries, under the direction of Patt Troxell.

Come in earlier on Mondays to join the Laugh-A-Yoga group, or enjoy the chair exercise program.

Throughout the rest of the week, there are card games, Rummikub, Wii bowling, book club, arts and crafts, bridge, puzzles, and conversations, just to mention a few.

We have wonderful volunteers, such as Mildred Whipp. Mildred just celebrated her 90th birthday, and as you can see in the picture (top right), she still volunteers in the kitchen and wherever else she can help. She has been doing this at the Center for forty years. She is famous for her cooking and baking. We especially look forward to her Red Velvet Cake. She is a member of the Canaries and the Red Hat Mommas. Her sense of humor and vitality add to the joy of having her around. Another valuable volunteer is Shannon Linton, who is celebrating her 28th birthday in March. She volunteers as coordinator, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Talk about someone who is organized! She keeps all of us seniors on our toes. In the future, we hope to find a way to compensate her for her time and energy. From our 90-year-young Mildred to our energetic 28-year-old Shannon, and all the volunteers in between, we can't

thank them enough. They keep the Center hopping.

Everyone that comes to the Center comments on how bright and larger the room looks. Well, it is larger because the stage is gone and we have more space, but the windows really do make a huge difference—and even more so with the new shades and drapes.

Many volunteers have worked so hard to get the Center open again.

Come see for yourself. If you can't in and see what your Thurmont Senior Center has to offer.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is Mildred Whipp (on left) volunteering in the Center kitchen with her red velvet cupcakes, and Mary Willhide (on right).

Generous Donation to Thurmont Senior Center

Apples United Church of Christ donated \$1,000 to support the Thurmont Senior Center by providing food for the body, information and entertainment for the mind, and comfort and companionship for the heart.



Pictured left is Roger Troxell presenting the check to Doris Roman.

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catoctin voices

Your Place for Poetry & Verse

by L. Claire Cantwell

This is a place for poetry, your poetry and shorter pieces of prose. Now and then, *The Catoctin Banner* has shared some of the poetry submitted by readers. It seems to those of us who live on and about this Catoctin chain of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Appalachia that there are distinctive voices about. And, we believe there is an audience for this unique verse. Whether it's of a specific discipline within poetic form, rhythmical or rhymed verse, we invite you to submit your work. "Free" verse or "thought poems" will be considered as long as they relate to our readers and are teeming with imagery.

Due to space constraints, a limited number of submissions will be printed each month. So, if you miss the opportunity to express your verse here, please consider other venues. For example, in nearby Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, The Ragged Edge Coffee Shop hosts readings on the first Friday of every month at 6:00 p.m. You'll hear voices reading their hearts, minds and souls out in verse. On the web, there are many blogs and poetry groups. The Goodreads book-sharing group has a wonderful blog for poets, so check out www.goodreads.com.

We'll be sharing other resources in future issues where you can receive constructive criticism and support for this oft lonely craft of writing verse. For the April issue, the deadline for submissions of poetry is March 20. Please limit your lines to no more than 24 and send two poems. Your poems or verse should reflect themes that are found within our readership's region so think settings of farm, valley, mountain, stream, small town, village or township. Also, cull from subjects like emotions, foods, politics, faith, family life, solitary life, everyday objects, animals, professions, colleges, schools, memory, the month of April, etc. Ideas for future issue's themes are welcome. Let me know what you poets and lovers of poetry think is unique about "Catoctin Voices." Getting us started this month is Sister Anne Higgins' poem that considers the night sounds of spring. I share a poem about a familiar March theme.

Spring Peepers off the Emmitsburg Road

by Sister Anne Higgins

In spring the frog sounds like a bird
who with his cousins curves the night
around the pond with hot blue songs
that bend the mud and send the slight
sounds shivering into the dark,
across wet pasture, black with sleep

Across the field the undulating
chorus bites through rock and mud
to say the winter yields its howling
to the tough truth's greening blood
The eyes of songbirds cut the clouds,
their silent flight to north and nest.

Sister Anne Higgins teaches at Mount Saint Mary's University. She is the author of five volumes of poetry.

A Pub Thought

by L. Claire Cantwell

Cold and idle March sleeps through winds roaring 'til
the ides come anyway mid-month like
legions of Norsemen under a full moon invading for sport that plucky
island;
so lucky famous for black ale, banshee tales, peat heat.
Wee wonder 'tis the month when freckled, old children of saints, slaves and
kings lay down staff and shovel; drink to poets, stone circles, the sturdiness
of thatch roofs.
They weep drunk on sea air knowing well their true love is Ireland.

L. Claire Cantwell is a freelance journalist and poet whose poems have appeared in Zephyrus and The Disciple magazine. She resides with her family on Raven Rock Mountain.

Weller United Methodist Church Easter Services

Weller United Methodist is one of the oldest churches in Thurmont, Maryland, dating back to 1830. Weller United Methodist Church brings together a community of believers in faith and prayer, who are working on projects for the betterment of their world. Easter services are as follows: April 1, Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; April 6, Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.; April 8, Easter Sunday—Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.; Traditional Service at 8:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service at 11:00 a.m. The church is located at 101 N. Altamont Avenue, Thurmont, Maryland. (See their ad on page 29.)

Lenten Preaching Series at Elias Lutheran

Have you ever wondered what the Bible and the Church has to say about caring for our environment? How about suicide or the state of the economy or the death penalty? Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg, Maryland, will be beginning a six-week sermon series on Sundays through April 1, 2012, entitled, "Christians Wrestling Faithfully with Controversial Issues." Topics to be discussed are the Environment (2/26), Suicide (3/4), the Economy (3/11), Church and Society (3/18), the Death Penalty (3/25), and War vs. Peace (4/1). Services begin at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 100 W. North Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland. For questions or more information, please contact the church office at 301-447-6239 or Pastor Jon by email at eliasluth@yahoo.com.

Thurmont Ministerium to Sponsor Community Lenten Services

The Thurmont Ministerium is holding their annual weekly Community Lenten services at area churches. The theme of this year's services is Sharing Bread. The services will be held on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. as follows: March 5—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Parish Center, 103 North Church, Thurmont; March 12—United Church of the Brethren, 14 Altamont Avenue, Thurmont; March 19—St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10625 Old Frederick Road, Utica; March 26—Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont.

The Rev. Brian Scott, Executive Director of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs will be the guest speaker on March 19, 2012, at Utica. The series will conclude with a service at the Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, Maryland, at noon on Monday, April 2, 2012. A lovefeast, a simple meal of Moravian sugarcake and a beverage will be shared, accompanied by hymns of the season of Lent and Holy Week. A soup and bread lunch will be served following the worship on April 2, 2012. A free-will offering for the work of the Thurmont Ministerium will be received at each service. For additional information, please call 301-271-2379, or contact the host church directly. All services are open to all.

Tridium at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tridium at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: April 5—Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Basilica, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; April 6—Good Friday, Basilica, Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m., Shrine and Museum close at 2:45 p.m., Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.; April 7—Easter Vigil Mass, Basilica, beginning at 7:30 p.m. April 8—Easter Sunday, Shrine and Museum Closed, 9:00 a.m. Mass, 1:30 p.m. Mass Easter Novena begins. The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is located at 339 S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, call 301-447-6606.

Join us for the Day of Pilgrimage every Sunday in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Day of Pilgrim Schedule: 1:30 p.m. Mass, 2:15 p.m. Exposition and Adoration, 3:00 p.m. Benediction.

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A Veteran of the U.S. Army, he passed at the V.A. Hospital in South Carolina.

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Bingo to Support WorkCamp 2012



Photo by Mike Miller

Pictured above (starting back left by row): Brandon Dowling, John Hawkins, Matt Jacobs, Marcus Bosche, Josh Little, Matthew Donahue, John Jacobs, David McCarthy; Nick Kubala, Jared Snyder; Kevin Dorsey, David Dorsey, Quinn McCarthy, Patty Goff, Lori Carter, Lance Goff; Brooke Ridenour, Katelyn Claxton, Jordyn Rosenberry, Claire Vietri, Casey Dowling; Cindy Kokoski, Hunter Krantz, Tony Reina, and John Dowling. Not pictured: Matthew Dowling, Abigail McCarthy, Daniel Miller, Mike Miller, Veronica Patrick, Rose Samples, Savannah Steinly, Annie Urian, and Jay Wedemeyer.

Parishioners from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony's parishes will be attending a service work camp in Winchester, Virginia, in June 2012, to complete various building projects for those in need. At the week-long camp, they will work and worship with other youth and volunteers.

A bingo to support the youth and their service will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with a hot meal. Advance tickets are \$35. For

more information, call John Dowling at 301-271-4439.

If you would like to provide financial support for this important work, you may send checks to St. Anthony's Shrine, 16150 St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Please be sure to write WorkCamp 2012 on your check. We would also appreciate your prayers for a successful trip. If you have any questions regarding this service trip, please contact Mike Miller at 301-271-9871.

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pets of interest

Born in a Helmet

by Carie Stafford

It is said that cats are known for seeking and finding weird places to give birth. That was definitely true in my case; I was born with two brothers in a box of combat helmets on February 23, 2009, in the warehouse at the U.S. Embassy Baghdad compound, on the Tigris River in Iraq. My dad's name was Atropina and my mom was a semi-feral feline they named Mommy Cat. Both were orange tabbies.

My brothers and I are all similar in appearance, but I have a lot of white on my belly, legs, and face. I am what you might call a Turkish Van—I have the softest belly fur, just like a rabbit.

