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Taneytown ramps up self-promotion

A social media campaign called "Why TTOWN" started by Taneytown locals, hopes to add a boost to the small community of Taneytown. The concept of "Why TTOWN" began with two local business owners, Emily Graham, the owner of the Red Door Boutique, and David Underwood, co-owner of RUST. Both Graham and Underwood wanted to start a free social media campaign to show all the wonderful aspects that Taneytown has to offer.

The purpose of the campaign is to be positive and is meant to showcase what Taneytown has to offer. All the businesses, religious organizations, civic organizations, individual residents, and business owners within Taneytown have much to offer other communities.

Katt Grove was brought in as a member of the project after she had expressed her love for the town and how she had wanted to do something to help promote and showcase it as much as possible. "This is truly a place where friends become family and a gem of a town," stated Grove. She wants everyone to see what Taneytown has to offer, and ultimately, for the Community to

thrive. She believes that this is the first step towards the future growth that will happen in Taneytown. So Grove was brought on as a member of the team to handle the social media outlets and help boost promotions.

So far, the campaigning has included the installation and utilization of several social media domains such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Periscope. There has been one Facebook live post, which was held at The Red Door Boutique's Super Saturday earlier in July, and more are sure to follow. Grandma Gem's Family Restaurant, a local business, has also been featured thus far. One of the goals of the campaign is to feature every business in town one by one, and eventually feature individuals within the community, such as local residents or business owners.

Grove mentioned that the first featured individual would be Cheyenne Stonesifer, a Taneytown Resident who will be competing in the Miss MD USA Pageant this fall, and has a very amazing life story. Taneytown businesses such as Lori Sewell of Sewell's Christmas Tree Farm, and County Council-

man Joe Vigliotti, have also become involved with the project and are avid supporters. Everyone seems to be jumping on board with the project, which is a great thing to see in a small town.

The team has also been working together with other businesses in the community, to get back to the small town "everybody helps everybody and everybody wins" feeling. "This is what Small Towns should be about, and this is what Taneytown is, it's time it was shown."

Members of the "Why TTOWN" team will be present at the upcoming Family Fun Days and will have a booth set up with an interactive display and information of different business-



Taneytown's efforts to market itself have begun to pay off, as innovative businesses open in once-shuttered storefronts.

es in Taneytown. Grove hopes that the "Why TTOWN" team will be present at every upcoming event in Taneytown, showcasing the town and what it has to offer.

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94th Annual South Mountain Fair

Are you ready for the throng of tractors, the smell of corn dogs and the kids screaming gleefully on the Tilt-A-Whirl? Well, buckle up, because the 94th Annual South Mountain Fair will not disappoint! This year the fair will open the first week of August, August 2nd through August 6th, which is about two weeks earlier than in the past.

Admission for the fair is \$7.00 for adults and is free for all children under 36" in height. All entertainment is included in the admission price and parking is provided to the public for free. Anyone using free passes must purchase a carnival ride armband at the gate for a small fee if they wish to ride the carnival rides.

The South Mountain Fair provides a chance for children in Adams County to be acknowledged for their personal efforts ranging from hobby interests to animal husbandry, for local and national merchants to show off their wares, and for community members from far and wide to come together and join in an evening full of fun.

Livestock exhibitions scheduled to be held during the fair include

swine competitions on August 2, goat and sheep competitions on August 3, beef, calf and steer competitions on August 4, and dairy cattle competition on August 21, the annual junior livestock sale will be held on August 5. The grand culmination of all the livestock shows commences with the 4H/FFA livestock sale on August 5.

South Mountain Fair Secretary Joanne Irvin said that many other fair favorites will return this year, including a baked goods auction on August 2 with part of the proceeds going to a local charity, a draft horse pulling contest on August 3, a fireworks display on August 4, an antique small gas engine demonstration on August 5 and 6, and a parade of antique farm equipment on August 6.

Other activities include a Monster Energy Motocross Stunt Rider show on August 2, a chainsaw carving show on August 5 and 6 and the South Mountain Falling Fainters Goat Show, which will occur on August 6. Exhibit buildings will be open every day for the public. Exhibits include: a photography exhibit; floral exhibit; baked goods, wine, vegetables, grain and

fruit exhibits; crafts and art pieces of all kinds; as well as 4H projects.

Entertainment this year includes the Battle of the Bands, sponsored by Rocky 98.5 on August 3, T.G. Sheppard on August 5 and Gravy, a local classic rock band will be performing on August 6. Entertainment will be held in the Auditorium. Come on out and enjoy some free music!

The fair was officially kicked-off in 1922, and continued on annually until 1930, when it was cancelled that year because of a drought. The annual event picked up again in 1931 and continued until 1941, when it was again cancelled, this time due to



While the South Mountain Fair has the greatest rides of any carnival or fair around, the heart and soul of the fair is, and always will be, the kids and their animals.

a polio epidemic, then World War II, according to the SMFA. The fair was resumed in 1948 and has been held every year since then.

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Dog park denied until further notice

The proposed dog park discussed back in May failed to pass at the July 5 Emmitsburg Town Council meeting. Official drawings were presented to the Council during the meeting depicting the two proposed locations as well as the rough design.

Site A was proposed to be located off of Cedar Avenue, behind the baseball field. This site would have two sections, one larger section and one smaller section for corresponding canine sizes/breeds. The total size would be 200 feet by 100 feet. This location would have a dog fountain, which is a common feature in dog parks. During the May meeting, residents local to that particular area had mentioned their concern over potential noise issues, and the safety of the children in the neighborhood. The total cost of this location was estimated to be approximately \$26,000. This price included the cost of fencing, stone

dust, grading, benches, two dog fountains and some trees.

Site B was proposed to be located further down from Site A, on the Southwest corner of Southgate. The proposed plan had no dog fountain included because the water line did meet the distance of the location. An extension onto the already existent water line would have to be put in if the fountain were a feature that was intended to be included. This location would be further away from residents, but was a further walk from the parking lot, which posed some concern. The total cost of this project was estimated to be about \$19,000. This cost however did not include the additional price of installing a water line for the dog fountains.

Both proposed locations were brought to the Parks and Recreation Committee for discussion. Unfortunately, no decision or recommendation was brought forward from that meeting, as only two mem-

bers were present, so quorum was not met. Council member, Jennifer Mellor played with the idea of a third location, behind the Emmitsburg Antique Mall. It would have been smaller, but would have been located away from residents. However, that idea was turned down as it would have been far too small.

After some additional discussion, Vice President Sweeny motioned to use Site B contingent upon grant funds to cover the additional cost of installing the water line to the location and the cost of extending the walking path from the parking lot to the dog park. The motion failed, 3-2. However, the Council agreed that they would wish to see the project come back again, with Community members present to voice their opinion and ask questions. The dog park was placed on the August agenda and all community members are welcome to attend the meeting.

\$123,810 grant awarded to VHC

On July 6th, Congressman Chris Van Hollen awarded a \$123,810 grant to the Vigilant Hose Company. The grant, which was submitted in March of 2016, was awarded as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the Department of Homeland Security. This grant will be used for the replacement of personal protective equipment, which includes new coats, helmets, and boots. Sixty sets of protective equipment will be replaced as a result of this grant money.

Federal funds are awarded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which

aims to strengthen first responders' ability to safely protect their communities. Operations and Safety grants are used for professional training, personal protective equipment, modifications to facilities, and supplies that support firefighting and non-affiliated EMS operations and safety.

The Vigilant Hose Company has been successful with grants in the past. In fact, the equipment that will be replaced this year was purchased twelve years ago as a result of receiving grant money from the same grant program. In the past, other grants were used to purchase weight equipment for the on-site

weight room/gym, and the repair of the ventilation system in the current building.

Vigilant Hose Company President, Frank Davis, spoke about how much it means to have received this grant. Even if the grant had not been awarded to VHC, Frederick County would have been able to assist the Fire Company in funding the new equipment. However, as Davis mentioned, "Receiving the grant contributes to the pride that Vigilant Hose Company has. We will be able to keep the Emmitsburg name on all of the purchased equipment, which certainly contributes to the



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Community Legacy Grant

On July 5, at the Emmitsburg Town meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the application for money to fund the Community Legacy Grant program. The Community Legacy Grant is a 50/50 matching State grant program used for community and Town improvements. In 2013, the Town received \$50,000 through this program and has received the same amount every year since. The Town is asking for \$75,000 this year, in

hopes of being able to fund some additional projects. The application of the grant would be for the 2017 fiscal year. In the past, the money received from this grant has been used for the square project and sidewalk improvements on Main Street.

Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance

Amendments to the Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places Code were discussed at the July 5 Town meeting. Concerns over citizen responsibility for littering in front

of homes within the Town limits were brought up in past meetings. A draft of amendments was sent to the Town attorney and was then brought to the Board for approval. Amendments included: specifics on the definition of litter, which includes newspapers, smoking debris, and trash. The amendment also included the statement that upon observation of an accumulation of debris and litter that is within violation of the code, the Town may send a written warning to the owner of the property under violation, who

pride felt for the community by all volunteers."

"First responders are on the front lines of emergencies every day, and they work tirelessly to make sure our communities are as safe as they can be," said Congressman Van Hollen. "This funding will help ensure that the Vigilant Hose Company is as prepared as possible to save lives and property when disaster strikes."

The Vigilant Hose Company has been a vital part of Emmits-

burg since 1757, when the community was first started. The Company made a humble journey from the beginning, where local community members ran buckets of water to the fire to help put it out to 1840, when the first fire equipment was purchased, to present time where the Vigilant Hose community currently consists of 100 active members. This grant will help Vigilant Hose Company to continue its great acts of service to the community.

then has ten days to correct the violation. If no correction is seen, then the property owner will be fined.

Commissioner Joseph Ritz mentioned his concern over property owners having to clean up the trash and litter of a passerby who may have littered on their property. President Tim O'Donnell spoke and said that the Town wants to promote a sense of cleanliness, and "walkability" of children, and residents in the community. Treasurer, Glenn Blanchard also spoke to the notion that those under violation will probably only be those who are blatantly offending the code; those who have trash all over their yard, as opposed to someone

who may have a few cigarette butts on their lawn.

After further discussion, the Commissioners decided to re-visit the amendment during the August meeting, after further modifications are made.

Lead Sewer/Water Operator Hired

On July 5, the Board voted unanimously to hire Matthew Desmond for the Town position of Lead Sewer/Water Operator. Of all the applicants, Desmond was by far the most qualified, already having his Class 5A Wastewater License. He worked for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Frederick prior to being hired by Emmitsburg.

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FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

Carroll Valley breaks ground for Borough building

On July 12, the Carroll Valley Borough Council and Borough staff members announced that the new Borough building has officially broken ground. After years of planning, the new building is finally taking off.

After much public concern, the building being constructed will only encompass 11,440 square feet, as opposed to the original 2015 plan of the Borough Center, which included 12,686 square feet. Of that square footage, 2,878 square feet was to be used for the borough offices; 3,789 square feet for the community center; 3,347 square feet for the police department; and 2,072 square feet for the Adams County Library System.

The building currently under way is smaller which was accomplished by reducing office space set aside for the police department, eliminating one meeting room and one conference room, a smaller library, and overall reduction to room sizes. The reduction in size will save the Bor-

ough approximately \$300,000 in construction cost. Additionally, other cost reduction measures were considered, including different light fixtures and floor mounted toilet fixtures versus the original wall mounted fixtures. With these additional costs cut, the total savings in approved design is estimated at approximately \$400,000.

With these cost reductions taken into consideration, the hopeful acceptance of the \$2 million grant, and the value of the land (\$560,000), the Borough is looking at spending approximately \$1.2 million. The Council still assures the community that they have budgeted for the construction of this new building, and that Carroll Valley citizens would not be seeing a tax increase.

Benedict Dubbs, the project architect from Murray Associates was pleased to say that the project is coming along nicely. By mid August, walls should be up. "Getting out of the ground is the worst part," said Dubbs.



Ground breaking ceremony: Project Manager Mike Kistler; Adams County Library System President Bob Shuey; Library System Financial Administrator Beth Cool; Library System Executive Director Karla Trout; Dan Patton, Council member; Sarah Skoczen, Council Vice President; Janis Ashman, Council President; Tyler Pyles, Council member; Ken Lundberg, Council member; Dave Hazlett, Borough Manager; Mayor Ron Harris; Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard II; and Murray Associates Architects Principal Benedict Dubbs.

"The time spent in ground is the time where unforeseen issues can arise." No expected issues are expected of course. During the week of July 18, geothermal wells were dug. If all goes as planned, the project may be completed by mid February.

Council member, Tyler Pyl-

es motioned to allow the Borough manager to make decisions regarding the building within the monetary limits of \$5,000, without having to bring the change order to the Board for approval. The motion was carried unanimously. David Hazlett, Borough Manager mentioned that he hopes he

never has to make a decision like that, and doesn't have any intention of using that granted authority because he feels as though it is important for the Council to hear every change order that may come to the table.

Future updates on the Borough building will follow monthly.

Carroll Valley news-briefs . . .

Lot exchange approved

During the July 12 Carroll Valley Borough Council meeting, a public hearing was held to discuss two lot exchange requests. Lot exchange #1 consisted of two different properties. The first located on 11 White Oak Trail was proposed to be exchanged for Borough owned lot on 46 Oak Ridge Trail. The other property within this request is located on 14 White Oak Trail and was requested to be exchanged for a Borough owned lot on 43 Oak Ridge Trail. The property on 14 Whit Oak Trail is considered a high value property, but sits on a flood plain, making it difficult to build on.

Mr. Stem, the current property owner who filed the requests, was present at the meeting. Mr. Stem only wished to exchange property in order to make a larger lot. In fact, Council member, Ken Lundberg, stated that the intention of the Borough exchanging properties is also to build more homes in Carroll Valley, but in order to do so some of the currently owned Borough lots need to be made larger. Exchanging properties will allow the Borough to have some larger lots that can then be purchased by homeowners wishing to build.

The second request was a lot located on 5 Roadside Trail to be exchanged for Borough owned lot on 31 Freedom Trail. Both requests, which consisted of three different property exchanges, were approved after the public meeting adjourned and the Council voted.

Feral cat population efforts continue

During the July 12 Borough Council meeting, the Council

was asked to allocate additional funds for the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program in Carroll Valley. An additional \$500 was approved to further fund this program. Vice President, Sarah Skoczen mentioned that the program has been continuing successfully. As of the weekend of July 9th, 100 cats had been trapped, neutered and released. On August 6 the next trapping will occur, and Skoczen hopes to finish the population in Section A.

Borough staff member, Gale Marthers promoted

The Borough of Carroll Valley is proud to announce that Gale Marthers, the Borough Secretary, has been promoted to a new Borough position entitled the Assistant Borough Manager/Borough Secretary, Assistant Borough Treasurer. She began her time with the Borough as a member of the Planning Commission. Since then, she became more involved in the Borough and other staff members spoke incredibly highly of her and her dedication to the Borough and Community.

Fairfield's Pippinfest – a great event for local crafters

Do you have a particular crafting talent? Fairfield's Pippinfest may be the place for you on Saturday, September 24 or Sunday, September 25 or both days!

Organizers still have some spaces on Main Street for craft vendors and particularly welcome crafters who would like to demonstrate their craft. The vendor fee for applications post-marked on or before August 1, 2016 is \$85 for one day and \$135 for two days. First time vendors who apply by August 15 will receive a \$15 off coupon upon request. There is no vendor fee for Fairfield area non-profit clubs and organizations having an address within the Fairfield School District.

This year marks the 36th anniversary for Pippinfest. The festival brings folks together for two days of local charm, crafts, food, and entertainment. Saturday is primarily a community yard sale day, but in recent years an increasing number of craft and food vendors are interspersed among the yard sales.

