

## Rabies Is Back

Truthfully, rabies never left the area—it just seemed to diminish. New reports state this neurological disease is on the rise in our area. The Mid-Atlantic region has the highest incidence of rabies infections, with raccoons and skunks being the top carriers. Frederick County has had eight documented incidents, this being the highest number of documented incidents in Maryland.

In March, a confirmed report of a rabid dog in Ijamsville has people worried rabies is on the rise again. However, this is the first documented case of a rabid dog in Frederick County since 2008. In order to confirm the presence of rabies in an animal, a tissue sample of the animal's brain is taken after death and tested. The dog in Ijamsville has tested positive and was found to have been bitten by a raccoon. The livestock on the farm where the dog lived are now on a six-month quarantine to ensure no transfer of the disease can take place, and multiple people are receiving the post-exposure vaccinations due to salivary contact.

Rabies is a slow moving disease. Initial signs can be seen within 10 days or take as long as several months. Signs to look for are: change in attitude, erratic behavior, biting or snapping, dropped open jaw, inability to swallow, hypersalivation, and fever. The disease runs along the nerves at a slow pace until it reaches the brain. This is the reasoning for the six-month quarantine. Any person or animal that has had direct salivary contact with a rabid animal has the possibility to develop the disease.

How do you prevent this? Make sure your pets—including the ones inside your home—are current on their rabies vaccinations. If you are unsure of your pet's status, contact your veterinarian for confirmation of vaccination dates. Don't take the chance with your pet's life or yours—have your pets vaccinated.

The Frederick County Health Department will be conducting rabies vaccination clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets (3 months of age or older) at the Thurmont Community Park, Thursday, June 9, 2011 and Thursday, September 8, 2011, Community Park Road, Thurmont, Maryland, across from Town Hall at 10 Frederick Road. Walk-ins: 5:00-8:00 p.m. Cost: \$8 per animal. RAIN OR SHINE! Please have animals properly contained, leashed, or in carriers. If you have any questions, please call 301-600-1717 or visit [www.edcp.org/vet/med/](http://www.edcp.org/vet/med/).

## MorningStar Family Church

The Thurmont Church formally known as Evangelical Bible Church under the pastorate of the Late Rev. Wade Sandridge, has been changed to MorningStar Family Church and is now pastored by his wife, Rev. Donna Sandridge.

The name change was effective as of January 2011. The church was established in 1981 and conducted services in several different locations, including the lower level of the present parsonage until 1999. At that time, construction was completed on the permanent present church building located at 14698 Albert Staub Road.

The white block church is clearly visible on a hillside at the north end of town. Travelers on Route 15 get an excellent view of the church, both in daylight hours and at night when the lights shining on the church make it a welcoming site.

The name change to MorningStar Family Church was made to reflect the functioning of the church as non-denominational, with special emphasis on family where people of all ages can come and enjoy the church services and fellowship.

The services are as follows: Adult & Youth Sunday School—9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service—10:45 a.m.; Sunday Night Prayer—5:00 p.m.; Bible Study Tuesday night—7:00 p.m. Youth Services: Sunday night—6:00 p.m.; and Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

An invitation is extended to all who are looking for a church home. Come to worship and grow with us at MorningStar Family Church. You will be loved and welcomed.

For additional information, contact Pastor Donna Sandridge at 240-575-1718.



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# May 7, 2011

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