The people at the embassy took really good care of us. They fed us, socialized us, named me Isis, and made a safe place for us to grow up, protected from the sand storms and the heat. The problem was that the life expectancy of a kitten in war-ridden Iraq is not long. Fortunately, one of the workers at the embassy was from the state of Virginia in the United States, who had the idea of bringing us home with her.

Carol Altstatt arranged through the SPCA-International's Operation Baghdad Pups (est. 2007) to bring us home from Baghdad thru Kuwait via Amsterdam to Washington D.C. Ms. Altstatt had prearranged homes for each of us to be adopted upon arrival. However, life had other plans for me when I arrived in the United States.

When we arrived in the United States, the home I was supposed to go to fell through, so I was put with Friends of Montgomery County Animals, Inc., with the hope of finding a good home. I had all sorts of people look at me and play with me. I am mouthy and I talked to all of them. While I was at the Timonium Cat Show, this couple came by and watched me play with the other kittens and talked with me. We had a nice conversation and before I knew it, they were taking me to this nice home in the woods. I was so excited to have someone to talk to all the time, and, boy, do they give me great treats!

My new mom and dad changed my name to Valentina Ballerina—what a mouthful, I know, but it was special. I was born in February—the



Photo by Carie Stafford

holiday for love and mushy stuff. When they brought me home, I was all legs, very graceful, with a fluffy tail, and I loved to jump. Now you know the end of that story; I go by Kitty for short.

As for the "all legs" part, well, we all start out slim and curvy—I was the hottest feline in town. Then, we get treats and get spoiled to the good life, with a soft, fluffy pillow to lounge on and daily brushings that feel "oh, so gooooood." So, the slim and curvy becomes a dream and the plump and roundness a reality. I started at 5 lbs. 11 ounces as a kitten; at three years old, I am now a "round" 15 pounds. I still love to jump and chase mice, play with my toys, eat mom's houseplants—such fun—and lounge in the sun; I'm just a little slower than before.

I am a great conversationalist. I will talk to most everyone that comes to visit, and to the birds on the other side of the glass. My mom, dad, and I have the best discussions. Sometimes, I wonder if they really understand me, because when I want to discuss the mouse I just caught and left on the back steps, they start talking about visiting friends. Was that a scream, I heard? Well, I tried to tell them about the mouse I left...guess Mom found it. Have to run and see if Mom is going to give me a treat for the mouse!

Since its inception September 11, 2007, the SPCA-International's Operation Baghdad Pups has flown several missions to and from Iraq and Afghanistan to bring to the United States animals that have been befriended by our military soldiers, government employees, and government contractors serving in harm's way. To find out more, go to <http://www.spcai.org>.

Lewistown Volunteer Fire Company 22's Annual Banquet Held in February



Photos by Linda Norris



Top EMS Responders, 2012 (pictured above):

Back row, from left: Mike Stull, Wayne Stull, Vicki Martin, Tara Hodge-Stull, Robert Reid, Steve Stull, Mike Toms, Chris Kanode; Front row, from left: Renae Coolidge, Donald Martin, Fran Wachter, Delbert Stull, Jen Toms, Donald Stull.

LVFD 2012-2013 Administrative Officers (pictured right):

Back row, from left: Warren Main, Jean Main, Chuck Jenkins, Steve Stull, Mike Toms, Scott Stonesifer, Donald Stull, President; Front row, from left: Donald Martin, Delbert Stull, Shirley Stull, and Karen Stull.



Line Officers (pictured above):

From left: Mike Stull, Chief; Scott Stonesifer and Robert Reid, Lieutenants; Kenny Miller, Sergeant.

Special thanks to Linda Norris for supplying Lewistown VFC content.

Gregory A. Brashears Memorial Atlantic City Bus Trip

Get your ticket now for the annual Gregory A. Brashears Memorial Atlantic City Bus Trip that will depart from the Thurmont Plaza parking lot on May 5, 2012, at 7:00 a.m. Participants must be 21 years of age to participate. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. For more information, call Lori Long at 301-748-6007.

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The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Annual Banquet



Pictured left to right top row are Rev. James Russell, Paulette Mathias, Jamison Mathias, Donnie Kaas, Jr., Craig Hovermale, John Reese, Bonnie Hurley; bottom row left to right are Dale Kline, Dennis Mathias, Melissa Mathias, Christina Hurley, and Bernard Wivell.

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department held their 2011 Annual Banquet on January 26, 2012. The company responded to 170 emergency calls and 7 service calls in 2011. The busiest day for calls was Saturday and the busiest month was February.

Top responders were Matt Moser (124), Bonny Hurley (107), Leon Stover, Jr. (104), John Reese (89), Christina Hurley (71), Dennis

Mathias (47), Donald Kaas, Jr. (38), Paulette Mathias (37), Andy Mathias (28), and Melissa Mathias and Joseph Youngerman (21).

Betty Ann Mumma, representing the Auxiliary presented the Company with a check. Bill Wachter of Bill's Auto Body was recognized for his contributions to the Company, which include the donation of a scooter to be auctioned off during the Company's annual carnival.



Pictured left to right are Alan Hurley, Betty Ann Mumma, and Dale Kline.

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Pictured left to right are Alan Hurley; Bill Wachter, of Bill's Auto Body; and Dale Kline.



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International Rugby Player Holds Clinic at Mount Saint Mary's

On February 16 and 17, 2012, Mount Saint Mary University was extremely privileged to host two International rugby players. Scott Robertson, a former New Zealand All Black and Super 15 professional player and Tony Flay, a former Junior All Black and USA player hosted three rugby clinics for the Mount players. In



Photo by Rosensteel Studio

true Emmitsburg fashion, Mount St. Mary's, the Carriage House Inn, and the Town of Emmitsburg rolled out the red carpet for these accomplished visitors. Mount Saint Mary's provided wonderful accommodations, and the Carriage House Inn hosted a delicious lunch. Mayor Briggs, a longtime supporter and former coach of Mount Rugby, stopped for a visit with Scott and Tony and gave them each an honorary "key" to the town. Scott and Tony, both native New Zealanders who travel the world hosting clinics, loved our area so much they hope to make this an annual event. Tony's daughter has been accepted at the Mount, and Scott enjoyed Emmitsburg immensely and has plans to bring his wife for a visit soon.

Mount Saint Mary's Rugby coach, Jay Myles, who organized this amazing event, hopes to continue building a strong, competitive rugby team with events of this type. Coach Jay is eagerly looking forward to working with the alumni and the Mount to provide many more opportunities of this type and to continue building on the relationship with Tony and Scott, as well as with other national and international coaches and players.

Tack Sale at Frederick Fairgrounds

Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program is sponsoring a Tack Sale at the Frederick Fairgrounds on March 24, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will have lots of gently used tack. Vendors are welcome—come spotlight your facility, show off your products and services, clean out your tack room, and sell your unused tack. The proceeds from this sale will benefit our program. For information, email recordtitle@aol.com.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is student, Robbie Shaffer, on Bart.

Calling All Local Reenactors

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding an annual MS Walk, presented by Giant Food Stores, Inc., on April 22, 2012, at the Gettysburg Rec Park. All available Civil War reenactors are invited to come out to help "Take a Walk Through History to Fund a Cure." James Getty will be there in his role as Abraham Lincoln. If you can make it out that day, call Debbie Bollinger at 717-398-9234 for more details.

Emmitsburg Lions Club Health Screening

The 29th annual Emmitsburg Lions Club health screening will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, from 7:30–10:00 a.m., at Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Registration is required by calling WellSpan HealthSource at 1-800-840-5905, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No walk-ins will be accepted.

The health screening will be featuring several blood screening services made available by the Gettysburg Hospital. Most important of these services, and recommended by most health care providers on an annual basis, is a multiphasic blood screening (MBS). The MBS focuses on early detection of potential health problems and is available for \$32 to those health fair participants who have pre-registered and who have completed the mandatory 10-12 hour fast.

In addition to the MBS, the Gettysburg Hospital is offering four optional blood tests: The prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test (\$15); the sensitive thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) blood test (\$10); the Vitamin B12 deficiency test (\$20), and the (HbA1c) Glycohemoglobin test, made available for diabetics (\$15). All tests may be ordered in whole or in part of any combination.

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Frederick County, Maryland Dairy Princess Candidates and Maids Sought

The Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess Committee is seeking candidates for Frederick County Maryland Dairy Princess. Candidates must: maintain residency in Frederick County, Maryland (they may attend an out-of-state college); be a daughter of a dairy farmer, dairy farm manager or herdsman; employee in a dairy-related industry (farm store, cooperative, DHIA, feed supplier, veterinarian, milk inspector, etc.); or be employed herself as one of the above. She must be the owner of at least one dairy animal in a 4-H or FFA project; and/or enrolled in a dairy-related project for at least two years, including dairy foods, dairy judging and/or dairy leasing programs (NOT dairy goats and dairy steers); be 16 years old or turn 16 during 2012 and must not reach her 22nd birthday by December 31, 2012. Candidates may not hold a farm queen or dairy breed queen title that would cross over for more than three months. The dairy princess is also expected to attend the Dairy Princess Seminar in Pennsylvania, which will be held July 10-13, 2012.

A completed resume, two recipes with dairy ingredients, a professional picture (jpeg.), and letter of interest is due to Johanna Allen, 5185 St. Marks Road, Jefferson, Maryland 21755, by April 23, 2012.