Saturday the focus is on crafts, entertainment, children, and of course, festival food!

If you are interested in participating as a craft or non-profit vendor or a craft demonstrator, you can obtain more information

on the "Vendor Listing & Information" page at ww.pippinfest.com. The 2016 applications are at the top of the page. You can also phone the Fairfield Borough Office at 717-642-5640 to speak with Susan.

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THURMONT NEWS



Warped Tour leaves its mark

On July 12, Thurmont welcomed the Vans Warped Tour crew to Frederick County to assist with some community improvement projects in the Town, including re-painting the wall in Community Park. What the Town didn't know, however, is that the Warped Tour crew would leave more than just a painted wall behind.

Warped Tour is a group of traveling punk rock musicians who travel across the country per-

forming, but also volunteering their time by participating in community improvement projects. Two years ago, the group came to Gettysburg after hearing about a tree-planting project from an organization called Journey Through Hallowed Ground. The experience was incredibly positive for the Warped Tour crew that they decided to see if they could come back again.

So, this year, the Warped Tour crew contacted Shuan Butcher, the

Director of Communications for the Journey Through Hallowed Ground organization, and asked if there were any projects in the area that could use the crew's assistance. Butcher pointed the crew toward northern Frederick County.

The morning of July 12 arrived and the Warped Tour Crew rolled into Thurmont's Community Park, 250 strong, at 6:30 in the morning. 40 volunteers stayed at the home base in Community Park, and the remaining volun-

teers dispersed to other locations in Frederick County, including Cunningham Falls State Park, the Emmitsburg Watershed, and the Catoctin Furnace.

Volunteers painted sidewalks, and bridges, but the biggest project was the wall in Community Park, which was in need of some attention and a new splash of color. The original plan and idea was to paint the wall in bold colors, blue to represent the sky, green to represent the grass and a stripe of yellow through the middle as a pop of color. However, there were three graffiti artists in one of the volun-

teer groups who decided that they wanted to give the wall a little more than just a basic paint job. So the concept of the mural depicting the Town's name and logo was created.

Town staff and community members were thrilled with all the work the volunteers were able to accomplish in one day, and the mural in Community Park will be a lasting artistic mark for the Town to remember all the amazing people that were able to come out and help.

Check the mural out for yourself, and stop into Thurmont's Community Park.

Main Street program recognized

Thurmont Main Street has been named a 2016 Main Street accredited community. Thurmont Main Street Manager Vickie Grinder has worked hard to ensure that Thurmont remains compliant in the rigorous requirements set forth to obtain this recognition. Public outreach, programming, economic development, sustainable practices, and the creation of a busi-

ness-friendly environment are only a few of the many required elements of this program.

Over the past year, Thurmont has achieved many goals which helped contribute to the community accreditation. Thurmont's Main Street Center, located at 11 Water Street, opened June 5th of this year. The Center is open most weekends and is staffed by volunteers in the community.

The Main Street Center serves numerous needs for the community such as functioning as the Visitor Center where visitors can pick up information on the town's businesses. The Center also provides a location where local artists can display and sell their artwork, it serves as a public meeting space open to various community groups, and it also serves as a main base for Christ-

mas in Thurmont, and will host various events during the holiday season.

Thurmont also has put on a variety of community events such as the Farmers Market, Gallery Strolls, "Thurmont Think Pink" and the "Buy Local" program. Not to mention Christmas in Thurmont, which is a yearly holiday event, that includes photos with Santa Claus,

caroling and the lighting of the Christmas tree in Mechanicstown Square Park.

Furthermore, the Town has also done some revitalization projects that included new sidewalks, new street lights, new benches, trash cans and bicycle racks. Partnerships with Catoctin Mountain Park, Cunningham Falls State Park and Frederick County Office of Economic Development were also created.

More information and further details will follow next month.

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Two Horses Killed By Lightning

Two horses belonging to Edgar Phillips, residing along Bruceville and Emmitsburg Road about 5 miles from Emmitsburg were struck by lightning and killed early Tuesday morning. The animals were standing under a tree in the field during a very severe electrical storm, which passed over this section in the early morning, and they were found dead later. Five other horses were also out, but they escaped.

Civil War Veterans Die

John Weikert, of Greenmont, died at his home Saturday morning from the effects of a stroke. He was 78. Mr. Weikert was a native of Adams County, and all his life he engaged in farming. He served three years in the Civil War as a member of Company B, 138 Pennsylvania Regiment. He was badly wounded at the battle of Mine Run.

John Pitzer died at his home on Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, Monday morning. He was 77. Mr. Pitzer served nine months in the Civil War as a member of the 165th Pennsylvania Regiment. He was well known in Emmitsburg where he frequently visited.

Qualifying For Circus Positions

Several men from Frederick tried the "loop to loop act" in a racing car last night at Franklinville. The two bridges on the state road at this point have been removed and a temporary crossing has been constructed at another place. A heavy barrier stands at the entrance to the old structures and on this several red lights are hung to warn drivers. The occupants of the car did not observe this danger signal and ran into it, full speed. The car ascended a pile of dirt, struck the heavy timber, made a flying leap and fell into the creek. The men in the machine were thrown over the windshield, landing headfirst into the water. By almost a miracle they escaped serious injury. The car, however, was demolished.

Cow Goes Its Own Way

A female of the Bovine genus with vision impaired and with a decided aversion to being driven, made for Matthews delivery head on, Wednesday morning, trip-

ping old Bart and causing the said beast to sit down upon the horse's head. Freeing herself, she essayed a little demolition stunt and kicked down 43 panels of board fence. She was not very much cut up after the incident, not figuratively speaking, either.

August 11

Booze Is The Best Laxative

"To keep the bowels regular the best laxative is booze," said Dr. Shorb at the society's monthly meeting at the Hotel Slagle's saloon. "Drink a full glass of booze half an hour before each meal and eat an abundance of fruits and vegetables. If you do so, you can be assured your bowels will move every day, even if you are not awake to remember it. Booze is also good for treating all the ailments that effect hard working men — such as cholera, colic, diarrhea and nagging wives — although you may need a few extra shots to fully block the shrill voices of the latter." Added the doctor.

Big Chautauqua

The big Chautauqua Emmitsburg, beginning September 1 is creating great interest not only in Emmitsburg, but also throughout the whole district. It is expected the event will raise a substantial sum for the Vigilant Hose Company under whose auspices this big affair is to be held. The object has been to give something of pleasure as well as uplift, to satisfy the demands of the young and old, to benefit the farmer, the professional man, and the average citizen. There'll be lectures from the Agricultural Department, as well as music, mirth, songs and melodies. Renowned Hawkeye Glee Club will also be appearing. Together they form a splendid vocal quartet. The trio's, solos, duets and readings are equally enjoyable. To miss these appearances is to lose a rare treat.

Big Boxing Bout

Next Saturday, the local devotees of the manly art of self-defense will have the opportunity of seeing a ten-round go between Tom Bower and Johnny Raven, the latter one of the fast ones from Baltimore, the home of boxing on Fireman's Field. This spell will not be a shadow picture affair. These boys will not stand around and pose. They will give the ringside fans

the worth of their money, and that money, by the way, will go to the Emmitsburg Baseball Club under whose auspices Saturday's bout will be pulled off. But a big crowd is expected considering the cause and the merely nominal price of admission—\$.25. Sports' lovers from neighboring towns have signified their intention of being there and it is not unlikely that other "mill" material will be inside the ropes before the main bout.

Barn Struck By Lightning

During the electrical storm Tuesday afternoon, the large bank barn on the farm of John Long, about 1/8 of a mile from town, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Mr. Long was sitting on the porch when the barn was struck and immediately ran out and got the livestock from the burning building. All the farming implements, a wagon and trap, the wheat crop, hay and oats, and a new engine valued at \$100 were burned. A hog pen, which was near the barn, was also destroyed, but all the hogs were gotten out safely. A large crowd of neighbors and people from town responded immediately and it was through their efforts that the other buildings were saved. Fortunately the wind was blowing in another direction.

August 18

Corn Bake On Thomas Creek

On Wednesday, a party of young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a corn bake along the creek at the old Gilson's farm. Although corn was cooked to the queen's taste by Frank Brown, whose reputation as a chef has long been established, there were any number of other delicious delicacies which were greatly enjoyed by large party present.

Runaway On Main Street

Saturday afternoon about three o'clock a spirited horse attached to a buggy became frightened and ran off going in full speed down Main Street. Although it was the busiest hour of the day and many cars and teams were on the street, the animal dodged hither and thither escaping all of them. Several people attempted to stop the horse, which was finally brought to a standstill by Mr. Thaddeus Maxwell.

Health Officer On The State Line

As usual, the state of Pennsylvania is as

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quick as a flash and taking precautions against disease. At the Mason-Dixon line on the Gettysburg Road, 1/2 miles from Emmitsburg, there is stationed a health officer, whose duty it is to cross examine and to issue or refuse health certificates to all who enter the state at this point. According to the health officer, Pennsylvania is concerned about the growing Suffragette movement in Maryland and wants to ensure that this disease of the female mind does not affect the fairer sex in Pennsylvania.

August 25

Boozers Sold To Junk Dealers

Junk dealers in town had been numerous this week. Five or six were here on Wednesday. Their purchases included decrepit motorcars, iron, rags, rubber and paper. Several wagon loads of the later commodities left town that day. Several wives of Former Former Boozers Association members showed up with passed out husbands and attempted to load them on one of the outgoing carts but were stopped by Squire Shuff. The women claimed that their husbands were useless — and therefore met the definition of 'junk.' The Boozers later celebrated their escape from the hands of their treacherous wives in the Hotel Slagle's saloon.

Boxing Bout A Draw

The boxing bout Saturday night drew

about 200 spectators. It was a 10 round "go" and both boys were going the paces from gong to gong. Those who imagine that the match was to be a sort of "you tap me and I'll tap you" were very agreeably disappointed. Both boxers extended themselves and gave the onlookers the worth of their money. No decision was given, but the fight was looked upon as a draw, "honors even" claimed by the devotees of the sport. It is expected that a series of bouts will be staged here in the near future.

Fight On State Road

In the absence of Contractor Forsythe the man working on the section of stay road north of Thurmont, demanded a nine-hour day and the same money. The men had been working 10 hours at \$1.75. During the afternoon, in the midst of a heated argument, two of the workmen got in a mix-up in which one was injured. On arrival of Mr. Forsythe at the works on Wednesday morning, the men were found there waiting for a reply to their demands. They were told to go home for the day, and if any of them wish to go to work Thursday morning at the same scale they have been working, to come to work. It is also reported that some of the roadmen and teamsters were discharged, their services no longer being desired.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

County Councilman Kirby Delauter

You may be familiar with the J&J trash issue that was recently debated in the County Council meetings. I wrote recently about how I felt J&J Inc. was being targeted in how they use the county landfill/transfer station. Their business is trash, they are a local trash/refuse hauler and the landfill/transfer station is well within their business model.

Again, since March I have been asking to get J&J's issue on an agenda for discussion. I finally was allowed to have a "landfill/solid waste" discussion a few weeks ago. I sent an email to staff requesting to have J&J at the meeting so they could speak. The meeting is held, we have a "landfill/solid waste" briefing by county staff, a "briefing" we didn't ask for but received anyway. After the staff completed their briefing, I

requested that J&J be able to address the staff members and resolve the issue with their business. This request was denied by Council President Bud Otis. Here we have a constituent of mine that has a problem, we have them in the room with the staff members that can explain why the issue can or cannot be resolved, and we have Council President Otis disallowing any discussion on the subject matter. That is wrong and unacceptable!

I requested again after that meeting to have a meeting between staff and J&J and the request was denied. Since Otis does not want to hear from constituents or business owners I decided there is more than one way to be heard. I sent an email to J&J requesting them to sue the County. I went as far as to let them know I

would testify for them in the suit.

Now, you may say, hey Delauter, why would you encourage a business to sue the county? My answer is simple, we are to represent you, all of you. When a constituent can't be heard by the council and I feel they have a cause/issue worth hearing, I am going to encourage every means possible to get them heard. If a lawsuit is what it takes, so be it. I will stand up for taxpayers, businesses and any other entity that I am to represent in this council position. I will go to whatever length, whatever means necessary to right a wrong. In order for me to say, "there is nothing else we can do", or "I give up", is not an option.

I think once the County heard J&J was preparing to sue and I would be willing as a council

member to testify on behalf of J&J, the internal discussions began within the county and it was brought to my attention that a legislative Bill may be the answer to a resolution. While I totally disagree that making a new law/ordinance to add to an existing "sufficient" law/ordinance is totally ridiculous and unnecessary, but if that's what will right the wrong, that's what I may have to do.

So, long and short, as long as the county council can't simply sit down and discuss issues with taxpayers and business owners, we need to create unnecessary laws because we can't interpret the meaning of simple sentences that are written in basic English. We allow staff members to abuse taxpayers by using slick language and interpretation to read some-

thing anyway they want.

The sad part I've found out in my six years in local politics, most people don't give a rat's ass about their neighbors plight until they themselves have an issue that affects them. Get involved in local politics, pay attention and hold those that are elected accountable to what is right and just at all times. Politicians come and go but staff members are the ones that typically make policy and in most cases, they make policy that makes it easier on themselves and harder on those who dare to challenge them. It is important who we elect because with 45 years of incremental degradation of our rights and our freedoms, if we continue on that path at some point you may not be given the option to choose. Ask the owners of J&J Trash service how important it is to have the right person representing you.

County Councilman Bud Otis

I appreciate being able to share our voting record for recent Council meetings and some of the wonderful events around our great county. Upholding the trust of the citizens is paramount to me, and I will honor your trust through continued commitment to this County. I deeply honor the responsibility entrusted to me in researching the matters before the Council and submit our recent voting record:

July 5 Legislative Session: Motion on the Agenda passed after laying the ARTO bill on the table until 8.15.16: 6 Yes, 1 No (CM Shreve); Motion to move Consent Agenda on 11 budget transfers: 6 Yes, 1 abstain (CM Shreve); the remaining items were all voted Yes in 7-0 votes: Approval of the

Minutes; Approval of the Resolution for the Resident Agent Designation as the County Attorney; Approval of the Spring 2016 Water and Sewerage Amendments; and the motion to go into closed session.

Going out and about in Frederick County is one of my favorite job responsibilities. Over the past several weeks I've been very fortunate to attend and participate in a number of events. I'll highlight some here:

- Veterans Treatment Court Brainstorming session. Consensus was 100% to move forward and establish a Frederick County Veterans Treatment Court. I am humbled and honored to assist in this

program which will help our neediest Veterans. For more information, please call me 301-600-1101, email: BOtis@frederickcountymd.gov or go to www.JusticeForVets.org. Currently there are 260 Veteran Treatment Courts in the U.S. We plan to be the 3rd one in Maryland!

- FIX 270 Coalition – part of a panel meeting with Congressman John Delaney to restart the I-270 Corridor Study with an Express Toll Lane alternative, bring it to completion and commit to a construction start date. Other options were discussed as well. There was very strong support for adding a third lane both ways from the Montgomery and Frederick

County representatives. I will keep you posted on the progress of this Coalition.

- Toured the Veterans Administration's Warrior to Workforce Acquisitions Academy
- Unveiling of the TransIt facility's 5 new electric buses,
- Enjoyed graduations: Frederick High School, FC Social Services, Frederick City Police Academy and Career Firefighters Promotions Ceremony, and the Asian American Center and Frederick Memorial Hospital with Care First – 1st Graduation for Community Health Workers
- Surprised a 911 call taker, Dee Pickering to thank her for her expert handling of a personal call,
- Visited Senator Ben Carding in DC, discussed a non-profit supporting veterans, Oper-

ation Second Chance, and spoke about Veteran Treatment Courts (VTC) here in MD. Sen. Cardin is in full support of a Frederick County VTC.

- Presented Council Certificates to Dynamic Automotive and Lee Building Maintenance on their ribbon cuttings
- Conservancy Retreat at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- FC Chamber's County Outlook meeting
- Hood College receipt from Care First of \$50,000 for their nursing department

I deeply respect the generosity of our residents and businesses and the sincere professionalism of our county employees. We live in the best county in Maryland! We both wish you a safe and joyful summer.

No applicant for Emmitsburg Commissioner's seat

With less than a month left before the closing of the filing deadline, not a single person in Emmitsburg has put their name forward to appear on the ballot to fill one of the two open seats on the Town's Board of Commissioners.

Candidates wishing to be listed on the printed election ballot must file before August 29, and individuals interested in becoming write-in candidates must file prior to September 20.

The two seats that will become vacant are those presently occupied by Commissioners Glenn Blanchard and Jennifer L. Mellor. Both of the positions up for election are three-year terms, with a compensation of \$4,000 annually.

Blanchard has already filed his paperwork to run, but there is no word on whether Mellor has decided to run for re-election.

The lack of interest in Emmitsburg Town elections is a new trend. Historically, the town sees a 30% turn-out. Average turnout reaching an all time historical high of 70%

in the early 1900s as male voters battled the dual issues of prohibition and women's suffrage.

The last time Emmitsburg saw voter turnout above 50% was during the COPE controversy in the early 2000s. Since then, voter turnout has steadily declined while at the same time, the number of uncontested elections has gone up.

In 2014, Commissioner Joe Ritz won his seat on the town council in the last contested election with just 8% of the vote.

In 2015, Commissioners Tim O'Donnell and Clifford Sweeney

were re-elected, unopposed. Of the 1,692 registered voters in Emmitsburg, only 38, or 2% turned out for the election, the lowest turnout for any election since the founding of Emmitsburg in 1825.

Individuals interested in running for one of the open commissioner positions will be provided free space in the September issue of the News-Journal to introduce themselves to voters and state their goals for running.

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Registration applications can be obtained at the Town office located at 300A South Seton Avenue.

Candidates must file written application for candidacy with the Town Clerk no later than August 29. Financial disclosure forms are due to Town Clerk no later than August 29.

All candidates will be posted on the Town bulletin board in the way in which it appears on the certificate.

Two Commissioner Seats are open.

FROM THE DESK OF...

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

“Shots fired, officer down” announces the chilling moment that an officer calls for backup after his colleague is shot. The radio call triggers a number of events. Officers in the area respond as quickly as they can and medical assistance is dispatched. I cannot imagine the thoughts these men and women have responding to such a call. An officer is never “off duty”. They have sworn to protect public safety anytime and anyplace where the peace is threatened. To use this dedication to public service to assassinate an officer is one of most despicable, contemptible and cowardly acts that a citizen could commit.

One of the canons of police ethics contains the words that deal with the primary responsibility of police service, and that is, “the protection of the people of the United States through the upholding of their law.” In short, the assassin committed a crime against all of us. Please take a moment out of

your busy day to think about the eight officers that have been taken from us in the performance of their duty to protect us all. Bless their families. And, the next time you see a state or local police officer be sure to thank them for their service to our community – Adams County. They are the Blue Line standing strong between us and anarchy!

The Carroll Valley Borough July 4th Celebration was a success this year even though it was celebrated on July 9th. This was the first time in the history of our July 4th Celebration, which started in 2006, that the event was postponed to the following Saturday. It was a good call. At 3:30 pm on the July 4th a thunderstorm rolled in and it rained for a couple of hours. On the July 9th attendance was approximately 1,500 participants and by the evening 2,500. The success of the day would not have been achieved without the continued involvement of many indi-

viduals and local businesses. Special thanks go to the Carroll Valley Municipal Services crew: Steve Fitecz, Ken Nicholas, Bruce Pecher, Donny Shaffer, Sterling Shuyler, and Jeff Wise for their tireless efforts preparing the Carroll Valley Commons for the day’s event.

I would like to thank the members of the July 4th (J4) Planning Group who planned the event under the outstanding leadership of Gayle Marthers. The members are: Amanda Bell, Brenda Cole-santi, Charles Dalton, Lori Davidson, Morgan Jarrell, Jeni Jarrell, Robert Jester, Charlee Marthers, Gayle Marthers, Larry Noel, Hunter Paulus, Dan Sanders, Marie Schwartz, Tim Skoczen, and James Whittington. I would also like to thank the volunteers who shared their time and talents to make the celebration such a success. The major sponsors of the event were Liberty Mountain Resort & Conference Center, Adams Electric Cooperative Inc., GMS

Funding Solutions, Comcast, Murray Associates Architects, York Water, and Taverna 5450. For the entire list refer to the July 4th website or visit the July 4th Facebook page. Thank you all for your financial support. Finally, I would like to thank Dave Hazlett, our Borough Manager, for his outstanding managerial and technical skill in preparing all the marketing information and raising funds for the event. Visit www.ronspictures.net to view the pictures.

Please mark your calendar for Carroll Valley Borough’s National Night Out (NNO) event to be held on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5 to 8 p.m. (rain or shine). This year it will be held in the Fairfield Fire and EMS Fire Hall. NNO is celebrated each year across the United States to increase awareness for safety within the community, and to educate residents on how to protect their families and familiarize them with available services. Young people up to the age of 12 will receive a free meal consisting of a hot dog, a bag of potato chips and a drink. Chil-

dren should bring their bikes and helmets for a bike rodeo behind the fire hall. This year there will be no child fingerprinting. However, there will be many children’s games; fire and police displays; counseling services; food for everyone to enjoy. NNO is a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The children should see our police officers as people who can help them in their time of need. I do hope you take the time to come and join us.

Quick Note: PennDOT plans to close Muddy Run Bridge on Route 116 in September. More information will be forthcoming in middle/late August. The Borough meetings for August are: Planning Commission (Aug 1st), Borough Council (Aug 8th) and the Parks and Recreation Committee (Aug 24th). If you have any questions, call me at 301-606-2021 or email me at MayorRonHarris@comcast.net. Please slow down when driving in the Valley. Watch out for those Pokémon Hunters on the trails.

Denise Weldon-Siviy, Candidate for General Assembly

This November, Pennsylvania voters will decide between a 5-term incumbent who gives lip service to protecting their tax dollars and a challenger who will actually do so.

Incumbent Representative Dan Moul was elected in 2006 on promises to lower taxes. It hasn’t happened. In 2006, the state tax rate on personal income was

3.07%. Ten years later, the state tax rate on personal income is still 3.07%. What has changed is that we get fewer services for our state tax dollars.

The growing expenses that our legislature is unable or unwilling to reduce are simply shifted to property taxes, county taxes, local taxes, and individual taxes on everything from gasoline and tires

to hotel rooms and car rentals.

School taxes increase steadily as the state pays a smaller percentage of education expenses while mandating more services. And let’s not forget the pension shortfall – which the legislature has known about since 2001. Their unwillingness to fix the problem over the last 15 years is why every school district within the 91st legislative district is increasing taxes this year.

Wrong Priorities

Not only are we spending too much in Pennsylvania, we’re spending it on the wrong things.

Overpaid Legislature: \$85,000 to start plus full benefits and perks, plus tax free per diems, is too much to pay representatives who are unwilling to complete the top two functions of their job: to set our state priorities by proportional allocation of state

funding, and to pass a balanced budget. The state house costs taxpayers \$10.7 million a year, including \$1.4 million in per diems. We should cut at least 20% from that total and require lawmakers to submit receipts for actual expenses.

Gambling Payouts: Gambling is supposed to make tax money, not take it. So why are we sending \$246 million this year to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund? Or devoting \$145,000 a year to EACH Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board member for what is essentially part-time work? Now compare the \$236 million horse race subsidy to the \$209 million allocated for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Health. With a full third of our state budget spent on Medicaid, shouldn’t improving public health be more important than

upping the purse payouts at the tracks?

Prisons: Pennsylvania spends more money on prisons than on higher education. Not surprising when it costs \$41,000 a year to keep an offender in state prison – money that would better spent on job creation and training, both of which reduce crime.

Pointless Waste

Pennsylvania also can’t afford to keep wasting taxpayer dollars on pointless partisan bickering. This year we spent \$50 million in interest on education alone as Pennsylvania schools borrowed over a billion dollars when both sides knew up front that shutting down our schools was never an option. That’s \$50 million dollars that we could have used to pay for education, services for seniors, repairs to our bridges and roads, promoting tourism – absolutely ANYTHING would have been a better use of those funds than just handing them to bankers as wasted interest.

While it usually doesn’t take until March to half-pass a budget that isn’t even balanced, a late budget is the RULE in Pennsylvania, not the exception. SCCAP budgets \$18,000 a year for interest because they assume the June budget won’t be passed until August. Additional agencies and offices across the state must budget funds to pay for legislative incompetence. That’s unacceptable.

We can’t afford to keep re-electing representatives who are willing to waste millions on partisan bickering. The job of representatives is to represent the people, not the Parties. I intend to do just that.

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Marty Qually

In 2011 my fellow county auditors, Glen Hartzell and Barbara Weikert, shared a concern that the County needed to reduce their office rental costs. This month Adams County government has finally found a way to reduce office rents and create a more cost effective and efficient way to run government.

When this Board of Commissioners took office in 2012, we pledged to reduce County rents. Our plan was to allow the leases for Children and Youth Services (CYS), Domestic Relations (DR), the court's Department of Operational Services (DOS) and the Department of Probation Services (DPS) to expire and move the offices into one facility. We would then use funds to make mortgage payments instead of lease payments. After thorough site reviews by an independent commission, it was decided that the County should build a new facility on County land adjacent to the 911 Center in Straban township.

During this process it was also determined that the staff of the Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MH/IDD) of York and Adams, which serve Ad-

ams County should be moved into this new facility. Their offices currently are housed in Hanover, which is located in York County. Moving MH/IDD offices into Adams County would mean for the first time in decades mental health case managers would be located in our county. Due to expensive land development costs, impact fees, and additional costs to include MH/IDD offices, it was necessary to not approve this project. (It should be noted that at that time and with that project the expenses added by including MH/IDD offices clearly were in excess of the revenues they added to the project.) While we still believed that this new facility would improve operational effectiveness and that it had to include MH/IDD offices, the Courts and the Commissioners withdrew their support for the project, due to excessive costs to taxpayers.

In 2015 it came to our attention that the vacant Herff Jones building on Boyds School Rd could solve our leasing concerns and offer even greater potential than we had initially imagined. Our immediate concern was that the property was too large,

so while the cost was reasonable at \$2.2 million, we needed to be efficient with our use of space.

The Court of Common Pleas recommended co-locating two neighboring Magisterial District Judges' offices into this building. In moving offices together we would be able to drop the lease we currently pay for Judge Beauchat (Cumberland Township) and sell the offices of Judge Harvey (Gettysburg). I encourage everyone to attend a public hearing being hosted by the Adams County Court of Common Pleas at the Adams County Courthouse on Baltimore Street at 6:00 PM on August 3rd to gather public input on this proposed change.

The second department to approach us was our Information Technology Department (IT). Recently, Adams County updated and increased our computer servers in order to modernize and create a more stable IT system. One of the assets of the old Herff Jones building was an excellent server room, much better than the small closets that we employ in the basement of the current courthouse. Compound this with

very limited office space for our IT staff and we felt it appropriate to include moving this department to the new facility. By moving the IT offices we not only guarantee future room for their department, but we free up space in the courthouse for other offices needs.

Lastly, our maintenance director brought to our attention multiple benefits in using the extra space at the new building. Our maintenance director now has suitable space for the storage of archived files, voting equipment, and current maintenance and janitorial items. He will also add a centralized recycling area for our office waste (mostly paper). We will both cut our trash bill and create a modicum of revenue in selling recycled paper. Lastly, the warehouse space at the new facility will allow our maintenance staff to have improved space for their shop functions. In multiple ways our maintenance staff have found good uses of the space at the new facility.

On July 20th Adams County finally received bids from contractors to begin the renovation phase of the Human Services Building project.

This was followed by an equally important meeting with County bond council on July 21st. In a 24 hour period we received the best news possible for this project. The construction bids were lower than anticipated totaling less than \$6 million. Likewise our interest rate came in lower than anticipated at just under 3%. When all is said and done there will be more expenses to this project, such as the \$2.2 million purchase price, security equipment, a new telephone system, and new furniture. Many of these costs will be offset by State grants and other revenue sources. At the end of the day most of the additions to this project, which many feared would put it over budget, brought with them revenue streams or future operational savings which offset increases. Future savings will be realized by no longer having to pay escalating leases and increased operational efficiencies.

So I will end this discussion with where I began by thanking those who came up with this idea and adding to it a thanks to everyone who adding value to a good idea and made it better. Many people worked very hard to create a project which solves County space needs, saves tax payer money, and improves government efficiency.

State Senator Richard Alloway

Recently on a quiet street in Waynesboro, a masked robber stormed into a local pharmacy, waving a gun and threatening employees while demanding all of the money from the cash register. According to witnesses, the man became increasingly violent and belligerent about the relatively small amount of money he had just stolen, and he then demanded the employees hand over drugs from the pharmacy while he continued to escalate his threats.

It goes without saying that this dangerous situation easily could have resulted in a terrible tragedy that would have scarred the community for years to come. Thankfully, one employee—who was legally carrying a firearm at the time—was able to catch the would-be robber off guard, firing four shots and preventing the assailant from hurting anyone.

This incredible act of bravery and heroism will not dominate the 24-hour news cycle. In fact, many folks outside of the Waynesboro area may never hear about it at all. But the lives of the other individuals in that store were likely saved by one quick-thinking, responsible gun owner who was in a position to make a difference.

As the nation mourns for the victims of the tragic shooting in Orlando, a flurry of new gun control measures

have been proposed in Congress and in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. In most cases the advocates who support these bills come from a place of caring and compassion. Indeed, we all have a shared interest in making sure our nation is never forced to endure such a horrific act of violence ever again.

However, many of the measures proposed by gun control advocates—such as those that would allow the government to deny the Second Amendment rights of any individual they deem to be a threat, without any recourse of even the slightest hint of due process—would have the effect of penalizing or disarming honest, law-abiding citizens instead of punishing criminals. We cannot make our communities safer by placing excessive limitations on gun ownership that will only make it harder for responsible citizens to effectively protect themselves. These and other gun bans were voted down, and for good reason.

In the wake of the failure of these bills, many advocates and celebrities have embarked on a disturbing and repulsive crusade to paint Second Amendment supporters in a negative light instead of sticking to discussing the issues. It is unfortunate that they don't realize that their knee-jerk reactions pose a much greater threat to the personal safety of Pennsylvanians than any legally obtained and

responsibly owned firearm.

This week's incredible act of bravery in Waynesboro tells a much different story than the garbage heap of rhetoric being peddled by those who would ignore the Constitution in order to support their own political agenda.

Through my concealed carry seminars and other community events, I've been blessed to personally meet with hundreds of gun owners who clearly pose no danger to the world around them. They only wish to have the means to protect themselves, their

families and their property against potential threats, both at home and in their communities. In many cases—particularly in rural areas in which police response times can be an issue—that form of protection needs to be more significant than a six-shot revolver (or, in Hillary Clinton's America, a can of mace and a crowbar).

That's why I introduced legislation this week that would ensure the laws governing the ownership, transportation and use of firearms in Pennsylvania are consistent in communities across the state. My bill would prevent municipalities from creating their own hodgepodge of restrictive gun ordinances that

can essentially make criminals out of even the most well-meaning and responsible gun owners.