The committee is also looking for Dairy Maids to represent Frederick County, Maryland. The Dairy Maid program prepares future princesses and provides promotional opportunities for younger dairy enthusiasts. Eligible young ladies turning 13 through age 16 during 2012 may become a dairy maid. For more information, call Johanna Allen at 301-834-5358 or e-mail Johanna at mjkrallen@comcast.net.

The contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012, at the Woodsboro Fire Hall, 2 South Third Street, Woodsboro, Maryland. The Dairy Princess chosen will represent Frederick County at the Maryland State Dairy Princess Contest on July 17-18, 2012, at the Holiday Inn in Frederick, Maryland.

"Courage is being scared to death – and saddling up anyway."

~John Wayne

Plans Underway for the 56th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show in September 2012

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show committee met recently to begin planning the 56th annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. The show will be held at Catocin High School on September 7, 8, 9, 2012. Officers elected at the meeting are: President, Rodman Myers; Vice President, Robert Valentine; and Secretary, Brian Hendrickson. Other committee members are: Sue Keilholtz, Jessica Valentine, Robert Wiles, David Harman, Cheryl Lenhart, Alan Brauer Sr., Kelly Neff, Humberto Benitez, Michael Lewis, Milton Mills, Denise Valentine, Amanda and Paul Dennis, Paul Schur, Clifford Stewart, Helen Troxell, Jane and Dave Savage, Cathy Little, Karen Myers, Sue Sanders, Patty Johnston, Laura Keilholtz, Sarah Shriner, Thad Bittner, Wyatt Farmer, and Daniel Myers.

The show committee will honor the 125th anniversary of the Guardian Hose Company and the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

If you would like to be a new advertiser in the Community Show booklet, please contact Rodman Myers at 301-271-2104

to obtain advertising information. Past advertisers will be mailed letters shortly. The community show booklets can be found in local Thurmont, Emmitsburg, and surrounding area businesses in late July or early August.

New residents of the community are urged to enter and be a part of the Community Show, the largest in the State of Maryland. Entries are accepted in categories such as fresh fruits, vegetables, home products, canned fruits and vegetables, jellies and preserves, pickles, meats, baked products, sewing and needlework, flowers and plants, paintings, drawings, crafts, photography, small grains and seeds, eggs, nuts, poultry, dairy, goats, hay, etc. There are adult, junior, and youth categories. There is no entry fee. Please visit our website for updated information at www.thurmontemmitsburgcommunityshow.webs.com.

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Well, thanks to that “Groundhog, Phil,” it seems that we are going to have a few more weeks of winter. My comment to that was, “if it’s like the weather we’ve been getting for winter, bring it on.” We have been very fortunate to have a mild winter, but, seriously, we really do need some cold weather to kill germs, etc. Not snow, ice, and howling winds, just cold temperatures for a few days or a week.

How easy life would be if we could just place our order for the weather and have it happen. If we do get a few more of those cold days before spring officially arrives, I have a great recipe for you to try: Loaded Baked Potato Chowder. It is a recipe that I’ve made at some of my Pampered Chef demos—it’s quick, easy, and delicious. Now, you are ready with the perfect recipe if we get another one of those cold days. Hope you enjoy it.



Loaded Baked Potato Chowder

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| 3 large baking potatoes | 2-3 green onions with tops |
| 3½ cups of milk, divided | 4 ounces of sharp cheddar cheese, grated |
| 4 ounces of cream cheese, softened | 1½ tsp. of salt |
| 2 tbsp. of butter | ½ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper |

Optional toppings: chopped cooked bacon, sour cream or steamed broccoli florets

Slice potatoes in half, place in deep baking dish. Pour ½ cup of the milk over potatoes. Microwave, covered, on HIGH for 11 minutes. Remove from the microwave. Move center potatoes to the ends of baker and outer potatoes to the center. Cover; microwave on HIGH 8–11 minutes or until potatoes are easily pierced with a fork. Remove baker from the microwave. Coarsely mash potatoes.

Meanwhile, whisk cream cheese until smooth. Slowly add remaining 3 cups of milk, whisking until smooth. Add cream cheese mixture and butter to baker. Microwave, covered, on HIGH 3–5 minutes or until mixture is hot. Slice green onions.

Carefully remove from microwave. Add grated cheddar cheese, green onions, salt and black pepper. Mix by hand until cheese is melted. Serve with toppings, if desired.

Explorer Post 6



Photo by Bob Rosensteel
Pictured left to right in the back row: Jeff Hardman, Rodger Arrowood, and Kenneth Shoemaker; front row: Tyler Arrowood, Nick Wantz, Emily Arrowood, and Hannah Hardman.

Vigilant Hose Company’s Explorer Post 6 is a program utilized to introduce interested young persons to the nature and responsibilities of the emergency services by both formal and informal experiences across the broad range of duties of First Responders. Programming includes fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire and emergency prevention, and large scale disaster preparedness. Program meets the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

Participation in Explorer Post 6 is co-ed and open to young people aged 13 or older. To participate, or for further information, call Bob Rosensteel at 301-447-6272, visit www.vigilant.com.

Emmitsburg Elementary School Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a child who will be age 4 or 5 on or before September 1, 2012, and you live in the Emmitsburg area? If so, it is time to register your child for Pre-K and Kindergarten at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Registration begins on Thursday, March 1, 2012, and will continue daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., each day that schools are open. If you are registering for Pre-K, you will need to bring the child’s birth certificate, proof of residency, proof of immunizations, and income documentation, to be copied and included in the child’s registration file. If you are registering for Kindergarten, please bring the child’s birth certificate, proof of residency, and proof of immunizations. The following documents may be used to provide proof of residency: lease agreement, utility bill (electric, water, gas), or a tax bill. Income documentation that is requested for Pre-Kindergarten registration can be any one of the following: three consecutive pay stubs from the past six months, a W2 form showing the prior year’s earnings, a letter from an employer or social services agency (on letterhead) stating the applicant’s family income, or foster care documentation. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Ms. Golightly at 240-236-1750.

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Mother Seton School Students Win Patriot Pen's Essay Contest



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Pictured are Mother Seton School winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by VFW Post & Auxiliary 6658, Emmitsburg (left to right): Gwen Topper, VFW Post 6658 Auxiliary; Kathryn Thomas (3rd place); Elizabeth Gillis (1st place for Post 521); Carrie Reaver (2nd place); Anna Eyler (1st place & 3rd place Maryland District winner); and Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C., MSS Principal.

"Are You Proud of Your Country?" That is the question that was posed to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in Mother Seton School by VFW Post 6658 and Auxiliary in Emmitsburg for the annual nationwide Patriot Pen Essay Contest.

On February 10, 2011, Gwen Topper, Auxiliary 6658 Essay Chairperson, presented certificates, as well as cash awards, to several Mother Seton School winners. First Place was awarded to seventh grader, Anna Eyler, daughter of Terry and Kerri Eyler of Woodsboro, Maryland. In her winning essay, Eyler wrote: "What does being proud mean? Webster's Dictionary defines it as feeling honored. To me, feeling proud of my country means more than just words can define, it is also emotions and feelings. Some things that make me proud of America include the freedoms that we enjoy, the men and women of our military, and the charity Americans give when disasters happen." Winners of the local VFW Posts advanced to the VFW District level. Eyler also won Third Place for Maryland District 7.

Seventh grader, Carrie Reaver, daughter of Greg and Tina Reaver of Thurmont, Maryland, won Second Place. Seventh grader, Kathryn Thomas, daughter of Thomas and Deborah Thomas of New Windsor, Maryland, won Third Place. Honorable mention awards were given to Paige Orner, Gregory Dorsch, Sarah Shatzer, Leah Morgan, and Thomas Plummer.

Sixth grader, Elizabeth Gillis, daughter of Chris and Theresa Gillis of Frederick, Maryland, won First Place from VFW Post 521 Owings Mills.

"Mother Seton School is proud of our country and the Patriot Pen Essay contest is a great way for the students to be able to practice putting their pride into words," said Principal, Sister JoAnne Goecke, D.C. Congratulations to all of the students. For more info about Mother Seton School, please visit www.mothersetonschool.org or call 301-447-3161.

school news

FCPS Honors Students with King Awards

Frederick County Public School (FCPS) students recently celebrated the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a presentation called "From Vision to Action." Throughout the evening, 107 students received awards. This is the 22nd year that the school system has held this event.

"Frederick County Public Schools' annual celebration of Dr. King's public service places the spotlight on students throughout the system," according to Maria Whittemore, coordinator for Education That Is Multicultural. "Students receiving awards exemplify the vision and actions Dr. King helped weave into the fabric of our society. The annual celebration provides a public opportunity for students to share Dr. King's legacy with the community."

Board of Education President, Angie Fish, assisted Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Alban, in presenting awards. Throughout the ceremony, emceed by Liganore High seniors Myrna Goutier and Damara Miller and junior Asanté Butler, one outstanding student selected by each county public school received a "King Award." To earn the award, the student must have demonstrated leadership qualities characteristic of Dr. King and exhibited the Character Counts! Pillars: responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness, citizenship, and respect.

Local King Award winners: Elementary students—Olivia Dart, Emmitsburg; Aidan Zampino, Lewistown; Dylon Cooley, Sabillasville; Angel Michalski, Thurmont Elementary; Chelsea Smith, Thurmont Primary; Middle School student—Labella Kreiner, Thurmont Middle School; High School student—Devin Watkins, Catocin High School.