I recognize that addressing the problems associated with these restrictive and illegal municipal ordinances will not solve the issue of gun violence. We must continue to explore ways to help those who suffer from mental illness, improve public safety in areas that could be exploited by criminals, and ensure perpetrators who use guns are put behind bars for a long, long time.

However, we absolutely do not need more laws that only serve to ensure criminals are better armed than the citizens they seek to victimize.



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THE PASTOR'S DESK

The lost word of Christianity

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There is a wonderful older song that says, "Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life..." There are some words that we love to hear and we are prone to preach about. Can you think of some? How about, love, or grace, or joy, or peace (we could sure use some of that right now), hope, and faith? These are beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

But there is one word that is used extensively in the Bible that we don't use very much anymore. Perhaps we think it is archaic, or irrelevant, or we just don't like it, because it sounds too negative. Yet, it is the word that the Old Testament Prophets used and the words that John Baptist began his ministry with as did our Lord Jesus, Peter, and Paul. It is the word, "Repent." The first recorded words of John the Baptist are, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand," (Matt. 3:2). In Matt. 4:17, Jesus, our Lord, based His preaching on the same words, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." On the day of Pentecost, when Peter had preached his great sermon, the crowd asked what should we do, and Peter said, you guessed it, "Repent," (Acts 2:38). Paul stood in Athens and said these words, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent."

Okay, so what does that mean? Repent is a compound word in the Greek, it means to change the mind, or the thinking, or the rea-

soning, with a view to changing my actions. When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, he said this, "You turned from idols to serve the living and true God," (1 Thess. 1:9). It is more than being sorry, though sorrow is usually involved. It is sorrow that leads to a change in thinking and actions. For example, one can be driving the wrong way down a one way street and be sorry, but sorry is not enough. That driver needs to stop and turn the car around and go in the right direction. Many people are sorry for what they do, but they don't change their thinking or their actions. Sometimes their sorrow is in the fact that they were caught (like speeding) and are sorry, not for the act, but for the consequences. True repentance is sorrow for the wrong thinking that led to the wrong actions.

Why bring all this up? The answer is that our country needs to repent, if we are going to truly sing God Bless America. Consider this; that in 1954, the phrase, "Under God," was added to our Pledge of Allegiance. Then, on July 30th, 1956, President Eisenhower, signed into law, that the phrase, "In God We Trust," would be our national motto. Just 6 years later, the Supreme Court said, in contradiction to nearly two hundred years of precedence to the contrary, that our children could read the Bible or pray in our schools. In the 54 years that followed, we have in essence told God we don't His absolute truth, we want to make up our own truth as we go. We don't want His morals, we will make our morals. We don't want public prayers and if we have to

have them, we don't the name of Jesus mentioned, because someone may be offended. We have, as Isaiah the Prophet said, called evil good, and good evil (Isa. 5:20).

Our first President in his farewell address warned us of the danger of trying to have a lasting heritage without morals and religion. In His estimation, that nation would not last long. This pastor is constantly haunted with the words of Thomas Jefferson that appear on the 3rd panel of his monument in Washington, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep forever:

Jefferson was right. Jeremiah the Prophet wrote these words from God, "The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it. 11 "Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good" 12 And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart." (Jer. 18:7-12)

Dare we think that because we are America, that we will not experience God's wrath? Consid-



er these words from our Lord Jesus in Luke 13, "Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Isn't it possible that the increased numbers of natural disasters; that is, the fires, floods, tornados, hurricanes, and earthquakes, as well as the conflicts we are fighting in our country and around the world, might just be the sovereign God of creation trying to get our attention and saying to us, "Repent." (Consider Amos 4)

My study of the Bible has led me to this conclusion, God doesn't want to bring judgment, He wants to deliver grace. But it's our choice. Peter tells us that the reason that Jesus has delayed His return is because, "God doesn't want anyone to perish but that all should come to repentance," (2 Peter 3:9). He sent Jesus to die, to pay for our sins, so He could give grace and not judgment. But it's our choice. We can repent of our sins and receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord, or live our own lives our

own way, and be separated from God forever.

But as a nation, we need a national repentance. When Solomon dedicated Israel's first temple, he knelt and prayed a long prayer to God. He remembered God's warning to Israel if they forsook Him and lived like the nations around them. Solomon knew the nature of man, and wanted to know that if people did just that, but then repented, would God forgive them. This is God's reply to Solomon's prayer. "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

This is the hope for America. This is your hope. This lost word of Christianity needs to be the Word we again preach from our pulpits, and the word we reflect on in our prayers. It has to begin somewhere. May God grant that repentance may begin with you and me.

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Death of William Rufus



August 2

Few Englishmen of the nineteenth century can realize a correct idea of the miseries endured by their forefathers, from the game-laws, under despotic princes. Constant encroachments upon private property, cruel punishments—such as tearing out the offender's eyes, or mutilating his limbs—inflicted for the infraction of forest law; extravagant payments in the shape of heavy tolls levied by the rangers on all merchandise passing within the purlieu of a royal chase; frequent and arbitrary changes of boundary, in order to bring offences within the forest jurisdiction, were only a portion of the evils submitted to by the victims of feudal tyranny.

No dogs, however valuable or dear to their owners—except mastiffs for household defense—were allowed to exist within miles of the outskirts, and even the poor watch-dog, by a 'Court of Regard' held for that special purpose every three years, was crippled by the amputation of three claws of the forefeet close to the skin—an operation, in woodland parlance, termed expedition, intended to render impossible the chasing or otherwise incommoding the deer in their coverts.

Of all our monarchs of Norman race, none more rigorously enforced these tyrannous game-laws than William Rufus; none so remorselessly punished his English subjects for their infraction. Even the Conqueror himself, who introduced them, was more indulgent. No man of Saxon descent dared to approach the royal preserves, except at the peril of his life, and the trespasser was hung up to the nearest convenient tree with his own bowstring.

The poor Saxons, thus worried, adopted the impotent revenge of nicknaming Rufus 'Wood-keeper,' and 'Herds-men of wild beasts.' Their minds, too, were possessed with a rude and not unnatural superstition, that the devil in various shapes, and under the most appalling circumstances, appeared to their persecutors when chasing the deer in these newly-formed hunting-grounds.

Chance had made the English forests—the New Forest especially—fatal to no less than three descendants of their Norman invader, and the popular belief in these demon visitations received additional confirmation from each recurring catastrophe; Richard, the Conquer-

or's eldest son, hunting there, was gored to death by a stag; the son of Duke Robert, and nephew of Rufus, lost his life by being dashed against a tree by his unruly horse; and we shall now shew how Rufus himself died by a hunting casualty in the same place.

Near Chormingham, and close to the turnpike-road leading from Lymington to Salisbury, there is a lovely secluded dell, into which the western sun alone shines brightly, for heavy masses of foliage encircle it on every other side. It is, indeed, a popular saying of the neighbourhood: that in ancient days a squirrel might be hunted for the distance of six miles, without coming to the ground; and a traveller journey through a long July day without seeing the sun. Long avenues open away on all sides into the deep recesses of those dark woods; and, altogether, it forms just the spot where the hunter following his chase after the ancient Norman fashion of woodcraft, would secrete himself to await the passing game.

His friends had dispersed to various coverts, and there remained alone with Rufus, Sir Walter Tyrrel, a French knight, whose unrivalled adroitness in archery raised him high in the Norman Nimrod's favour. That morning, a workman had brought to the palace six cross-bow quarrels of superior manufacture, and keenly pointed, as an offering to his prince. They pleased him well, and after presenting to the fellow a suitable guerdon, he handed three of the arrows to Tyrrel—saying, jocosely, 'Bon archer, li-onises flêshe.'

The Red King and his accomplished attendant now separated, each stationing himself, still on horseback, in some leafy covert, but nearly opposite; their cross-bows bent, and with an arrow upon the nut. The deep mellow cry of a stab hound, mingled with the shouts of attendant foresters, comes freshening on the breeze.

There is a crash amongst the under-wood, and out bounds 'a stag of ten,' that after listening and gazing about him, as deer are wont to do, commenced feeding behind the stem of a tall oak. Rufus drew the trigger of his weapon, but, owing to the string breaking, his arrow fell short. Enraged at this, and fearful the animal would escape, he exclaimed, "Tirez done, Walter! tirez done! si meme cêtoit le diable" —Shoot, Walter! shoot! even were it the devil.

His behest was too well obeyed; for the arrow glancing off from the tree at an angle, flew towards the spot where Rufus was concealed.

A good arrow, and moreover a royal gift, is always worth the trouble of searching for, and the archer went to look for his. The king's horse, grazing at large, first attracted attention; then the hounds cowering over their prostrate master; the fallen cross-bow; and, last of all, the king himself prone upon his face, still struggling with the arrow, which he had broken off short in the wound. Terrified at the accident, the unintentional homicide spurred his horse to the shore, embarked for France, and joined the Crusade then just setting for the East.

About sun-down, one Purkiss, a charcoal-burner, driving homewards with his cart, discovered a gentleman lying weltering in blood, with an arrow driven deep into his breast. The peasant knew him not, but conjecturing him to be one of the royal train, he lifted the body into his vehicle, and proceeded towards Winchester Palace, the blood all the way oozing out between the boards,

and leaving its traces upon the road.

There is a tradition, that for this service he had some rods of land, to the amount of an acre or two, given to him; and it is very remarkable that a lineal descendant of this charcoal-burner, bearing the same name, does now live in the hut, and in possession of the land, and is himself a charcoal-man; that all the family, from the first, have been of the same calling, and never richer or poorer, the one than the other; always possessed of a horse and cart, but never of a team; the little patrimony of land given to their celebrated ancestor having descended undiminished from father to son.

Superstitions and sayings regarding the moon and the weather

In Suffolk, it is considered unlucky to kill a pig in the wane of the moon; if it is done, the pork will waste in boiling. I have known the shrinking of bacon in the pot attributed to the fact of the pig having been killed in the moon's decrease; an I have also known the death of poor .piggy delayed, or hastened, so

as to happen during its increase.

Many persons will courtesy to the new moon on its first appearance, and turn the money in their pockets 'for luck.'

Another saying is, that 'There never is a Saturday without sunshine.' This is almost always true, but, as might be supposed from the low annual rainfall, the same might be said of any day in the week with an equal amount of truth.

The character of St. Swithin's Day is much regarded here as a prognostication of fine or wet weather.

Another weather-guide connected with the moon is, that to see 'the old moon in the arms of the new one' is reckoned a sign of fine weather; and so is the turning up of the horns of the new moon. In this position it is supposed to retain the water, which is imagined to be in it, and which would run out if the horns were turned down.

The streaks of light often seen when the sun shines through broken clouds are believed to be pipes reaching into the sea, and the water is supposed to be drawn up through them into the clouds, ready to be discharged in the shape of rain.

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COMMENTARY

Words from Winterbilt

Political correctness

Shannon Bohrer

If someone uses words that offend someone, and then defends themselves by saying they are tired of being politically correct, does that make their speech acceptable? In recent months individuals have made comments that seem to offend people and then defended themselves – saying they are tired of being politically correct. The fact that people are often divided on the issue of being “Politically Correct” should not surprise anyone. We are a diverse nation, we have many views and we often see the world around us through different lenses and perspectives. Besides, not being politically correct - is not a crime. And, it is a political season.....

A while ago Donald Trump gave a speech in which he expressed the view that a Judge, who he saw as Mexican or Hispanic decent, would not be fair in his dealings with a civil suit. Almost immediately the commentators, the experts and even some members of Trump’s own party spoke out against the remarks, evening saying it was racist. Of course, Mr. Trump also had his defenders who said that the public is tired of being politically correct. Could it be both?

The argument is simple, if you believe that one’s ethnic origins

would or could prohibit that individual from performing their job, its’ racism. So attaching one’s race or ethnic origin to an individual for the purpose of treating them differently is discrimination. To those individuals that believe that Mr. Trump was just not being “Politically Correct” you are correct, because he was also was expressing racism.

It could be argued that everyone at some time has judged individuals by race, sex, ethnic lineage, and even religion. But making a judgement is not the same as treating someone differently – and treating someone differently is a problem. By saying someone is not qualified because of their race, religion or national origin - they are not being treated equally. Treating people equally is equitable; it’s the very idea of fairness. Do we always treat everyone fairly, probably not? We are all human and we are imperfect and not treating someone fairly, usually by an individual, is normally not a crime. It sometimes is a crime if done intentionally by a group or a government entity.

However, to be rude, to demean an individual or group and to then say “I am not politically correct,” is also not an excuse for behavior that is hurtful to others. Saying that someone is not politically correct is not a pass for being a

bigot. Conversely, this is America and we do have freedom of speech.

We have a war of terror which has been going on for many years, and will probably continue for many more, that has often been scrutinized for “Political Correctness.” Whenever a Muslim commits a terrorist act, we revisit the debate as to whether the person committing the act is a radical Islamist Jihadist - or just a terrorist. Both sides are entrenched in their beliefs and compromise is not an option. Both sides know their side is correct and the opposition is just wrong. One side says we should not label a religion, since most Muslims are not terrorists and the other side says call it like it is, without regard to being politically correct.

Recent terrorist attacks in this country include the Boston marathon bombing, the San Bernardino case and the Orlando night club shooting, all of which are related to radicals that are Islamist. But we also had Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook and the Colorado Theater which all related to mental illness. Should we call them moral imbecile terrorist? If we go back a few years the active shooter incidents seem to have started in Columbine Colorado, with two so-called Christian students. When we have incidents that are not related to the Islamist or Muslim religion, how to we describe

them? Should we identify them as radical Christian terrorist, or maybe just non-Islamist terrorist?

When the Oklahoma City Bombing occurred I remember that there was significant speculation that it was a foreign (Probably Muslim) terrorist. But, the actors were domestic terrorists; Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. That bombing killed 168 people and injured close to 700. I also remember the controversy that developed when Timothy McVeigh was described as a Christian Terrorist. After all, not all Christians are terrorists. There were even news reports that Timothy McVeigh was an Alter boy, but I don’t remember if that issue was every substantiated. In fact, it seemed that some investigations were focused more on either confirming that he was or was not religious. I don’t think religion had anything to do with the bombing.

It was widely reported that at least part of McVeigh’s motivation to commit the Oklahoma City Bombing was the incident at the Mount Carmel Center, the Branch Davidians in Waco Texas. The leader of the Branch Davidians was David Koresh, who was accused of sleeping with a 13 year old child, along with numerous other women in the sect. Koresh was the Christian minister and leader of the Branch Davidian Church. In 1993 the ATF attempted to arrest David Koresh for possession of illegal firearms, and a gun fight erupted and a standoff ensued that resulted in multiple deaths. Just during the initial fight, 4 agents and 6 Branch

Davidians were killed. When the government attacked the compound and it caught fire, 76 additional people died. Was David Koresh a Radical Christian extremist?

In 1978 Jim Jones, the leader of the Peoples Temple, an American Christian organization, moved to Guyana with over 900 of his followers. They lived at the “Peoples Temple Agricultural Project,” referred to as “Jonestown,” where they practiced their Christian religion. On November 18, in 1978, a total of 909 people died at “Jonestown,” most of them from cyanide poisoning. The deaths were called either mass suicide or mass murder. Survivors, and there were a few, referred to the event as mass murder. Before the masses ingested the cyanide, 5 people including a congressman, were killed at a nearby airport, by temple members. “Jonestown” was horrific and it was perpetrated by a self-proclaimed “Christian” leader, but it was not referred to as “Radical Christian Terrorism.”

In America, you do not have to be politically correct and you can say what you want – freedom of speech. And you also have the right to complain about other speech of others and they have a right to complain about your speech. Even if the speech is wrong – you have those rights.

A word of caution, speech is free but sometimes the cost is more than expected.

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Common Cents

Proxy Lead

Ralph Murphy

Market turmoil and business solvency as well as investor return are the concern of the private and public sectors in almost every capitalist economy. Business sales fluctuate based on consumer trends and its ability to meet them as do the corporation’s value on listed exchanges. Stock sales do not necessarily reflect production earnings, and government oversight has turned to market manipulation in major exchanges. It has been lost in the past decade because of the actions of clever, private sector manipulators who have gained control of the public reins of power.

The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 was part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal effort to restore investor confidence in stock exchanges and other capital markets in the Great Depression era. The law created the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) which sought to “regulate sales of securities in secondary markets”, which are open to public investors.” A three-track mission of

protecting investors, maintaining fair and orderly markets and facilitating capital formation.” It replaced the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) often ineffective role as well as individual state oversight that couldn’t deal legally across state borders.

SEC interests were focused on the viability or health of the businesses listed on major exchanges, but again the companies can be strong and their stock value low and vice versa. But, the business’s strength really isn’t a government responsibility. While problematic during initial probes, oversight became threatening as it evolved. It included “required management and decision analysis be provided” and even that it be posted publicly. The issues required conventional earning statements, but subsequent to that- even corporate working data had to be offered in an attempt to “level the playing field”. That amounted to leveling business growth strategy and with the technology changes of the computer era it was posted to the 1994 EDGAR or Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System for rapid review and use.

The SEC has five divisions that are broadly tasked with the filing disclosure, but now linked to routine savings banks or demand deposits, as well. Also an analytic wing was created to assess consumer and producer trends in listed markets. The real trouble appears to have started in 2007 when the Trade and Markets division spun off both regulatory and enforcement authority to the newly created private concern known as FINRA or Financial and Regulatory Authority. “Most enforcement and rule making authority (associated with the SEC) were given to FINRA”. It is based in Washington, but has close ties to New York.

FINRA now “regulates member (all listed as major exchanges) brokering firms and exchanges.” It also licenses and administers firms on the markets, writes rules to govern their behavior, examines them for regulation compliance and disciplines registered corporate heads and member firms to comply with federal security laws and FINRA rules and regulations.” It is a private business, but it can task the Justice Department to enforce their rules as well as access corporate data and can use it

as they wish under SEC sanction.

The Board of Governors of FINRA is drawn mostly from the private sector. It includes FINRA’s CEO as well as the New York Stock Exchange (Regulatory) CEO, 11 public governors and 10 private sector governors representing listed concerns. They can easily access accounts as to what remains of their private sector competition. SEC and FINRA have a Treasury link, that is making rules consistent with legal concerns. They can then exploit, and are almost completely self enforcing. With such power and access, it does appear they can send stock markets to almost any level they desire. They also have access to the corporate data involving a corporation’s production strategies. Data that may have very little to do with the stock exchanges. They likely influence foreign exchanges as well.

Stocks are always a “gamble” and have never been government insured in America at the federal level. The SEC has indirectly “leveled the playing field” as to competition by almost completely giving control of those markets to FINRA and their governors. Bonds or conventional bank loans are a more stable income source for the private businesses that really need external funding. Equity markets are just shy of be-

ing controlled casinos as they have evolved since FINRA was created.

If the governing authorities are serious about disciplining the markets they should go back to the FTC charter that attempted to “protect consumers against deceptive acts or practices in competition”. This includes advertising irregularities and marketing issues that are now tied to “telecommunication firms, privacy and identity protection.” Even the FTC appears to have taken on a manipulative role as they have strayed from a very doable mandate to others that take a “hands on” role in corporate earnings and management issues.

Neither the SEC nor its enforcement affiliates- including the Justice Department and other Executive bodies- should be tasked by overtly private sector interests they were created to regulate. They have permitted market and business penetration with information and financial losses being the result. FINRA has to be neutralized as well. Any governing oversight that drifts from FTC propriety concerns to actual market manipulation will continue to serve a select few and become potentially injurious to many.

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The American Mind

Eating crow

William Hillman

In the last few months, I've really developed a taste for crow in an orange or raspberry sauce.

When Donald Trump announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President of the United States last June, I said I wouldn't waste a plug nickel betting he'd still be in the race come August. In August, my vast political experience told me he would never get past the first four primaries. In February, I said with conviction that there would be no way in hell the Republican elitist establishment would ever let him stand on that stage in Cleveland. But yet, there he was.

I'm not alone in my newfound love of this poultry. It seems every self-proclaimed political expert and Sunday morning "talking head" has also acquired a taste. From Brexit to Trump, they can't get enough of this stuff these days.

I knew there was a new political landscape forming, but all the modeling and polling failed to show its extent.

The old order of conservative versus liberal and capitalism vs. socialism are becoming less relevant. Most Americans want a social safety net and guaranteed access to healthcare, but they do not want an intrusive government controlling their lives. They don't want full socialism. People want the freedom to chase their dreams and reach for the brass ring that capitalism promises. They also want protection against state capitalism and the destructive greed of Wall Street.

On social issues, the research clearly shows that the average American really doesn't care about what their

neighbor is doing in their bedroom, and just wants to be left alone. What you do in your house is of little interest to me.

What people want is a president that is concerned with the problems of this country. For the average American family, income has been stagnant or has dropped over the last 18 years. The heroin epidemic is killing their sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. Those that do make it to college, graduate with very poor job prospects and are saddled with debt they cannot burden. In the inner cities, the left's "great society" has created an underclass where unemployment is 40% and drug and crime is rampant.

Is Donald Trump really so smart that he was able to read the political environment and develop a message that would get him to where is today, (despite the experts telling him that he was wrong) or was he just lucky? Two months ago I would've told you that he just happened to have the right message at the right time. Since I've come to know the people that work closely with him, I'm beginning to believe he's just that smart.

As I write this, the Republican convention has just ended. Here are a few thoughts:

Trump's first hurdle at the convention was an attempt by the leader of the Colorado delegation to change the rules and un-bind all delegates. It appears that the RNC had awakened to the fact that any last minute shenanigans denying the Republican voters their chosen candidate, would only send to the party deeper into chaos. For the first time, we saw the RNC band together with the Trump

campaign and fight off these repeated attacks. Surely this is an indicator of what will come.

The hardest part of watching the convention was actually watching it. Every television channel broadcasting it had a litany of talking heads competing with each other to control your perspective. It really got me frustrated. Thank God for the Internet! YouTube had a live stream of the convention with no commentators, no commercials, no one trying to convince me that what I heard or what I saw was something other than what it was. I pray to God they do the same thing for the democratic convention.

Tuesday night we watched Melania Trump's speech to the delegates. I rather enjoyed her. The chattering class, acting like vicious hounds desperately seeking the scent of blood, quickly found some. They discovered her speech was similar to, if not directly copied from the convention speech Michelle Obama used eight years ago. I still don't understand what the uproar was about. Does anybody really care that much about speeches from the spouses of nominees? So she copied it, big deal. I've heard that Bob Dylan plagiarized a number of his hits. I still love Dylan's music and don't think anything less of him. When Melania Trump told us she really loves this country, at least you can believe it. Michelle Obama must have choked on those words. In 2008, she told the world she never had any reason to be proud of her country until her husband's election.

Vice presidential nominee, Mike Pence, had his big moment Wednesday night. I heard it was quite good and at times, witty. Unfortunately, I



was asleep before he ever got on stage. I could watch it on YouTube, I just can't muster the desire.

I still don't know what to think of Mike Pence. He seems very unremarkable. My friend described him as a "good Boy Scout," so I'll go with that. I can't place my finger on what he adds to Trump's candidacy. Maybe it was a move to make the party establishment happy and draw them under the Trump tent. I imagine the conversation was as follows: Trump to the RNC, "Look guys, it's time you join the winning team and keep what little dignity you have left. I'll name one of your functionaries as my VP. He won't actually have any power or be able to do anything, but if I ever die you can have the presidency. Now take your seat in the back of the room and be quiet."

Thursday night was the Trump. Some people complain his speech was a little bit too long. If that's their biggest complaint, that says a lot. Personally I think he knocked it out of the park. I must refrain from going through his speech section by section

because of the space restraints that my pinhead editor puts on this column. A good portion of his speech was spent reaching out to minorities and the other demographics who are not seen as Trump supporters. Trump has always had a very strong relationship with the gay and lesbian community, and the African American community, despite what you hear from the media. If we can draw any insight concerning his overall campaign strategy from this speech it is, he's going after voters that the Democratic Party takes for granted.

Trump made it very clear, the Republican party is changing tact. Rich Evangelicals may find themselves a little lonely with less influence. The dominance of conservative social values and unquestioned laissez-faire economics has shrunk. Nationalism is the rising ethos of the party.

Hang on, the next four months are going to be a lot of fun.

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Down Under

Making America great again?

Lindsay Coker
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Humanity cannot for long dispense with greatness.

—Francois Guizot, 1832

It is incredible that anyone could come up with the slogan 'Making America Great Again' and expect to be believed, because for all its faults the United States of America has never ceased to be a great nation. That it is so different to every other country has always been both the attraction and the puzzle for the rest of the world, but no other country was founded on such abundant natural resources, and no other country has ever been the magnet for settlers that yours has been.

The foundations of your greatness were laid by those settlers, making it the magnet for other Europeans whose lives were tawdry at best by comparison. That genocide was a shameful by-product is to remind us that no conquest, colonisation or infiltration is accomplished with a high regard for the life and welfare

of those there before, which is not to say we should not care about it. The bounty the settlers found produced a nation that was more than happy to stay where it was, to bask in whatever life and adventures they found themselves in, and to look quizzically at other lands where the inhabitants wanted to go somewhere else. The culture of welcoming strangers from all parts of the globe turned out to be the most powerful image of freedom the world has ever known and the powerhouse of the labour that transformed the land.

That's not to say Americans have been inward looking, but why seek for something out there when you don't need to? When the bounty of the land, an enormous heavy industry and all it spawns and a huge diversity in production is developed, the needs and wants of a rapidly growing nation are more than met, new markets are developed and exports skyrocket. The greatest trading nation the world has ever seen is born and an explosion of culture, technology, learning and invention ensues. When such largesse becomes

the norm and success becomes the goal, competition produces skills and practices unique to the nation; the most telling of these was the free market philosophy that soon took on a life of its own, transforming commerce and banking.

This overwhelming success produced such power that the abandonment of most external controls took place, which soon brought home the dangers of this practice: in self-regulation the self always comes first. The fruits of this are now being seen in the disenchantment and anger now ripping through the land. It also led to the current phenomenon of globalisation and free trade deals which, while looking good on paper, not only stripped the assets of other nations, making them jaundiced about the con, it has led to a stagnation or falling wage for the middle class (the lower class didn't have as far to go), a severe distortion in the distribution of wealth (3% of the nation now have 90% of it) and has led to the revolt of those made poorer, those deprived of health care, pensions, essential services, the same people who watched in disgust the cavorting of their representatives at the trough as they fight each other for the scraps and refuse to reach a workable middle ground.

Today it is obvious that not all the

wonderful developments in communication and technology are as useful or safe as they once were. Automated processing leads to the inability to effectively criticize mistakes and failure, encourages the spread of mediocrity, and the subsequent laziness of mind replaces critical thinking at too many points. The bailouts of major industry and banking were among the first to be seduced by this, and regulators had no option but to fund the consequences – at the expense of long term stability and growth. It also showed the electorate that the heads of such institutions would not be held responsible for the results of their gambling and unreal expectations, and have fuelled revulsion and distrust of not just those establishments, but government itself.

The cold hard fact is that neither the heads of corporations or government are as clever as they think they are. They rely on their ability to recognise trends and world developments, to take advantage of both government and private intelligence, and take actions to maximize profit for themselves and their shareholders. Free enterprise has lost its boundaries, and far more importantly, has lost its moral and ethical responsibility to the individual and the community.

That's the downside, but the upside

should never be dismissed. The innovative nature of American society has never been stronger; the will to do the right thing, to curb excesses, to laugh out of court the ludicrous rantings of people like Mr. Trump, to empower communities, and look after their neighbour has not diminished.

So government is on the wrong track? The same can be said for nearly all countries around the world – Canada, New Zealand and Kiribati may be exceptions – but the strength of our two nations is our instinctive desire to improve the lives of both our neighbours and ourselves as much as we can. It derives from our heritage, was fostered by our settlers, and not all the madmen in the world will quench it. That's not to say the future will be easy for anyone, but the me generation will be in the cold without our care, the fleshpot adherents will stew, to put it politely, in their own juices.

Greatness is not created by selfishness, but by the vision of those who see the interconnectedness of communities and countries. America is already great; it has never stopped being great. How could it be made great again?

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THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

The summer of our discontent

Bill Meredith

Sirius rises late in the dark, liquid sky

On summer nights, star of stars,

Orion's Dog they call it, brightest

Of all, but an evil portent, bringing heat

And fevers to suffering humanity.

—Homer, ca. 800 BC:
The Iliad

It's nice when things are predictable. Spring this year was pleasant, and summer arrived on schedule to continue the trend. It was a good time for birds; my feeder was crowded with young sparrows, finches and cardinals, all fluffing out their feathers, quivering their wings, and begging their parents to feed them. Mostly, it was an act; when the parents weren't around they were perfectly capable of finding their own seeds and bugs, although they did get confused in a few cases. Probably the silliest was the young downy woodpecker that managed to perch on the hummingbird feeder and hang on long enough to get several sips of sugar water. He seemed to like it, but his feet were not designed for that kind of perch, and he wasn't able to hang on very long. But then Dog Days arrived, and things started going down hill. The days got hot and sticky, and just as Homer predicted 2400 years ago, an evil portent brought heat and fevers to our suffering humanity. The political conventions started.

The first convention I can remember was in 1956. I was at the University of West Virginia then, and my research group spent several days sitting in our advisor's office listening to roll-call votes on the radio. The Convention Chairman called the roll of the states alphabetically, and a delegate from each state would come to the microphone and intone something like "The Great State of Pennsylvania, Home of Benjamin Franklin, the Continental Congress, the Liberty Bell and our First National Capital, proudly casts 276 votes for the Next Presi-

dent of the United States!" Words to that effect were repeated by the delegates of each state from Alabama to Wyoming, broken by comic relief when some local pol suddenly realized he was speaking to a national audience and forgot whom he was voting for. And on each ballot at some point we would hear "Puerto Rico casts two votes for ___!" It was funny, but it was also democracy in action... your vote was counted, no matter where you lived.

I was only 23 then, and fully engaged in learning to be an ecologist. But I had just finished four years of college, in which I had enough credits for minors in both English and History, so I was also idealistic... and, inevitably, I was naïve. The world was a troubled place. It was the height of the Cold War, and the national psyche was still shaken by McCarthyism; the war in Korea was not yet resolved, and Russia was leading in the Space Race. And yet I was confident we would prevail. I was convinced that the key to our nation's future was education. I believed the quality of education I was receiving was available to everyone, and I assumed everyone wanted it. There was no doubt in my mind that a democracy with an educated and well-informed public could face difficult problems, see the difference between facts and propaganda, and make the right choices. The ensuing 60 years show how wrong I was.

My world view in the 1950s was correct in only one way: I believed history could not be ignored. The problems I saw in the '50s waned, but they did not die away; they just faded into the background as new and greater problems replaced them. The emphasis of the Cold War shifted from Russia to China; the Korean War fizzled out, but was followed by Viet Nam; the Space Race was won, but the technological changes that won it changed our society in unanticipated ways. In the meanwhile, three new problems appeared: Civil Rights, population growth, and climate change. In reality, they were not really new; each had been foreseen by scholars, sometimes for decades, but they had been ignored or denied by political systems all over the world. From the

1960s onward, they could no longer be ignored, but many politicians made successful careers by persuading an uncritical public to ignore them.