Local Art winners: Elementary students—Paige Smith and Alexis Wathen, Thurmont Primary; High School students—Brittney Lucas and Brienne Trevorrow, Catocin High School.

FCPS also presented awards to students for outstanding written entries. Local written expression winner: Elementary student—Madigan Laramore, Lewistown.

Sponsors of this year's program were the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Chi Theta Omega Chapter, the Human Relations Commission of Frederick County, Frederick County Administrative and Supervisory Association, Frederick County Teachers Association and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter.

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Stavros Pizza

Where Seton Avenue and Main Street meet in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is an old three-story building—the building got its start as the Hotel Slagle in 1859. When the beloved Old Slagle Hotel building on the square suffered serious damage from a fire a little over a year ago, many of its occupants lost their homes. One such casualty was Stavros Pizza.



Photo by Aaron J. Heiner

When Stavros reopened in mid-2011, the return of the much-loved pizza joint was met with great enthusiasm. Reports of forty-five minute waits were the norm. Now, months later, the initial long lines may have diminished, but the ever-popular establishment is still a favorite among the locals and visitors.

I have to admit, I'm not a professional chef, just a simple country boy who loves to eat, and today, I did just that. It was a chilly afternoon when I stopped in at Stavros Pizza for a couple slices of pizza, on the advice of my boss, Deb Spalding.

I was prepared to plop down a five spot for two slices, only to learn that Stavros does not sell pizza by the slice. Instead, they make fresh deep dish pizzas. One of the pitfalls of many pizza places is the morning-prepared pizzas—pizza made in the early morning hours—that spend all day in some glass heater on the counter. As a result, when you order

your pizza, the pre-made pie is simply re-fired in the oven, essentially double-heating the ingredients. This dramatically affects the taste—akin to reheated pizza for lunch never being as great as when it was fresh the night before. At Stavros, if you want a couple of slices of pizza, you can order the eight inch small personal deep pizza. And at a cost of \$5.60 for the personal pizza, you receive more food and a better quality meal than settling for two slices that have spent most of the day in a glass case.

The only slight downside—if you can call it one—to pizza being cooked from scratch is that it may take 10-15 minutes longer. However, the improved quality is more than worth the wait. So, if you're on a time constraint or have a limited lunch break, it's probably best to call ahead.

After ordering a small pizza and a Mountain Dew (\$1.60), I sat down in the classic pizza parlor, decorated with red and white checkered table

EBPA Celebrity Bartender Night



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is Bob Hance of Red's Tavern holding up a check showing an early donation to the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Join the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association (EBPA) for Celebrity Bartender Night at "Red's Tavern" on Friday, March 30, 2012, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. to benefit Emmitsburg's Food Bank. Come visit local celebrities as the EBPA attempts to surpass its three-year goal of \$20,000 for the "change for food program." Red's Tavern is located at 135 Chesapeake Avenue in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Watch out...Anyone not wearing green on Saint Patrick's Day gets a pinch!

cloths. Bricked walls, red and white trim, and a fireplace complete the decor.

At the north end of the restaurant, in the true sense of 1980s pizza parlor nostalgia, sits three arcade machines—one of which is Ms. Pac-Man. (The original concept for Pac-Man came from a Japanese video game designer who was influenced while looking at a pizza with a single slice missing from it.)

Once my pizza arrived, my initial thought was that it didn't look very big. However, by the time I was finished eating the pizza, I was full. This pizza was definitely bigger than it looked, with a relatively deep, large puffy crust extending outward and upward, containing all the thick

cheese and tomato sauce underneath.

The sauce was standard fare and the cheese thick, which leads back to what really made this pizza shine, the crust—crispy outside yet soft and chewy on the inside, combining the texture of a flat bread pizza with a hand-tossed pizza.

After all was said and done, the grand total for the meal came to \$7.65, including tax. Maybe not as inexpensive as two slices of pizza and a small soda, but the amount of food and quality do make up for it. It is no wonder why Stavros is so popular in Emmitsburg.

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Article and photo by Deb Spalding

Your clues were: *“One of Jake’s players; got his “kicks” at the Mount; always figuring out how to build things; raised south of, and now lives north of, the Mason-Dixon Line; husband of an RN; cancer survivor; Bumpsey’s Dad; Hall of Fame in Feb.”*

Those who guessed correctly were Pat Muir, George Kuhn, Tina Winfrey, Francis Smith, Therese Topper, Larry Little, Dave Wantz, Jr., Carol Long, Roy Wivell, Maria Topper, bearzy07, Gene Lingg, Pat Orner, Trina Crum, Gene Stitely, and Lori Hobbs.

I am Dave Swomley

Dave Swomley is the youngest of three sons of the late Helen and Harry Swomley who owned a dairy farm on Creamery Road in Emmitsburg in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. Dave attended Emmitsburg

Elementary School and Catocin High School. He was in the second graduating class of Catocin High School when it was first opened. At Catocin, he played soccer, basketball, and track. He and his brothers milked cows before and after school, except when sports practices and games prevented it. His parents were happy to cover their farm chores, so they could participate in sports. The downfall of working a farm meant that Dave’s parents were seldom able to watch their children actually play in their sports.

In addition to being hard-working farm boys, each of the Swomley boys was a gifted athlete. All three sons attended and graduated from Mount St. Mary’s College, and all three were inducted into the Mount St. Mary’s Athletic Hall of Fame, including Dave whose induction was recently held on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Dave was a 1974 graduate of MSM, where he excelled in soccer and track and field. About the honor, he said, “It was a nice tribute to my family and our parents.”

Dave’s major at MSM was accounting. Soon after earning his degree, he did work briefly for a CPA firm. Contrary to his chosen degree, his career path changed when he signed on with Warthen’s Construction, Inc., and later the D.C. Carpenters Union. In a chance meeting with long-time friend and neighbor, Ronnie Wivell, the two decided to go into business together. They formed W.S. Drywall in 1987 and were joined by Danny Sprankle soon after. The partners have been in the commercial construction business ever since, specializing in metal framing and drywall. With their headquarters in Emmitsburg, they have completed construction projects in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Dave met his wife, Laura O’Brien, through mutual friends. Ironically, she attended St. Joseph’s in Emmitsburg while Dave attended Catocin, and even though they both grew up in Emmitsburg, they had never previously met. Laura is the Nurse Manager in the Maternity Department at the Gettysburg Hospital. She and Dave have two children; daughter, Norah, also goes by her nickname “Bumpsey,” and son, Drew. Norah is married with three daughters and lives in Olympia, Washington. Drew is graduating in May from the University of Vermont with degrees in mechanical engineering and physics.

During a medical physical, routine blood tests showed that Dave had



prostate cancer. Last February, Dave had his prostate removed. About his cancer, he said, “I am very fortunate that it was caught early. During the surgery the cancer was contained and completely removed.”

Dave played softball for many years as one of Jake’s (Coach Jake Spalding) players on the Paul’s Pit Stop team in Emmitsburg, as well as on teams in Frederick and Chambersburg. He enjoys golf and is very active in the Gettysburg Four Square Gospel Church. He likes watching sports and travels often, especially to visit and enjoy time with family. Dave and Laura reside in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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

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

Today, we hear about the importance of fitness at every focal point of our lives. We are reminded in the work place, at home viewing television, in the media, and socially the essential need to get on the fitness bandwagon. The list of reasons is unending as to why we should make a commitment to improving our overall health.

How can we make a commitment to a fitness program?

Yours truly has known the value of some form of exercise throughout my entire life. When you begin reaping the benefits, the effort will be well worth it!

So, why not work out as a couple? I've learned fitness and relationships share two essential qualities: time and commitment.

Two people can inspire each other. When my husband began noticing the physical changes, he wanted to be part of this life-changing process.

By working out as a couple, we are sharing our commitment to fitness and health, while increasing our time together.

We all have good intentions to exercise. Busy lifestyles can get in the way. You may not feel like pushing yourself to go to the gym. However, having a partner to encourage you to go exercise may be all you need. It's even more beneficial when you add competitiveness to the equation!

When a couple devotes their time to fitness and health, they demonstrate a value and commitment to their relationship. Thus, striving to be the best you can be as far as your appearance is probably one of the hardest, but one of the most beneficial goals for a couple.

A favorite quote of yours truly is: "Love is sharing everything."

The fitness room is a great place to start!

Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading Scholarship Award

The Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading Program's mission includes building and maintaining a highly visible program that fosters the overall development of the athletes who participate, as well as providing a true youth football and cheer feeder system for the Catoctin High School Program to continually achieve a wide base of fundamentally prepared young men and women, both on and off the field.

Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading, in maintaining their goals of developing the youth of the community, is honored to announce two \$500.00 Scholarships—one for football and one for cheerleading—to a graduating senior at Catoctin High School. The deserving seniors will receive the scholarship for any additional training after graduation. This includes a four-year college, community college, vocational training, or any other form of continuing education.

Candidates must meet the following requirements: must have participated two years of CYA Football or Cheerleading; must have participated in two years of Catoctin High School Football or Cheerleading.

The voting members of the Catoctin Youth Football and Cheerleading Program will review all applications. The finalists may be contacted for an interview. Additional information is available at www.catoctinfootball.net or by calling Rob or Sherry Myers 301-447-3430.

The One Mountain Foundation Establishes Scholarships For 2012

The One Mountain Foundation (OMF) has established a scholarship program to recognize outstanding and deserving students from the schools serving the mountaintop communities of Cascade, Pen Mar, and Sabillasville, Maryland; and Blue Ridge Summit and Fountaindale, Pennsylvania, as well as the corresponding areas surrounding those communities.

The 2012 goal is to award four \$1,000 scholarships, one each to a senior from Smithsburg, Catoctin, Waynesboro, and Fairfield High Schools. Eligible applicants must be seniors of Smithsburg High School who reside within the Cascade Elementary School District, seniors of Catoctin High School who reside within the Sabillasville Elementary School District, seniors of Waynesboro High School who reside within the Hooverville Elementary School District, and seniors of Fairfield High School who reside within the Fairfield Area Elementary School. The applicant's area of study or planned school program must result in a degree or in a professional certification. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2012, and be received no later than April 10, 2012. Blank scholarship applications, criteria, and procedures can be found on the One Mountain Foundation website at www.onemountainfoundation.org.

Proceeds from One Mountain Foundation events and donations from the public and OMF members and sponsors provide the funding for these scholarships. Upcoming events include the 2nd Annual OMF Spaghetti Dinner, Auction, and Dance to be held at the Cascade American Legion on March 10, 2012, and the 5th Annual OMF Spring Dinner Theater to be held at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire and Rescue Squad Hall on April 13 and 14, 2012. Donations can be made by contacting Bill Carter via phone at 301-241-4501 or via internet at info@onemountainfoundation.org. Donors will receive a thank-you gift of a hand-crocheted scarf with a \$5 or more donation or lap afghan with a \$30 or more donation.

The One Mountain Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-stock corporation with a focus to promote and support educational programs, historical preservation, community improvement projects, cultural activities, and special projects that benefit the Mountaintop area. The Foundation is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year.

More information about the One Mountain Foundation as well as details about OMF's upcoming events may be found on its website: www.onemountainfoundation.org.



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2012 Safe and Sane Events

The Catocin High School (CHS) 2012 Safe and Sane Committee has a full calendar of events over the next several weeks. They need your help in raising funds for this year's Safe and Sane events.

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, the committee will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance at the Thurmont American Legion, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A DJ will play beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are on sale now. For tickets or more information, please contact Tina Delauter at 301-748-8553.

On Saturday, March 24, 2012, there will be a Gun Raffle at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, starting at 4:00 p.m. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 per person. Ticket price includes dinner. Dinner will include chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, and dessert, along with soda and beer.

On Sunday, April 1, 2012, a Safe and Sane Cash Bingo will be held at the AMVETS in Thurmont. The doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo starting at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. The committee is currently seeking sponsors for this event, as well as participants. For more information or to download a sponsorship form, go to www.catocinsafeandsane.com or contact Denise Shriver at 301-447-3640.

On April 21, 2012, the committee will hold a Golf Tournament at the Mountain View Golf Club. Watch www.catocinsafeandsane.com for more information as it becomes available or contact Bobby Phelan at 301-447-6644.

Join the CHS Safe and Sane Committee on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Media Center at Catocin High School for their monthly meeting. Come out and see what they are planning.

Thurmont Lions Club Scholarships

The Thurmont Lions Club is pleased to announce that the Club's Foundation will award four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Catocin High School (CHS) seniors again this year. One of the scholarships, named in honor of Lion Vic Jagow, the Club's longest-serving Lion, is renewable for a total of four years, as long as the recipient maintains an academic average of B or better.

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Thurmont Lions Education Night on May 9, 2012, and at the CHS honors ceremony during graduation week.

Applications for these scholarships are available in the Catocin High School office and on the Thurmont Lions Club website at www.thurmontlionsclub.com.

Completed applications and all documentation must be submitted to the school office no later than the close of the school day on April 13, 2012.

Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association Offers Scholarships

The Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association (EHSAA) is accepting scholarship applications. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded in May to deserving students. Any Catocin High School (CHS) senior or CHS graduate who is enrolled in an institute of higher learning is eligible if he/she resides in the Emmitsburg School district. This includes Emmitsburg 21727, Rocky Ridge 21788, and Taneytown 21787 (Taneytown boundary is determined by Bridgeport on Route 140). Applicants may apply each year, as long as they are enrolled in an institute of higher learning.

Selection is based on having a 3.0 or higher grade point average, being a full time student, presenting two letters of recommendation, and pursuing higher education (technical school, four-year college, or community college).

Applications may be obtained by contacting guidance department at Catocin High School (240-236-8100 Ext. 2) or calling Joyce Bruchey, secretary of EHSAA (410-775-7921). All applications must be received by May 15, 2011.

CYA Lacrosse Registration Still Open

Want to play the fastest game on two feet? Catocin Youth Association (CYA) Lacrosse is still registering players for the 2012 spring season. All boys and girls, ages 5 through 14, are eligible to participate. No experience is needed. Fees are \$85.00 per player. However, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

For more information, visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/catlax; call Dave at 301-471-7318 or Laurie at 301-748-7597; email CYALacrosse@gmail.com; or Facebook www.facebook.com/cya.lacrosse.

The first day of the spring season will be March 5, 2012, at Thurmont Middle School at 5:30 p.m. New and returning players can register at that time.

Catocin High School Senior Signs Soccer Scholarship National Letter of Intent



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Pictured left to right top row are Bernard Quesada, CHS Principal; Mark Olson, CHS Womens' Soccer Coach; and Kevin "Mac" MacMillan, CHS Athletic Director. Bottom row, Tara Woelfel, center, shown with her parents Brenda and John Woelfel.

Catocin High School senior, Tara Woelfel, daughter of John and Brenda Woelfel of Thurmont, recently signed her commitment papers to play soccer on scholarship at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., starting in the fall of 2012.

On Gardner-Webb's website, Tara is described as a "versatile force on the soccer pitch who has the ability to have an impact at both the midfield and forward positions." Gardner-Webb's Women's Soccer Coach, Kevin Mounce said, "Tara is a hard-working frontrunner who is just as happy assisting on a goal as scoring one. She has a great attitude and never stops working."

At Catocin, Tara had 25 goals, 16 assists, 176 shots with 108 on goal. Catocin's Womens' Soccer Coach, Mark Olson said, "She's a tremendous athlete and almost one of a kind by today's standards. She's a very disciplined player who works hard."

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PFC James Aubrey Houck

by Jim Houck, Jr.

On January 1, 1923, a New Year's baby arrived in Johnsville, Maryland. The new baby boy was delivered at home on the farm his parents owned and operated. He was named James Aubrey, and his parents were Roy Walter and Mary (Blessing) Houck. His mother gave him the name Aubrey, because she had gone to a movie and that was the star's name. She liked the movie so much that she said that was going to be her next boy's name.

Aubrey grew up helping on the farm and playing with his three brothers and one sister. He really liked feeding and riding the horses, but he wasn't fond of milking the cows. Of course, he made the best of it all, because he really wasn't one to complain. The field work was done mostly by horse and hand back then. The most modern piece of machinery the family owned was a thrashing machine.

Aubrey had to cut corn with a sickle and shock it; later, he would come around with the horses and wagon and load it all by hand. The hay was also done mostly by hand, except for the sickle bar mower that was horse-drawn. The hay, after drying, was loaded on the wagons with long pitch forks. When the hay arrived at the barn, it was unloaded and put in the mows by a very large cradle fork that was tied to a large rope, run through a block and hooked to the horses by a singletree and lifted to the hay mow.

Aubrey grew up working and playing on the farm and going to school at Elmer Wolf School in Union Bridge. He was old enough to drive his father's car by 1939, and his dad would lend him the car so that he and his brothers could go to the local fire hall dances. That is where he met Mary Jean Wantz. They started dating, fell in love, and got married. Shortly after their marriage, Aubrey was drafted into the Army Air Force to fight for our country until the war was over, or our President said he could come home.

Aubrey was only in the service for a short time when he got word that Jeanie (that's what he called his wife) was pregnant with his child. He was trained as a mechanic and worked on airplanes. He was then sent to Germany and fought in the infantry. Aubrey kept in touch with Jeanie by



Courtesy Photo

writing her when he had the chance and reading her letters from home. His son was more than two years old when he stepped off the train and saw him for the very first time. Aubrey and Jeanie lived with her parents for a while after he returned from the war, and he went to work at the Fairchild Airplane Plant. Jeanie's father worked as a mechanic for the Emmitsburg Railroad Company. One day Jeanie's father went for a walk in the woods behind his house. He was gone longer than usual, so someone went to see what was taking him so long. He was found sitting on a rock where he had passed away from a heart attack. Shortly thereafter, Aubrey moved his family, including his mother-in-law, to Hunt Valley, Maryland, where he began working for Shawan Farms. Shawan Farms consisted of around three thousand acres, owned by the Miller family. Aubrey began driving a team of mules to do farm work. Aubrey and Jeanie had two more children while there.

The family eventually moved to Taneytown, Maryland, to the Bob Bankert farm and took over the farming for the rent of the house. Aubrey also got a job working at the Cambridge Rubber company making rubber boots. While living and working there, they had another child, bringing the total to four. The oldest son was six years old now,

having been born in 1943, and was in first grade. He helped on the farm by putting the automatic milkers together, so that when his dad got off work, he could go right to the barn and start milking. Aubrey was very good at operating heavy equipment while in the army. So, when he heard of a job opening operating a horse drawn grader, and about the money they were paying to operate it, he jumped at the chance.