The Rights of individuals has been a problem throughout the history of civilization. The Old Testament records slavery as a normal institution in societies, and it existed in ancient Greece, the cradle of democracy. In America, Washington, Jefferson, and many of the other Founding Fathers owned slaves. Our Civil War was supposed to have ended it, and the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution promised equality for all. But both before and since the Civil War unscrupulous politicians have exploited voters' prejudices against persons of different color, national origin, gender, religion or economic class. We now call them voting blocs; the present election campaigns pit them against each other, and we run polls to measure how they will behave on election day. I knew of this in 1956; my naïve belief that public education would change it was wrong. I now believe it will get worse as populations grow and living conditions worsen.

The problems of population growth were known in the 16th and 17th centuries, but they came to public attention through the writing of Robert Malthus in 1798. His "Essay on Population" showed how unrestricted populations would always grow faster than the world's ability to provide food. The result of this would be what he called "vice and misery." Those two words included famines, epidemics, wars, and exploitation of social classes; and conditions in colonial empires like India and large cities like London and Paris provided evidence. In the 19th century, emigration to the Americas provided some room for the excess populations; but beginning around 1860, the "Germ Theory" of disease and the development of vaccines gradually began to reduce the occurrence of plague, smallpox, yellow fever, and other scourges. In the first half of the 20th century, two World Wars and the Great Depression reduced population growth,



but the development of antibiotics in the '40s and the "Green Revolution" of the late '60s allowed population growth to accelerate. By the later years of the 20th century, in spite of wars, disease and malnutrition the populations of Africa and Central/South America were growing explosively; and new means of communication by computers and cell phones, both products of space technology, enabled these crowded societies to become aware of the advantages of migrating to the developed countries. Previously, they did not have the means to travel; but now they did, and they came. The result was the influx of immigrants via Mexico to the U. S., and the disastrous efforts to get across the Mediterranean to Europe from Africa. United Nations programs have been warning us of this for years, and now it is happening. Politicians would have us believe it is simply the search for economic opportunity and can be stopped by walls and legal barriers; but for the people involved, it is the simple choice between Move or Die. They will keep coming.

Climate change by human activity was predicted several centuries ago, as the destruction of forests caused changes in rainfall patterns in Europe and America, but methods of measuring and recording it were not available until the 1800s. The ability of atmospheric gases to absorb heat energy was discovered around 1830, and the observed increase in world temperature was attributed to increased levels of car-

bon dioxide in 1896. Theoretical studies continued to accumulate, and but not until the advent of satellite technology in the 1960s did it become possible to measure and compare temperatures accurately on a world-wide scale. Since it was obvious that combating climate change would require major changes in energy production from fossil fuels, opposition to policy changes was urged by economic interests. Numerous other opponents ranged from labor unions who feared job losses to religious fundamentalists like Ronald Reagan's Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, who believed there was no reason to practice conservation or oppose climate change because the world was going to end soon anyway. In the U.S. and Europe in the 1990s, and recently in China, political support developed to begin restrictions on releasing heat-trapping atmospheric pollutants by industries and cities, but public resistance is still encouraged by many politicians. Meanwhile, it was announced last week that June, 2016, was the hottest month ever recorded.

I wonder what will be on the minds of 23-year old voters when all of the speeches, internet tweets and TV commercials are over and they enter the voting booths in November. Will they even have a world view of their own? And what will their elders be thinking?

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IN THE COUNTRY

Salamanders

Tim Iverson
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There are over 500 different species of salamanders worldwide. 171 of those species call North America home, and 21 can be found in Maryland. The smallest salamander here is the Four-Toed Salamander, which is about three inches long maximum. The largest species in Maryland is the Eastern Hellbender and can be up to two feet long and up to two pounds. Despite the foreboding name the Hellbender is completely harmless, and found primarily in Garrett County. Due mainly to habitat loss and degradation the Eastern Hellbender is listed as endangered in the state of Maryland, and threatened throughout the rest of its native range in the US.

Salamanders start life as an egg in a shallow calm pool of water. The eggs are laid in a clump and are coated in a clear jelly, much like frog eggs. Their early life resembles the life cycle of frogs closely. Once the eggs hatch the newly born salamanders, called efts, look a lot like tadpoles. They'll spend much of their time over the next few weeks swimming, eating, and growing. After a period of days or weeks, depending on the species, the young efts will grow legs and morph into their adult form.

All salamanders are carnivores, preferring mostly slow moving prey. Slugs and worms top the list of favorites. Other common foods include crickets, beetles, fish, crayfish, and other salamanders. Salamanders are a key component in the food web, and fall somewhere in the middle of the chain. They are an important predator species keeping lower rungs on the ladder in check, but also provide a valuable food source for higher levels up. Salamanders are often food for snakes, fox and other smaller forest mammals, fish, toads, frogs, and of course other salamanders!

When you're in the middle of the food chain you have to put up a good fight, and salamanders have a few defense tricks up their collective sleeve. Many have engaged in the biological arms race of evolution. Their sensitive, yet incredible, skin is coated in a slime which can be toxic and usually tastes extremely foul. In some cases salamanders can survive for up to 30 minutes in the stomach of a predator and can either be thrown up or crawl back out of the mouth in the event of the predator's death. Salamanders will either sport bright lively colors to warn predators of these toxic chemicals or will utilize subtle earth colors in an attempt to camouflage within the environment. A last ditch defence is sometimes a small bodily sacrifice. It's better to lose and regrow a tail than to be eaten. A new tail can regenerate within a few weeks without

any serious consequence or harm to the salamander.

Salamanders have incredible skin, it serves as a lifeline for them in multiple ways. A slime or mucous coats the skin generated by glands within the body. This mucous provides a defense against predators by containing toxins that taste bad and can potentially kill a predator when ingested. The slime is also quite slippery making them hard to catch by hungry predators or curious human hands alike. This mucous coating also protects against bacterial and fungal infection keeping salamanders healthy. Like other reptiles salamanders will shed their skin periodically, and this can serve as a meal for them providing additional energy and nutrition. The coating is important for heat regulation and breathing ability. Some salamanders have lungs and can breathe through their mouths. Others have gills and breathe similarly to fish. Others breathe straight through their skin and need their skin to be moist to do this, which is possible because of the permanent slime covering.

Salamanders can be either terrestrial, aquatic, or both. No matter the case in habitat they absolutely require a damp environment with access to a regular water source. This is absolutely necessary to keep their unique skin moist. Salamanders are nocturnal and can generally be found hiding under rocks, logs, and leaf substrate on a forest floor during the daylight hours. Their skin is highly sensitive and because of their dependence on water scientists view salamanders as an important indicator species in water or stream ecology.

Researchers with the Maryland Biological Stream Survey are reporting fewer salamanders found

every year. Numbers are in decline and it's likely due to environmental degradation and increased runoff pollution ending up in streams. Salamanders have permeable skin which allows water to pass through. Unfortunately it also takes in pollutants like chemicals and toxic gases found within the water, essentially making salamanders like a sponge. Pollutants can come from chemical treatments by agribusiness and homeowners. They also come from increased urban development causing runoff to dump straight into streams. Without sufficient riverside buffer zones to filter runoff amphibian eggs suffer and may be too damaged to support the life within. Adults are also affected because of the permeability of their skin, and if the environment becomes too toxic they will perish too. By planting rain gardens or volunteering to plant trees and other plants in riparian buffer zones you can reduce damage created by runoff. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources also hosts an annual citizen science volunteer project called "Stream Waders." Stream Waders' primary goals are research, education, and stewardship through the efforts of volunteers. Volunteers collect samples of water and aquatic invertebrate species. These samples allow scientists to get a snapshot of the overall water quality and see how well a stream is doing.

For over 350 million years salamanders have been able to thrive in and around streams. Able to elusively carve themselves a niche on the evolutionary ladder. These fascinating little creatures have developed some interesting ways to adapt and survive. With these adaptations they'll hopefully be able to see another 350 million years.

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Climate change is among the most serious threats that the salamander population faces. Detrimental changes in climate, such as increased temperatures, changing humidity levels, desertification, and droughts, wreak havoc on salamanders.

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REAL SCIENCE

A win for Mother Nature

Michael Rosenthal

One of the interesting things about science is that it is an evolving discipline. What seems to be evident and factual one day can turn out to be different as more knowledge is acquired. Don't think that the laws of nature change...they are dependable and constant, but when we learn more facts about a particular topic, we sometimes must revise our analysis and conclusions.

A good example of this phenomenon involves the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). These chemicals are relatively simply structured molecules, consisting of chlorine and fluorine atoms bonded to a central carbon atom. The simplest example has only one carbon atom with a total of four chlorine or fluorine atoms bonded to it. The symmetry is tetrahedral (a four-sided geometric structure – remember high school geometry?), and it is derived from our earlier subject, methane, CH₄. If both chlorines and fluorines are present, the geometry distorts slightly from a perfect tetrahedron because of the different size and electronic requirements of chlorine from fluorine.

These compounds have low toxicity, like their parent compound methane (CH₄), and have low reactivity and low flammability. Their initial uses were as refrigerants, propellants in medicinal applications, and for degreasing solvents. Chlorodifluoromethane is a precursor to tetrafluoroethylene, a compound that is converted to Teflon. Carbon tetrachloride was used in fire

extinguishers from the late nineteenth century until the 1940s. Freon is a group of these compounds, developed in the 1890s, which is used as a refrigerant, to replace ammonia and some other toxic compounds in common use in fire-fighting, and as the propellant in aerosol cans. The scientist who developed the uses for these chemicals in the 1920s, Thomas Midgley, once demonstrated the properties of the chemicals by inhaling a breath of Freon and then blowing out a candle with no harm to him!

So it sounds good, does it not? What more can one ask for, an easily manufactured, relatively low cost compound that has many uses and replaces more toxic chemicals?

But Mother Nature had a secret that took us a while to discover. In the 1980s it became a concern that these compounds had a negative impact on the ozone layer. Hence regulation of the use of these compounds came into play. The low reactivity of CFCs leads to a lifespan of the chemicals that can last as long as 100 years or more. During this time they diffuse into the upper stratosphere, where ultraviolet radiation breaks them down into highly reactive molecules of bromine and chlorine which are very reactive. These released molecules then attack the earth's ozone layer!

The discovery of this phenomenon has led to regulation of the use of CFCs. In 1978 the United States banned the use of CFCs, such as Freon, in aerosol cans, which was the beginning of extensive regulatory actions



It's worth reflecting on what a close call we have had with the ozone layer. Scientists in Antarctica first began measuring stratospheric ozone levels in 1957, but it still took decades to realize how dire the situation actually was. Indeed, when researchers found signs of severe ozone depletion in the 1970s, they initially thought their instruments were faulty. It wasn't until 1974 that a paper proposing that rising concentrations of CFCs in the atmosphere could deplete the ozone layer. These stable chemicals were widely used as refrigerants and cleaning solvents. Even then, it took protests by active environmentalists to have governments take action to ban them.

regarding CFCs in the United States against their use, administered vigorously and continuously to the present time by The Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Montreal Protocol of 1987 called for drastic reduction of CFCs, and in 1989, 12 European Community nations forged the Montreal Protocol, agreeing to work toward a ban on CFC use. The Protocol was strengthened in 1990. The Food and Drug Administration has monitored the role of the United States in their responsibility under the agreement reached in the Montreal Protocol. The time planned for complete elimination has passed; there have been smuggling issues that have delayed the total elimination of CFCs, which should have been reached by now. Existing use leads to 5,791 kilotons of CFCs in existing products in 2002 in refrigerators, air conditioners, and aerosol cans. In 2007 some 200 countries agreed to accelerate the elimination of CFC use, including the United States and China. To make things even worse, CFCs also act as a greenhouse gas to contribute to global warming.

On a more positive note, a recent report in 2016 states that the ozone layer over Antarctica is showing signs of healing. The adoption of Montreal Protocol has been shown to be the major factor that has led to this fact by a professor of climate sciences at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Susan Solomon. Dr. Solomon announced that both experimental and modeling evidence supports a slowing of the rate of ozone depletion, after a peak size in 2000. The importance of the recognition of this problem is reflected by the fact that

F. Sherwood Rowland, Mario Molina, and Paul J. Crutzen were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1995 for their contributions to the recognition of the ozone depletion problem. Last year a model predicted that the Antarctic hole might be gone by 2050, thanks to the Montreal Protocol. Mother Nature continues to make things better or worse. The eruption of the Chilean volcano Calbuco in 2015 created an ozone hole. Professor Solomon has said, "We can now be confident that the things we've done have put the planet on a path to heal."

We've written before about the over use of vitamins and the amounts of cash spent by the public on those which are of little or no use to their health. An article in a recent AARP Bulletin reinforces this fact. The report points out that Americans spend \$37 billion on nutritional supplements annually. An attorney in Florida tells his story that at age 79 a pharmacist recommended he take a supplement rich in omega-3 fatty acids to improve short-term memory. Instead of helping him, however, it made him sick. He is now the plaintiff in a federal lawsuit accusing the drug chain in question of misleading advertising.

These supplements include vitamins, memory pills, sleep aids, muscle powders, and various "disease cures". A report showed that the percentage of adults between the ages of 62 and 85 rose from 51.8 to 63.7 percent between 2005 and 2011. These supplements are not regulated as medicine, but as food! For that reason, the manufacturers do not need to prove that their products are either effective or safe. Often label claims are false and sometimes could be dangerous. The industry is not policed, and misleading claims are often made.

One of the worst of these claims is the marketing of drugs that claim to help dementia and even Alzheimer's disease. Mainstream science has yet to find a cure for these conditions. Senator Claire McCaskill has taken the lead from her position on the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging to seek information from retailers who make their claims, and the Justice Department has announced a nationwide sweep of more than 100 manufacturers and marketers of supplements to trace false unsubstantiated claims. This is only the tip of the iceberg. There are many supplement marketers claiming to solve all kinds of actual and potential medical problems. As I've said before, take notice when you see the statement, "this product has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. It is not intended to cure, treat or prevent any disease or illness". Put it back on the shelf and save your money.

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Zurgable's

Jack Deatherage

“So, do you know the man that owns Zurgable's Hardware store at the top of the hill south of town? Of course you do.” A librarian at the Emmitsburg branch library laughs. “I love his patois.”

“You mean Mark?”

“Yes. That's his name. Has he always lived around here? I don't know anyone else around here that speaks with such a wonderful patois.”

What the hell is a “patois”? It sounds French. And where might Mark have gotten it? Is it contagious? (That's the trouble with librarians. They occasionally cause me to think.) Googling “patois” confuses me. So I drive out to the hardware store (16663 Old Emmitsburg Road) to take a look at Mark and see if I can spot his patois. I suppose I could have called (301) 447-2020 and gotten him to jabbering, but I never know who else might be hanging around the counter with something interesting to tell of.

I have vague memories of being taken along to Zurgable Brothers' farm store when we visited this area in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Mostly I remember the candy bars on display behind the counter glass and being told “No. You'll ruin your supper.” It sticks in my mind that either Roger (Mark's dad) or Morris (Mark's uncle) would hand me a candy bar with a grin, knowing whichever relative I was with would have to fork over the nickel, pretty much guaranteeing I'd be a customer for life.

Not that I could avoid being a customer once Dad settled us in this area. With Grandpap Cool's farm just two good stone throws from the store and us only living a few miles away it seemed only logical everyone in the clan would patronize Zurgable's. (We can't prove it, but Mark and I suspect the Standard Twin tractor my dad bought from GrandpapC was probably bought sometime in the 1950s from Zurgable's.) While Mark no longer sells the Oliver line of

farm equipment, or any other that GrandpapC used, he still sells seed for field and garden as well as feeds for livestock, and various nuts, bolts and tools the area farmers come in to buy as needs be.

When US 15 cut through my grandfather's farm, and many others' in the mid 1960s, everything around Emmitsburg changed. All at once it was possible and practical to drive to bigger towns for higher paying jobs. Emmitsburg went from a nearly self-sufficient small town with a car dealership, factories, mom and pop grocery stores, a clothing shop, bowling alley, movie theater, two colleges and a TV/radio repair shop to a bedroom community feeding worker bees into such far flung places as DC and Bal'm'r'.

People driving down-the-road to work began exploring the commercial offerings elsewhere. It wasn't long before shopping at bigger (higher volume/lower price) stores began to hurt Emmitsburg's local businesses, Zurgable's among them.

Gasoline was cheap and the highway led to the promised land, the Frederick Towne Mall! The offerings were vast and mesmerizing! Why, people could walk all day in the air-conditioned mall and with the concurrent issuing of plastic money cards to nearly anyone with a job we could bring our new found treasures home and brag about how much we owed on them.

While US 15 led us locals into temptation it also brought escapees from exotic places such as Montgomery and Fairfax Counties to Emmitsburg to live in a simpler, quieter community. Some of the new people found Zurgable's hardware store a blessing that saved them another trip down-the-road they had recently come-up. It took thick headed locals, myself specifically, a bit longer to realize how valuable having a hardware store within walking distance is. (Not that I'm likely to walk the mile out of town and back, but I could. Maybe. On a good day.)

When I was paying someone to trim out and paint our house, and they were driving to Frederick and

back to fetch paint or trim, and I was paying them by the hour, it didn't take long to realize any money saved on paint was more than lost in drive time! I took to insisting “If Mark stocks it, buy it from Zurgable's!” Which led to many a heated argument, which I won 'cause I was doing the paying.

But does Mark stock it? Well, that depends on what “it” is. Over the years I've bought hunting and fishing licenses there as well as a Winchester rifle, though he no longer deals in that trade. I could buy everything needed to distill alcohol, though Mark says he'd report me. Though I suspect it might take him awhile to do so if he was getting a bottle now and again, strictly for medicinal purposes. On more practical, if less interesting items, I tend to think of Zurgable's as a hardware convenience store. Most everything a balding, fumble fingered home owning Jack might need (if he knew what to do with it) is represented at the store. Basic plumbing, carpentry, welding tools and supplies. Garden hoses, fittings, fencing and such. Workshop tools from sets to single pieces as needed.

I've bought several nice pairs of work gloves that have worn very well, because, according to some people (DW and Mark) I hardly use them. Red Wing work boots, which DW says I don't have need of. Holland grills and some outdoor cookery thing called the Grill Done? Paints, tapes, brushes, shovels, garden forks (DW isn't allowed to use those, she tends to snap the handles off. The woman's a brute!) Window glass, various wooden and metal rods. Cleaning supplies (I try to avoid those things.) Lighting needs from simple fixtures to bulbs and tubes, stove pipes and- Well, if I don't see it I just ask Mark if he can order it for me, like the Earthway seeder he got me at a better price than I could find online!

And here's what I like about Mark, “Jack, I don't have it in stock. I can order it for you, or if you need it now I think 'so and so' in 'whatever' town carries it.” Sometimes he'll even send me over the mountain to a “big box” competitor.

When Mark gets to talking about



Zurgable Brothers is a hardware store cut from the past, where customer service always comes first. Sure you can save a few pennies by running down to Lowe's, but in an era where time is money, not supporting your local hardware store is penny wise and pound-foolish.

some motorcycle exploration into wine country, his last fishing trip, or pontificating on the slow demise of small town brick & mortar businesses I try to spot his patois. Whatever the librarian hears I don't. Probably my tin ear combined with my lack of exposure to outside influences during the last fifty-two years prevents me from hearing Mark's odd speech habits?

What I do hear is yet another small business owner in a small town struggling to compete with online and big box stores. What I worry

about hearing is Mark someday saying “to hell with it”. And him closing the store, hopping on his Harley and heading off into the sunset. Not that I'd do anything more than yell “GO for it!”, but then I'd have to drive over the mountain for a roll of masking tape.

Sadly, I don't see anyone coming after Mark willing to take up servicing the Emmitsburg area.

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PETS

Animals can really surprise you

Jennifer Vanderau,
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For people who say they tell their dogs about their problems because the canines are often better listeners than humans, they might be a lot closer to the truth than any of us ever thought.

I've talked to a lot of people recently who wholeheartedly believe their dog understands what they're saying. Indeed, my family claims my canine brothers and sisters know what they are talking about. The pups know what "go outside" means – they go right to the door. Dad always said our dog Max would lead him to the car in the driveway if Dad asked her if she wanted to go for a ride.

Mom also believes they know what the word walk means. Although, I gotta tell you, some of those little stinkers have minds of their own, so we may never really know what human language they actually know 'cause with some of them, you can talk 'til you're blue in the face and they either a) don't care or b) will just do what they want anyway. They're brats, but we love 'em.

For those of you who, like my mom and pop, believe your dog understands language, there are studies to back you up. A few years ago, they did a study in Germany with a border collie named Rico. Researchers believe Rico understood more than 200 words.

Rico had the ability to fetch toys. Specific toys. People would tell Rico which toy they wanted and he would not only bring the right one, he would pick the one you asked for out of a pile of other toys. I think that dog's smarter than I was when I was a toddler. Seriously.

In fact, Rico even had the ability to search out a new toy. He had enough intelligence to recognize a new word and connect it to the new toy. Amazing. Even a month after the first test, he could bring the new toy back three out of six times, which researchers say is about the equivalent of a 3-year-old. See? Smarter than me as a toddler.

Sometimes, dogs can actually prove to be wiser than people. One lady owned a Jack Russell Terrier that had a better memory than she did. She always brought home toys for her girl. And eventually the dog began to recognize which toy was which. One day, she brought home a duck and said to her pup, "Go get duck-duck."

When her little girl ran downstairs – the opposite direction of the new toy – mom though she had her. The kicker is the Jack Russell came up the stairs with a toy from a long time ago that Mom had named "duck-duck." The dog remembered the name of the old toy, where mom didn't.

Sometimes animals can really surprise you.

When I take animals around for visits to nursing homes, a number of people will say to me, "You know dogs aren't dumb. They know who loves them and can learn more than we think."

Never a truer word has been spoken. We had a German Shepherd years ago at the shelter who could get out of his kennel. No matter what we did. It actually started to freak us out after a while.

He would get out of his kennel and through three closed doors to greet us at the front door every, single day. We did just about everything we could think of to keep him in, but every morning, there he was staring at us (with a knowing little smirk if you ask me) as we opened the door.

It got to the point where we just said, "Okay, we give. You're smarter than us. Just try not to destroy anything when you're running around at night."

And the training some of the dogs we've gotten have had – it kind of makes you scratch your head to try to figure out why someone would go to the trouble to train a dog only to give him up to an animal shelter.

After 15 years, I've kind of learned to stop asking why.

But my point, and I do have one, is that a lot of dogs come into the shelter already trained. Some of them know

sit, shake, down, stay and a host of other commands. One English Setter had actually been trained to point. The problem was we had no idea what the command was to get her off point.

So when you would take her on a walk and she saw a squirrel she would freeze and no matter what you did, you had a devil of a time getting her to move. She was a stray, so we had no background information on her at all. Again, someone had trained her to do that and didn't care that she was lost.

Now, I will tell you, we've had canines at this shelter who seem, I'm sorry to say, dumber than rocks. I've taken some with me who actually try to go out the wrong side of the door. You know the one with the hinges and all? Yeah, they'll shove their nose into the crack of the door – even as the other side is opening – and try to squeeze out past the hinges.

I typically say, "Um, sweetheart, the door opens the other way."

They eventually figure it out, but I'm left shaking my head.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, every single dog on this planet is different. Different personality, different likes and dislikes, different intelligence level. Some are sweet, some not-so-much. Some seem smarter than we are, some can't figure out which side of the door to go out.

But they are all equally worthy of our love and devotion.

For those of you who tell people your dog understands words and get the "you must be out of your mind look," reference this column and the studies that have been done. 'Cause you aren't wrong. A lot of dogs can be smarter than you think.

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Before humans die, they write their last Will & Testament, give their home & all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

- My happy home.
- My bowl & cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys.
- The lap, which I loved so much.
- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I'd Will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM.

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Cast horse

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Whenever the pager goes off at midnight, I already know it's going to be a bad call. Most people are sleeping at that hour and even those that aren't, would rather not be calling their veterinarian. So when the pager went off at 11:40 pm, I already knew that it wasn't going to be a simple call. The text simply said "owner requests sedation for her horse." When I called the owner back, it quickly became apparent that she was going to need a lot more than just sedation.

Earlier that evening, my client's neighbors had been shooting firearms in the backyard. While some horses are not bothered by gunfire, some become very frightened. This horse had gotten scared and had run through the three strand polywire fence. On the other side of the fence was a 5 feet deep 4 feet wide gully with a small creek run-

ning through it. The horse had fallen into the gully and was lying on his back in the creek. As the bank was steep, the horse was unable to roll to get his legs back under him.

The horseman's term for when a horse gets stuck on his or her back is "cast". Horses can get cast in snowbanks as well as up against the side of a stall. Once cast, horses have a tendency to panic and thrash around. This can be dangerous for both the horse as well as the owner. Luckily this owner recognized the potentially dangerous situation and called the fire department, as well as a crane, to come to her assistance.

Unfortunately the horse was cast in the gully for almost three hours before they decided it was time to call a veterinarian. In the owner's defense, I can see why I wasn't first on her list of people to call. It wasn't as if I was going to be able to lift the horse out of the creek without help. Prior to calling me, the owner had also called various horse



After discovering your horse has a colic, finding out it is cast rises to second in the list of items that strike fear in the minds of horse owners. The successful resolution for a cast horse depends on keeping a cool head and powerful back muscles.

rescue groups who informed her that they did not do "below grade" rescues (ie they weren't trained to pull horses out of ditches).

When I arrived at the farm, I was delighted to see that the fire department had excellent lighting and had illuminated the work area well. In addition to having bright lights, they had ladders to climb in and out of the gully if needed. They also had straps to use on the horse and had already chainsawed down the trees between the horse and the crane. However, they fireman were not familiar with horses so they didn't know how to use their equipment to get the horse safely out of the ditch.

After a brief physical exam of the horse I determined that he was cold and slightly shocky. I gave him some anti-inflammatory medication and a light sedative. I then attached the straps around the horse's barrel and had the fire department pull the horse into position to attach the crane's hoist rope. The horse was then hoisted out of the gully and onto the nearby meadow. At that point he was still too cold and weak to stand up. However after drying him off, and then an hour of rest, the horse stood up and was calmly led back to his barn.

While not all of middle of the night emergency calls have happy endings, this one did. Thanks to a very skilled fire department, a crane, and a capa-

ble owner, this horse was successfully rescued. My presence was important, but having the proper man and machine power made it possible for the horse to be successfully pulled out of the gully and treated. The next time our local fire department has a fund-

raiser, I will immediately pull out my wallet and donate. I encourage readers to do the same.

To read more articles by Dr. Kim Brokaw, visit the Authors section of Emmitsburg.net.

Heroes come in all sizes

Recently my antique Border Collie, Debbie wandered off while I was mowing, got herself into a predicament with the rough terrain and in the process of trying to get back up to our home, became hopelessly disoriented. Of course it began to rain on this chilly overnight, not letting up for more than 10 minutes at any point during her 30 hours on the lam. It was nearly 8:00 PM when I realized she wasn't anywhere on the farm at which point I hit the panic button.

Through the night I walked and drove the area, printed up color fliers, posted her as missing on several websites, and on the Fairfield parents Facebook page, canvased the area with fliers, alerted the police departments, the school bus drivers, postal, UPS and FedEx carriers, the trash haulers and anyone I spotted outdoors. One of those kind souls alerted her nieces, when they got home at the end of their day, promising to go out to look for Debbie. Within minutes the girls, Payton and Ashlyn Stambaugh spotted Debbie sleeping soundly on a neighbors back porch and ran to tell their Aunt who then called me to facilitate our happy reunion.



I jumped into my truck right away to go pick up my dearly deaf, nearly blind, arthritic dog and to thank the girls who spotted her. After Debbie was checked out by Dr. Kubala at the Littlestown Veterinary Hospital the next morning, she was sent home with orders for long naps and extra treats.

So Debbie and I wanted to publicly thank our little heroes who took our tragic situation to heart and went in search of this cold, wet, tired, dazed and frightened old dog. Payton and Ashlyn are our heroes!

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Echinaceas – A must-have

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I have many “favorite” plants – in every category - ranging from perennials to shrubs to trees. It’s all dependent on where I’m visiting, what I’m teaching, or what season it is. Right now Echinaceas are a favorite of mine. Why? They are in full bloom now and there are so many colors to choose!

Echinaceas are in the family Asteraceae, often referred to as the aster or composite family. Other plants in this family include Rudbeckia, coreopsis and sunflowers. They are native to North America, most species specifically to the plains, but few are native to eastern US, as far north as Pennsylvania. These plants were used by the Native Americans for several ailments, including colds and snake bites. When the Europeans discovered the medicinal value of this genus, they took it back with them along with goldenrod.

Most often referred to as coneflowers, the plant genus Echinacea should not be confused with Rudbeckia. These are two very different plants, but the common name is often confused between the two genera. This is a good reason to begin using the Latin names of plants instead of common names, especially when learning that one of the Echinaceas is actually yellow and resembles one of the Rudbeckias!

The most common species that

is found in the nurseries and garden centers is Echinacea purpurea. This purple coneflower is naturally found in the mid-west. If this plant is in your garden, you’ll be sure to have birds, butterflies and bees visiting them on a daily basis. There’s a lot of breeding that has been done with this species, from crossing different species (hybridizing) to selections (choosing a particular plant within a group of plants that have special characteristics one is looking for). This has made it possible for the gardener to find a coneflower in almost any color – orange, red, pink, white and yellow.

One of the more common plant selections of E. purpurea includes ‘Magnus’, named “Perennial Plant of the Year” in 1998. This status drew attention to the coneflowers, ramping up the breeding programs for this genus. E. purpurea ‘White Swan’ is a white form of purple coneflower and very easy to find in the nurseries and garden centers. The white flowers add brightness to any garden, especially in the evening as the sun is setting. Others include ‘Elton Knight’, chosen for its more compact habit, ‘Ruby Star’, excellent for its deep purple petals, and ‘Bravado’ for its large flowers.

Echinacea paradoxa is a yellow flowering species of coneflower. This plant is native to Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas. Although not found naturally in Pennsylvania or Maryland, it can grow very well here. This species, in addition to E. purpurea, has been used in the breeding of many of the new colors of Echi-

naceas, like ‘Marmalade’ (orange) and ‘Maui Sunshine’ (yellow). E. paradoxa and E. tenesseeensis have also been crossed to create some very colorful breeds.

E. paradoxa has yellow drooping petals and reaches about 3’ high when in flower. This species is not easily found in the industry for retail; however, I suspect it will become more common as the popularity increases due to its yellow flowers.

In addition to many flower colors available as a result of breeding, double flowers are also becoming more available. ‘Secret Glow (golden yellow), ‘Raspberry Truffle’ (pink), and ‘Coconut Lime’ (white) are commonly found in the garden centers. Although double flowers are not recommended to grow in the garden if your goal is to attract pollinators, the double flowering plants create interest and a blast of color in most any garden when mixed with other pollinator-attracting plants.