He moved the family back to Emmitsburg, where he would reside for the rest of his life. Aubrey was a member of VFW Post 6658 in Emmitsburg, American Legion Post 121 in Emmitsburg, and the Indian Lookout Conservation Club. Aubrey and Jeanie finished their family with another son, making the total of children four boys and one girl—the same as his mother and dad. He built a house along the Waynesboro Pike, just one mile outside of Emmitsburg. It seemed there was always someone there for him to work on their vehicle (trucks, cars, and even tractors) and he would not accept anything for it. He would always say, "Maybe I'll need something some day and then you can pay me back,"

but everyone knew he wouldn't accept anything.

Aubrey had a mild heart attack and the doctors said he should think about slowing down. So, after operating heavy equipment for Hempt Bros. Road construction for over thirty years, he retired. He had another heart attack, and was recuperating to have surgery, when he suffered a massive heart attack. On April 15, 1980, he passed away at fifty-seven years of age, in the CCU of Gettysburg Hospital. His mother had passed in January and his sister in February of the same year.

I am sure by now you know that I am writing about my father (some of you called him Orby, some called him Orvy; he would smile, but he never corrected anyone). I can't remember ever hearing him say anything bad about anyone. He was the hardest working, kindest, and most giving man I have ever met. I am sure if you had the good fortune of meeting him, you would be in complete agreement. You became his friend instantly upon meeting him.

I didn't write much about his time in the service during WWII. He never spoke much about it, and when you mentioned something about it to him, he would just smile and change the subject. I do know that he was proud to fight for our freedom and was very patriotic, and that's enough for me.

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Weather or Not

by Valerie Nusbaum

I'm mystified and amazed by the strange malady that afflicts all the men in my family. I call it "weather-itis." My father had it. My brother has it, and Randy definitely has it, too. So does my father-in-law, and I'm pretty sure my brother-in-law and my nephews were hit by the "disease," as well. Oddly enough, the sickness has completely passed by all the females on both sides of the family.

Weather-itis causes men to become obsessed with the weather. It involves sitting glued to the television, while the Weather Channel shows the local forecast over and over again—every ten minutes to be exact. The forecast remains unchanged for hours, but the afflicted person must keep watching, just in case something changes.

At the first hint of impending rain or snow, the person who has this infliction feels a compulsion to go from window to window—while The Weather Channel plays in the background, of course—and inform anyone within hearing distance of the color and shape of the cloud formations. Don't get me started on the radar.

The temperature outside must be closely monitored at all times. In the homes of persons who suffer from the weather sickness, there are various weather stations where, at any given time, it is possible to check the temperature, wind gusts, and trends. Randy has not one, but two, thermometers sitting on our kitchen windowsill. One of them is a total weather station that has cables and sensors connected to a weather vane on top of his workshop in the backyard. He has a smaller sub-station in the bedroom, so that

every morning he can compare the actual weather at our house with the forecast shown on television. Randy bought a weather station for his dad, and now they check in with each other every day and compare notes. Every once in a while, Randy's dad calls to say that his station doesn't seem to be working properly, and Randy goes over there and climbs up on their garage to adjust something.

My brother bought a weather station for our mother a few years ago. The monitor is sitting on her kitchen windowsill, hidden behind her pots of African violets. Once in a while, she checks the temperature before she heads out to have breakfast with her friends, so she'll know whether to wear a jacket or not. Mostly, though, she just glances out the window and says, "Oh gosh, it's raining. Better grab an umbrella," or "It's March. I probably need a coat."

Women—or at least the ones in my family—just don't have the same fascination with the weather. While I'm not a weather junkie, I will admit that I have a fondness for some of the men who report the weather—Sam Champion, because he's just so pretty, and Topper Shutt, because his name is fun to say. I also feel a certain affinity for Jim Cantore, because that poor man has survived more storms than I have fights with the neighbors' cat. That darned Weather Channel sends poor Jim to report on every horrific weather event that occurs, and he stands there wearing his yellow slicker and smiles for the camera. If I ever hear that Ol' Jim is coming to Thurmont, I'm

leaving town before the storm hits.

Randy checks in with the National Weather Service before we travel, so that he'll know what to expect. I pack warm clothes, cool clothes, and rain gear. He takes his laptop and blackberry along, so he can check from the road and find out the weather in the next town. As soon as we get to our hotel room, he turns on the television and quickly locates The Weather Channel. I go to the sliding doors, open the drapes and step onto the balcony to see what's happening outside. From there, I'm able to notice if the wind is blowing or it's raining. I usually carry a jacket or an umbrella when I'm out; that way, if the weather changes I'm ready for it. It seems so much easier and less stressful to do it this way.

I've checked around, and most families I know have at least one man who exhibits symptoms of this disease. I even came across one woman who has it, but she appears to have inherited it from her father. I'm curious to know if there are other families out there who are dealing with weather-itis. When you see me at the grocery store, please share your stories with me. For so long, I have thought I was suffering alone.

Let me leave you with this: March is typically chilly and windy; wear a jacket when you go out.

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body wisdom

by Teresa Dukich, L.M.T.

From a philosophical point of view, we humans are comprised of a body, a mind, and a spirit. After years of giving body wisdom, it's pretty easy to distinguish those individuals who spend much of their lives wrapped around thoughts. The body never lies.

Using a hypothetical range of 70 percent, 20 percent, or 10 percent, become aware of how you live your days. In other words, how much time do you spend in your mind? How much time do you really spend in your body? And finally, how much time do you spend in your spirit? Are you true to yourself in your evaluation? Did you observe how those ranges change with what you are experiencing at any given moment?

In the work day, it's demanded of you to be at least 70 percent in your brain. We might experience physical sensations—pains, hunger, bathroom needs, sneezes, and yawns—but for the most part, we're probably not focused on our body. Our total concentration is focused on our work.

At the end of the day, when your time is your own again, you're more mentally available to listen to

the body. You're allowed the space in time to be more fully cognizant. How do you use that time? Do you get outside and walk the dog? Do you ride the exercise bike or go to the gym?

Do you play baseball in the backyard with the kids? Can you *hear* the desire for the arms, legs and back to stretch after your long drive home?

How wonderful it would be to incorporate stretching throughout the day. It revives your energy. Your body's wisdom will supply more blood to the muscles, organs, and the brain, especially when you sprinkle that stretch with a few deep breaths. You don't stop being "a body" just because you are at work.

As for the spirit, some folks only experience this component on Sunday. Perhaps the range changes from 70 to 100 percent on this particular day. Perhaps you experience 80 percent spirit seven days a week. While you're performing that mental evaluation of your body, don't forget to give thanks for the working parts. The father of Chiropractic, B.J. Palmer says, "The power that made the body, heals the body."

Nothing could be truer. There are

no flaws in God's design. The flaw happens in us, who have been given the freedom of choices.

My point is that these ranges will fluctuate on a day to day and even sometimes an hour to hour basis. Don't neglect the body, because you're always stuck in your brain. Don't neglect the brain, because you're always in the spirit. Use the spirit to honor the body. There must be homeostasis (balance). Each one needs cultivating.

Somewhere in our day, all of us will encounter a computer screen, newspaper, magazine, TV, business card, or even a passing truck on the highway, where we will see the abbreviation www. We all know that stands for World Wide Web. But the next time you see it, change the meaning to Water, Walking, Worship. These three *ingredients* will help you balance mind, body, and spirit. For instance, water helps just about every system in the body, and it hydrates the brain. Walking lubricates the joints of the body and helps clear the mind. Perceived big problems will seem more like little problems after a nice long walk. As for worship, it comforts the brain while cultivating the spirit. Besides, it's good to bend your knees. www.

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Thurmont Lions Club Recognizes Boy Scout Troop 270 Achievements



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Pictured left to right are Lion President Ross Smith with Eagle Scouts Joel Norris, Josh Bostian, and Marcus Bosche, and Scout Master Dwayne Snyder and Lion John Brown.

Boy Scout Troop 270 and their families joined the troop's sponsors, the Thurmont Lions Club, at a recent meeting. Lion Ross Smith presented Eagle Scout Josh Bostian with the 2012 Ross Smith, Sr. Scouting Award. Josh worked over 250 hours on a project upgrading the parking lot and cemetery at the Weller United Methodist Church. Three other Eagle Scouts were also recognized for their accomplishments. For his project, Marcus Bosche made improvements to the cemetery at the Weller United Methodist Church. Matthew Dohm's project was to upgrade and renovate the grounds of the Schifferstadt Museum. Building picnic tables and making other improvements at the Catocin Church of Christ was the project chosen by Joel Norris. The Thurmont Lions Club has sponsored Troop 270 since 1932.

Emmitsburg Pack 727 Soars to the Finish Line

Members of Emmitsburg's Cub Scout Pack 727 watched rockets soar to the finish line, as they recently competed with each other in a "Space Derby." Members were given a wooden rocket, similar to a pinewood derby car, and instructed to prepare the rocket to soar along a fishing line. Scouts sanded, painted, and decorated their rockets, prepared to compete against members of their den and then against the winners within the pack.



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Pictured are the winners of the Pack 727 Space Derby (left to right): Matthias Buchheister—2nd Place, Blaise Ridenour—3rd Place, Peter Anadale—1st Place, and Declan Phelan—4th Place

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Unit 727 Emmitsburg is comprised of Cub Scout Pack 727 and Boy Scout Troop 727. Established in 2006, Unit 727 is sponsored by St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg. Meetings are generally held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you would like additional information, please call St. Joseph's Church at 301-447-2326 or visit their website at 727scouts.yolasite.com.

Girl Scouts Earn Silver Award



Photo by Carie Stafford

Pictured left to right are Veronica Patrick, Hannah Barth, Madison Beavin, and Kelsey Stafford.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn as a Cadette. Girl Scout Troop 81200 and 81091 celebrated, with family and friends, the accomplishments of several Cadettes in their troops who earned this prestigious award. Many

requirements are needed before the Silver Award project can be completed. Those requirements demonstrate leadership and organizational skills, preparing them for the project. Choosing a silver project takes brainstorming, making an outline, implementing a plan, turning the plan into action, and completing the project. The project is based on a community need.

By receiving the award, they become the latest to show that good intentions count for a little, but using until the application of ability and determination produces the results. This award demonstrates that they are a person of good character and capable of devoting themselves to a worthy task.

Additional Girl Scout Leadership awards were given, and Community Service awards were awarded to the girls for earning 25 hours or more in community service with one organization. The girls also bridged to Senior Girl Scouts, where their leadership journey will continue.

Congratulations to Hannah Barth, Veronica Patrick, Kelsey Stafford, Madison Beavin, and Lindsey Stanley for joining the ranks of girls and women who have shown similar dedication to purpose.

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by Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library

In addition to the Celtic Fest at Mt. St. Mary's on March 8, 2012, another big happening in March at both the Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries is BookFest: Where Spies & Mysteries Lie. Both branches will feature a variety of mysterious activities on Saturday, March 10, 2012, including Cryptic Codes; a Scooby-Doo movie, a special speaker from the Secret Service, spy crafts, a visit from Blues Clues, and more.

March is always Youth Art Month at the Thurmont library. Clare Bush, the library's Teen Library Associate, invited teens from the North County region to submit art for the community to enjoy. This exhibit is always impressive, showcasing the talents of students from Catoctin High School, Thurmont Middle School, and from area homeschooling families. This month teens can also celebrate the long-awaited release of the Hunger Games movies, based on the super popular book by Susan Collins. On March 24, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., the Tuscarora Archers Club members will demonstrate the skill of archery that helped save Katniss and Peeta more than once in the novel. Come as you are or dress "Hunger Games" style. Registration is required for this event, so sign up early.

Programs for younger children are almost daily at the Thurmont

Regional Library, and can be easily found on our website at www.fcpl.org. This month, we're featuring a special evening program called "Terrific Tuesdays." This night-time story program meets the needs of busy parents who may not be able to attend morning sessions, but who don't want to miss out on the fun of a library story program. It starts every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Activities will vary every week and may include stories, crafts, treats, games, and more.

We're up and moving, too, and on March 24, 2012, Zumbatonic will happen at 10:15 a.m. for ages 4-7, and then at 11:15 a.m. for ages 8-12. Zumbatonic has the kids up and dancing to that Latin Zumba beat just for kids! A great fitness activity to say "adios!" to winter! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Another special program we're featuring takes place monthly. The Guys Book Club is on March 28 this month at 4:00 p.m., and is just for the guys ages 8-12, and is loaded with cool games, books, snacks, and fun. Perfect for reluctant readers to find out that reading is fun.

Registration is required for all of the programs listed above. Go to our page on Frederick County Public Libraries website at <http://www.fcpl.org/information/branches/thurmont/index.php> and register today.

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- 1.....Learning Lunch: Preserving Your Family Documents, Museum of Frederick County History. 12:00-1:00 p.m. 301-663-1188 ext. 102 or rcrago@hscinfo.org. Participation is free!
- 2,16,23,30Lenten Fish Bake, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, N. Church Street, Thurmont. 5:00-7:30 p.m. Adults/\$10, Ages 4-11/\$5, 3 and under/Free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #11975.
- 2.....Open House, St. John's Christian Preschool, 15 North Church St., Thurmont. 9:00-9:30 a.m., Information Session; 9:30-10:00 a.m., Tour of School. Registration: March 5, 8:00-11:00 a.m.—Registration for Current Students. March 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m.—Registration for new 2, 3, and 4 year-olds. 301-271-4109.
- 2.....First Friday Open Mic Nite, St. Philomena's, 2 West Main St., Emmitsburg. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Please bring donation for Catocin Pregnancy Center. 301-447-3833.
- 3.....Bull Roast, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. Dinner and games 7:00 p.m.; live auction 8:30 p.m.; dancing until 11:00 p.m. Tickets: \$30/person. Must be over 21 years of age. 301-447-3161, www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 3.....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 3.....Spring Supper and Bazaar, Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg. Noon-5:00 p.m. \$11/eat in, \$12/carryout, \$4/children under 12. 301-447-6239 eliasluth@yahoo.com.
- 3, 4, 10, 11 Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading) Visitor Center, State Route 77 three miles west of Thurmont. 1:00 p.m. Maps and compasses are provided for the day. Free for ages 10 and older. Class size. 301-663-9388.
- 6.....Thurmont Heritage Days Meeting, Thurmont Grange Hall, Thurmont. 6:00 p.m. New members invited.
- 7.....The Clustered Spires Chorus for women of all ages and voice parts, weekly rehearsal, St. Thomas More Academy, 3989 Buckeystown Pike. 7:00-9:30 pm. 301-644-1589.
- 7.....Open House, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Science Fair Night, 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 8-15 Penny Power Week, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. All proceeds go towards the MSS Technology/Computer Program. 301-447-3161 mothersetonschool.org.
- 10....Frederick County Young Farmers' 3rd annual QuarterMania Fundraiser, Thurmont Activities Building, Thurmont. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games begin 7:00 p.m. \$6.00. No advance ticket sales; large parties encouraged to arrive early. Amanda 301-788-2254.
- 10....The Spires Brass Band presents "A Musical Potpourri", Frederick Community College, Jack B. Kusmaul Theater. 8:00 p.m. \$12/adults; \$10/ students or senior citizens. jgslezak2@msn.com 301-662-8320.
- 10....Bingo Bash, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg, MD. Doors open 4:00 p.m.; games begin 7:00 p.m. \$35/advance; \$45/door. 301-748-6894; 240-285-3184. Group reservations must be made by March 2.

- 10....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 10....CHS Safe & Sane St. Patrick's Day Dance, Thurmont American Legion, Thurmont. 7:00 p.m.; DJ 8:00 p.m. \$10/person. 301-748-8553.
- 10....Spaghetti Dinner, Auction & Dance, One Mountain Foundation at American Legion Post #239, McAfee Hill Road, Cascade. Dinner 5:00 p.m., auction 7:00 p.m., dancing 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$10/adults, \$5/ages 5-12, 5 & under/free. 301-2741-3964 or 717-794-9988.
- 16,17..... Cinderella's Closet—Just in time for Prom, Town Hall, Walkersville. Friday, March 16—6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 17—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Volunteers and donations always needed. Kathy Briske at kbriske@verizon.net or 301-682-8020.
- 16,17..... \$5 Bag Sale, The Thrift Shop of Seton Center, Inc., 16840 Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. March 16—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; March 17—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 17....Fourth Annual Mountaintop Community Spring Fair, Blue Ridge Summit, Blue Ridge Fire Hall. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Amanda Bowders Community Memorial Garden. Collectibles Road Show (\$5 per item), Auction 2:00 p.m. Vendor spaces: \$10/8' x 10' space (includes an 8' table). Contact Lynn or Duke Martin 717-642-5645.
- 17....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 17.... "Think Spring" Yard Sale, Fort Ritchie Community Center, 14421 Lake Royer Dr., Cascade. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$15/ space. 301-241-5085.
- 17,18..... Warm the Heart Tea, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$18 /advance, \$23/door (Ages 11 and older); \$12/advance/\$17/door (Children ages 4 to 10 years). 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 18....Spring Celebration, Mt. View Ministries, 103 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Featuring the Wingert Family Singers 10:30 a.m. service and Pastor Bill Yount praise at 6:00 p.m. 301-271-9088.
- 20 ... The Catocin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. March meeting, the Log Collier House, 12607 Catocin Furnace Road, Thurmont. 12:00 p.m. New members are welcome and lunch will be served. Visit <http://www.catocinfurnace.org>.
- 21....Slippery Pop Pie Dinner, Lewistown United Methodist Church, 11932 Hessedong Bridge Road, Thurmont. 12:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Dinner features ham and chicken pop pie, green beans, cold slaw, applesauce, drinks, and dessert. \$11/Adults; \$6/Children 6-12. Carryouts/\$12. 301-898-7888.
- 23....2012 Thurmont Economic Development Committee Business Expo, Catocin High School, Thurmont. This year's theme is the "Fabulous 50's." Applications online at www.thurmontfirst.com.
- 23,24..... AACA - SMR 42nd Annual Indoor/Outdoor Antique Auto Parts Meet, Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick, MD. (set-up 1:00 p.m. on Thursday 22nd). Gate opens at 6:00 a.m. Robert Clubb 301-831-0300; smraaca@aol.com; Fax: 301-831-5144.
- 23,24..... Turkey and Oyster Supper, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont. March 23—3:00-7:00 p.m.; March 24—1:00-6:00 p.m. \$15/Adults; \$8/Children (5-10); Free/under 5. 301-271-2379.

community event calendar

- 23-25Revival, Monocacy Church of the Brethren, 13517 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. March 23&24—7:00 p.m.; March 25—10:30 a.m. Bro. Dave Rittenhouse.
- 24....Booksigning, St. Philomena's, 2 West Main St., Emmitsburg. 1:00-3:00 p.m. J. Catherine Sherman, PhD, Inviting God into My Pain: Grieving. 301-447-3833.
- 24....Celtic Music by Seasons, St. Philomena's, 2 West Main St., Emmitsburg. 7:00-9:00 p.m. 301-447-3833.
- 24.... "Rock and Roll" Dance, Emmitsburg Lions Club at Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building, 17701 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 301-447-2401.
- 24....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 24....Catfish Fry With Fried Chicken, All You Can Eat, Sons of AMVETS Post 7, 26 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. Doors open 3:00 p.m.; eat 4:00-7:00 p.m.; DJ and Karaoke 8:00 p.m.-midnight. \$15/ person. Must be 21 years old. 301-271-3371.
- 24....CHS Safe & Sane Gun Raffle, Emmitsburg Fire Hall, W. Main St., Emmitsburg. 4:00 p.m., doors open 3:30 p.m. \$25/person. Includes dinner. Tina Delauter 301-748-8553.
- 24....Bingo to support WorkCamp 2012 (the youth and their service), Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. Doors open 4:30 p.m. (with a hot meal). \$35/advance. John Dowling 301-271-4439.
- 24....Money Bingo, Thurmont Ambulance Company, N. Church Street, Thurmont. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; games begin 7:00 p.m. 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. www.thurmontambulance.com.
- 24....Spring Craft Fair, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Depaul Street & North Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Jane 717-642-1247 or Jgerde@Embarqmail.com.
- 24....Cancer Benefit Dinner, Thurmont Activities Building, Thurmont. Steamed Shrimp & Fried Chicken. \$25/ticket. Benefit Frederick Regional Cancer Therapy Center. 301-418-5728 or 301-447-6484.
- 24 Tack Sale, sponsored by Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program, at the Frederick Fairgrounds. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Lots of gently used tack. Vendors welcome. E-mail recordtitle@aol.com.
- 25....Brady West Bingo, Thurmont Ambulance Company, N. Church Street, Thurmont, MD. 301-748-5359 or 301-271-3820. www.thurmontambulance.com.
- 28....Open House & Young Author's Night, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.
- 30 ... EBPA Celebrity Bartender Night, Reds Tavern, 135 Chesapeake Ave., Emmitsburg. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Benefits Emmitsburg's Food Bank.
- 30....Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Depaul Street Emmitsburg. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 31....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 31....Buck A Bowl/Gun Drawing, Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., 17701 Creamery Rd., Emmitsburg. 5:00-9:00 p.m. Gun Drawing 8:30 p.m. 301-447-6864; 301-447-2073; 717-642-9335.
- 31....Bell and History Day, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S.

- Seton Ave, Emmitsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Enjoy living history and children programs. 301-447-6606.
- 31....Bell and History Day, Blacksmith Shop in Camp Round Meadow. 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 31....Oyster, Country Ham & Turkey Dinner Buffet, Faith United Church of Christ, 9333 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. 1:00-6:00 p.m. \$15.00/Adults; \$7.00/Children 6-12. Carryouts \$16. 301-271-7573.
- 31....Spring Craft Bazaar, Fort Ritchie Community Center, 14421 Lake Royer Dr., Cascade. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Vendors Wanted! Free Admission. Great food; prizes; face painting for kids; Easter gifts. Bev Coyle 301-241-5085.
- 31....Community Egg Hunt (children up to age 12), the Mt Moriah Lutheran Church Community Center (Foxville Schoolhouse), 14814 Foxville Deerfield Rd., Sabillasville. 11:00 a.m. Light refreshments. 301-824-7774.
- 31....Easter Bazaar, Woodsboro Fire Co. Activities Bldg., 10307 Coppermine Rd., Woodsboro. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Crafts, homemade goodies, sandwiches, slippery pot pie, & more. Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. Table Rent—301-401-2824. Preorder pot pie (by 3/28)—301-845-2978.

april

- 1.....Bell and History Handbell Concert, Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S. Seton Ave, Emmitsburg. 5:00 p.m. 301-447-6606.
- 1.....CHS Safe & Sane Cash Bingo, at the Amvets, Thurmont. Doors open 12:30 p.m.; bingo 2:00 p.m. \$15/advance; \$20/door. Committee currently seeking sponsors/participants. Download sponsorship form: www.catocinsafeandsane.com or call Denise Shriver at 301-447-3640.
- 4.....Thurmont Senior Center Grand Re-opening. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Ribbon cutting 11:00 a.m.; lunch at noon. Silent auction, entertainment, refreshments throughout the day. Reserve lunch 24 hours ahead 301-271-7911.
- 6.....Spaghetti and Pizza, All You Can Eat Dinner, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge. 7:00 p.m. \$8/age 12-Adult; \$4/ages 4-11; Free/ages 3 and under. 301-271-2666.
- 6.....First Friday Fun, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Peter Rabbit program for ages 2-6; includes story, activities, craft. \$4/Child. 301-600-1650 or www.rosehillmuseum.com.
- 6.....Good Friday Service, Trinity United Church of Christ, 101 East Main St., Thurmont. 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- 7.....Money Bingo, Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co., 13516 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD. 7:00 p.m. 301-271-2666.
- 7.....Spring Easter Egg Roll, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Ages 2-12. Bring an Easter basket with grass; meet Easter Bunny; petting zoo; hayride; games & crafts. \$5/Child. Pre-registration 301-600-2936 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

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Apr 3 (Tue) \$84 - CRUISE

Dandy luncheon cruise on the Potomac at Cherry Blossom time. Lv Thurmont 8:30 Frederick 8:50 AM

May 3 (Thu) \$86 - SHOW

"Forever Plaid" at Allenberry Playhouse
Delicious lunch included & a lively, exhilarating musical.
Lv Frederick 9:45 AM
Thurmont 10:05 AM

May 30 (Wed) \$92 - SHOW

"Annie Get Your Gun" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre - Lancaster
Lunch prior to show. Irving Berlin's music is simply the most enchanting. Lv Frederick 9:00 AM Thurmont 9:20 AM

Sept 19 (Wed) \$108 - FOOD & SHOW

A visit to the Turkey Hill Experience (Columbia, Pa), then on to the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant for lunch and an Amish show, "The Confession". Lv Frederick 7:30 AM Thurmont 7:50 AM

May 16 (Wed) \$95 - SHOW

Victorian Treasures is the name for this mystery tour with lunch included. Lv Thurmont 7:30 AM Frederick 7:50 AM

June 21 (Thu) \$92- SHOW

"Legally Blonde" at Dutch Apple DT This is an all singing, all dancing, feel good musical comedy. Lv Frederick 9:00 AM Thurmont 9:20 AM

Aug 11 (Sat) \$85 - FESTIVAL

"Seafood Feast - I - Val at Cambridge, Md An annual festival to raise money for the Fire Co with lots of food, crafts and a city tour. Lv Thurmont 8:00 AM Frederick 8:20 AM

Aug 14 (Tue) \$98 - SHOW

"Jonah" at Sight & Sound - Lancaster. Details same as May 2nd.

May 2 (Wed) \$98 - SHOW

"Jonah" at Sight & Sound. Lunch incl. at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant. Show at 1:00 PM Lv. Frederick 9:00 AM Thurmont 9:20 AM

May 24 (Thu) \$86 - SHOW

"Country Classics" at American Music Theatre - Lancaster an all-out tribute to country music's very best. Lv Frederick 9:00 AM Thurmont 9:20 AM

Aug 7 (Tue) \$86 - SHOW

"American Icons" at American Music Theatre, Lancaster This is an ultimate tribute to America's greatest entertainers. Lv Frederick 9:00 AM Thurmont 9:20 AM

Aug 21 (Tue) \$89 - MUSIC

"COLE" Porter - - Enjoy the beautiful music of this famous composer and songwriter.

Overnight Trips

Our tours have included many destinations in the states, as well as around the world.

(May 7 - 10) Charlotte, NC, NASCAR & BILLY GRAHAM

4 days / 3 nights \$527 (per person) double occupancy. Tour includes a visit to the Levine Museum of the New South, to the Nascar Hall of Fame, the Charlotte Motor Speedway, a visit to Kannapolis, home of Dale Earnhardt, the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Billy Graham Library & family home. 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners included.

(June 3 - 7) CAPE COD

5 days / 4 nights \$793 (per person) double occupancy. Tour includes: tour to Woods Hole, cruise to Martha's Vineyard with bus tour, walking tour & lunch, tour to Provincetown at tip of island, whale-watching cruise, lobster dinner, cruise to Nantucket Island and tour, and visit to JFK Memorial. 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners included.

June 26 - July 16 Canadian Rockies & Calgary Stampede 21 days/ 20 nights \$4212 (per person) double occupancy. This tour covers so many interesting and beautiful sights including: Corn Palace, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Little Bighorn Battlefield, Great Falls, Banff, so many beautiful waterfalls in the Canadian Rockies; Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier, Maligne Lake cruise, Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park & Medora Musical and so much more. If you've never been there, it's one beautiful area.

(July 23 - 26) Finger Lakes, New York

4 days / 3 nights \$795 PP (double occupancy) Head to Corning, NY to spend three nights at the Radisson Hotel where we meet our guide. On this tour visits will be made to the Corning Glass Museum, the Watkins Glass Museum, a winery and the summer home of Mark Twain and more. 3 breakfast, 2 lunches and 3 dinners included.

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