A fortune, or downfall, to working in a nursery, which I do on weekends, is all the options when choosing plants for my own garden. I just purchased E. ‘Hot Papaya’ (orange-red, double flower) for my garden to add a bright color to an otherwise quiet garden. I labored on this decision, as there are many other varieties of coneflowers to choose from. This one, however, I am very excited about, as it really does brighten the garden.

Other species of coneflowers include E. angustifolia, E. pallida, E. tenesseeensis, and E. laevigata, the last two species considered endangered in the wild. E. tenesseeensis is native to Tennessee; E. laevigata is the native coneflower to PA and a few states in the Southeast. The straight species reproduce via seeds, making them long residents in the garden or meadow.

E. tenesseeensis is unique as it has almost cupped petals with narrow foliage, making it an interesting addition to a garden. E. pallida, also quite unique, has droopy, narrow petals, with flowers about four inches across. The centers, or cones, of the flow-



Echinaceas, also known as coneflowers, are considered a great cut flower and with many colors, forms and sizes available, should be a staple in every gardener’s garden.

er are reddish-brown and dominant with the petals ranging in colors from pale pink to dark pink. It’s one of the tallest coneflowers, reaching up to 40 inches and has narrow leaves. E. pallida is native to the mid-west, south-east and north-east US.

In nature, Echinaceas can be found in meadows and prairies, so full sun is best. They are also tolerant of drier conditions, although in order to get them established in a garden, watering

is necessary. They bloom from June through late July, and sporadically through September. Most get to be 25 – 30 inches tall. Some, however, are shorter, 20 inches or so, and some are taller, up to 40 inches. Most coneflowers are considered a great cut flower and with many colors, forms and sizes available, should be a staple in every gardener’s garden.

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is Coneflowers for the Mid-Atlantic Region - Mt. Cuba Center. This document can be found on-line. Mt. Cuba Center trialed many Echinaceas and released their results in this document in 2009. Another interesting article is located here: <http://www.plantdelights.com/Article/Echinacea-Coneflower>.

After doing some research, check out the garden centers and nurseries. I can say from experience, going into a plant place with lots of options can be overwhelming and exhilarating, especially when the plants are blooming. So many colors, so many sizes, so very exciting! Enjoy your garden!

To read other gardening articles, visit the Gardening section of Emmitsburg.net.

Frederick County Master Gardener events

August 9 - "Make-and-Take Mini Garden for Children." Each child, working with a parent, will create a small container garden. You may bring your own container and accessories or choose from options available at the session.

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The mission of the program is to teach people proper gardening practices and to be good stewards of our environment. As a Master Gardener, you have the opportunity to engage in activities that show and teach others about these practices. Some volunteer opportunities include teaching youth about gardening, presenting adult gardening classes, maintaining garden plots in the demonstration gardens, participating in the Penn State pollinator research program, and many more.

Our Trial and Demonstration Gardens are located at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. As with most gardens, our garden is ever-changing. Beginning as a site for trialing plants for Penn State University, it has now developed into a garden of our own trials, as well as a research plot for monitoring pollinators. Monthly Garden Chats are offered in the gardens. Our next one will be beginning August 3. All chats begin at 6pm in the garden for no charge.

Becoming a Master Gardener is a fun and educational adventure. New training classes begin Wednesday evenings August 10, 2016 through January 18, 2017 from 6pm - 9pm. The first nine classes are located at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg with the last seven at the Franklin County Extension, Franklin Farm Road, Chambersburg. The fee for this course is \$200.00, which includes the training manual, handouts and worksheets as well as the expertise of Penn State educators.

If you are interesting in becoming a Penn State Master Gardener or want to learn more, contact Mary Ann Ryan (mother who did not buy here daughter a horse), at mar35@psu.edu, or call her at 717-334-6271, ext. 319 or better yet, stop by the extension office at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

Mary Ann Ryan is the Consumer Horticulture/Master Gardener Coordinator for Penn State Extension in Adams County. Penn State in Adams County is located at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325; phone 334-6271.

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August, Die She Must

Marianne Willburn

September is getting closer. We are either excited to begin the fall season and forget about summer failings, or we are starting to plan for next year, when the weather will be perfect, and a kinder, gentler insect nation will live in harmony with our pole beans and pelargoniums.

I have let much go over the season, aided and abetted by the convenience of a membership in a local CSA and a couple of overflowing beds at the community garden. Now is the time of reckoning...of clean up and harvest and the planting of a few veggies before Jack Frost has his wicked way with my soil structure.

Spinach is going in, as is lettuce and even a broccoli plant or two. The broccoli is late of course, but I will endeavor to get a bit of fleece over the plants to keep temperatures higher. Should my efforts fail, I will be sautéing leaves in butter, rather than steaming florets in broth, but either way, there will be veggies on the table in October.

The flower gardens are in a state of what could kindly be termed 'cottage neglect'. Rudbeckia still flowers, as does the odd re-blooming rose and a favored hibiscus - but the duties of coloring the garden have been given primarily to the annual firecrackers: zinnia, cleome, pelargonium ('Bright Lights' chard for that matter). Soon the autumn bloomers will add to the display - indeed the sweet autumn clematis is about to pop, as are stonecrop, caryopteris and various asters of uncertain parentage.

A groundhog still roams the back garden freely. He has grown fat and happy on the remains of my kale, courted a sweetheart and built a network of tunnels with which to woo her into married life. Even now they are planning a

spring litter on the premise that I will never get around to reinforcing the soft rubble at the base of my fence, and there will always be lettuce and spinach to fill the bellies of hungry offspring.

Sadly, they are probably right. I have been tied up with nonsense and have allowed that part of the garden to regress into primeval jungle. It has not taken long for wild grape to drape fences, for honeysuckle to grow through stored tomato cages and poke weed to put down tuberous roots that delve deeper than those of small trees.

This is where the benefits of having garden rooms come into play. Just as I can shut the door on the pigsty that currently calls itself a teenager's domain, I can shut the gate on an area of the garden I have neither the time nor the inclination to deal with this season. Winter will bring death to annual vines and perennial foliage, and spring will bring energy to a gardener now at the end of her seasonal fanaticism. For the gardener, dreaming of future success usually overshadows the harsh reality of past and present failures.

September's activities will focus on cuttings for the spring garden. I will scurry around getting lights set up in the basement for tender plants whose leaves quail at the thought of temperatures dipping below the forty range: crassula, echeveria, coleus, mandevilla and a Caliente series of pelargonium which sports a deep blue-red zonal blossom yet flops gently in the style of ivy-leaved parents.

But there will also be time for rest. Nights on the deck will refresh, just as weekends at public gardens will inspire; and the cold mornings that coat the storm windows with condensation will send me to my books with a cup of coffee and a sharpened pencil. Bliss.

Goodbye August, roll on September! I for one welcome the changing of the guard.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Mason Dixon Days

Celebrating our region's colonial history

Kathy Reid
Gettysburg Wine and Fruit Trail

The South Mountain region of Pennsylvania and Maryland is an area rich in history. The most famous historical moment in this region is the Battle of Gettysburg which occurred over a three day period in July, 1863. The armies of the Union and the Confederacy made the little town of Gettysburg hallowed ground with their service and sacrifice during those three days of battle and bloodshed. But the Civil War was not the first war to touch this region. The French and Indian War, which took place between 1756 and 1763, touched the lives of the colonists who settled in this region and the Native Americans whose lands were being taken by the French and British emigrants. The Seven Years War as it is known in Europe was in fact the first global war, the first world war, and a war that helped to sow the seeds of unrest and desire for freedom from Britain that

would culminate in the American Revolutionary War.

During that same time period, a dispute between the Penn's of Pennsylvania and the Calvert's of Maryland about the land grants that each family had received from the British throne culminated in the famous Mason and Dixon survey that would create the Mason and Dixon line that would end the decade's old dispute between these two families. The survey party's time frame brought them to this region in August, 1765. The survey party of Charles Mason, surveyor and mathematician and Jeremiah Dixon, astronomer, succeeded in drawing this line where previous survey parties had failed.

Mason and Dixon arrived in Philadelphia on November 15th 1763 during a tense period. The Seven Years' War had spilled over to North America as the French and Indian Wars, and although the Treaty of Paris, signed in February 1763, had put an official end

to the hostilities, conflicts between colonists and Indians continued. The Iroquois League, or Six Nations (Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida and Tuscarora), had supported the British against their longtime enemies, the Cherokee, Huron, Algonquin and Ottawa, whom the French had supported in their attacks on colonists. As the survey progressed, racial violence and the relentless dispossession of Indians were frequent background themes and a constant source of disruption and danger to the survey party.

Mason and Dixon Days at the Mary Penn, will bring that colonial era and history to life on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 at the Mary Penn Bed & Breakfast, a 200 acre farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The historic home that is now the B&B existed during the time of the French and Indian War and the Mason and Dixon survey. When the survey was completed at this site in August, 1765, the home was



Iroquois Indian re-enactors will once again play center stage at this year's Mason Dixon Days' event.

divided in two by the Mason and Dixon line. Reenactors will portray Mason and Dixon and demonstrate how they were able to complete this difficult task.

The 251st anniversary of the survey party's work in this region and the political climate of the times is being celebrated and recreated during this weekend event. The event features a British, French and Native American encampment with three battle reenactments. Exhibits and demonstrations will be ongoing throughout the day including colonial children's games on Saturday and artillery demonstrations with cannons of the era both days. This event is

free and open to the public. A \$5 donation per car for parking will be accepted during the day's event, from 9 am - 4 pm, as well as during the free concert to be held that evening from 7-10 pm by the Irish music group, Across the Pond. Wineries, a brewery and distillery as well as other members of the GWFT will be selling during the event from 9 am until 10 pm.

The address of the event is 716 Mason Dixon Road, Gettysburg. To learn more, visit the Facebook page, Mason and Dixon Days at the Mary Penn or the GWFT website: www.gettysburgwineandfruittrail.com.

Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail

The Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail has a mission: to be the outreaching agent for small family farms, small family businesses and those whose businesses support the local agricultural economy. The GWFT, now in its seventh year of existence, works to showcase the traditional and contemporary agricultural face of the South Mountain region of Pennsylvania and Maryland as well as to bring attention to the historical treasures and the artists and craftspeople of the region.

"Our Agritourism Trail began with a handful of farm families in the hills west

of Gettysburg who brought their hard working hands and heads together to create a reason for folks to travel beyond the battlefields of Gettysburg to what we called 'the best of the west of Gettysburg.' We wanted folks who live in and who visit this area to experience one of the natural treasures of the region: its rich agricultural diversity. Farmers wear many hats in their businesses. Our goal was to take on the hat of outreaching and telling their story so that more people would learn about them and choose to support them," says GWFT Presi-

dent and Founder Kathy Reid of Reid's Orchard & Winery in Orrtanna.

The Trail expanded its focus in its third year to include family businesses that support the local farm economy: cafes, restaurants and bed & breakfasts. In its fifth year, the Trail outreached to its current and final footprint: the South Mountain region of Pennsylvania and Maryland. "Our goal in expanding the Trail was to unite the region around its predominant physical presence: the South Mountain chain which runs from the area around Jefferson, Maryland to

Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

"Along the way of supporting the local agricultural economy we realized there was something else that defines this region but was not receiving its share of support by existing organizations: the museums and historical sites in this region. This area has so many hidden historical treasures. While the powerful story of the Battle of Gettysburg has its rightful place as a leading historical timepiece for our region, the truth is that battle, that war, was not the first one fought here. This region is full of museums and

foundations dedicated to telling the story of this area from the time it was the colonial frontier through World War II. So we began a new category of membership to bring these treasures on and help them to tell their story. The Friends of the Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail is designed to showcase the regional historical treasures and the artisans who bring this region to life through their art and craft creations."

In celebration of our commitment to support the historical treasures of this region, the Trail is again sponsoring a living history event celebrating the colonial history of this region. Mason and Dixon Days at the Mary Penn will be held at the Mary Penn B&B August 20 and 21. Colonial life in the 1750's-1760's will come to life on this 900 acre farm that is divided by the Mason and Dixon line. For more details on this free event, visit the Facebook page: Mason and Dixon Days at the Mary Penn. The event will include three battles, native talks at the Native camp, the opportunity to visit three camps of the era: one French, one British and one Native American. The weekend living history event opens at 9 am on Saturday August 20 and closes at 5 pm. Sunday the event reopens at 9 am with event closing at 2 pm.

During the event guests will be able to sample and purchase wine from Halbrecht Vineyard & Winery as well as Reid's Winery. Hard Cider, a favorite colonial drink, will be available from Reid's Winery as well. Battlefield Brew Works returns this year with their craft beers and distilled spirits. Dill's Tavern & Plantation, one of the Trail's historical treasures, will be demonstrating various colonial crafts, children's games as well as Mason and Dixon whiskey tastings: spirits made from local distilleries.

For more information about any of these members or mentioned events, visit the Gettysburg Wine and Fruit Trail website: gettysburgwineandfruittrail.com or email Kathy Reid at kathyreid57@hotmail.com.

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Ten acres preserved in Mount Joy

Marti Shaw
Adams County
Land Conservancy

The more we preserve, the better off we are—and the better off the world is.” Speaking like a true preservationist, Mount Joy Township resident Carol Holtz lives by her words. Holtz recently preserved her 10-acre property through the Land Conservancy of Adams County.

Developments that had been proposed in her neighborhood had caused her concern about pollution, congestion, and stresses on groundwater. Since Holtz had inherited her property from her parents, who had only owned this one property in their lives, the land has always been special to her, and she wanted to protect it.

Before preserving her property, Holtz had to work through some misconceptions about land preservation. She thought her land would be owned by the Land Conservancy after her passing. But thanks to a neighbor who owns preserved property nearby, Holtz learned that after preservation, she and her heirs would continue to own the land until they chose to sell it to someone else.

Like many others, Holtz also was not clear about the relationship between property enrolled in the Adams County “Clean and Green” program and property preserved by the Land Conservancy. She learned that the two programs are completely separate, and that preserving land does not alter her local taxes in any way.

After gaining clarity on these common misconceptions, Holtz called

the Land Conservancy office to start the preservation process. Land Conservation Coordinator Adam Boyer gave Holtz a sample easement document, which she read carefully. Holtz was pleased to learn that the terms of each easement can be arranged to the desires of the landowner, so she asked for several revisions and added provisions preventing drilling and pipeline installation on her land.

When the easement document fully satisfied her desires for her land, Holtz was ready to donate her easement. About two-thirds of properties preserved through the Land Conservancy are through easements donated by landowners, which means that the landowner is not compensated financially for limiting development rights on their land.

Although 10 acres is not that large compared to other preserved properties, Holtz recognized that her property is part of a bigger picture. With several other preserved properties in the vicinity, preserving her land increases the impact of open space in her area. Holtz’s land provides habitat for deer, turkeys, and many birds, including an indigo bunting, towhee, cardinals, bluebirds, chickadees, and tufted titmouse.

And since the property contains headwaters for Little’s Run, preserving her land also helps protect water quality in the area. Holtz noted that a student from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School came out to test the water on her property as part of a school project on water quality—and hers was the highest quality the student tested, a point of pride for Carol.

Holtz is happy to have her prop-

erty preserved in perpetuity, not only for the benefits provided to the community, but to honor her parents in a meaningful way.

18th Annual Road Rally to honor Adams County’s first responders

The 18th annual running of the Land Conservancy of Adams County’s fall classic Road Rally is set for Saturday, Oct. 15 and will celebrate the county’s first responders.

John Eline, director of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services, will serve as honorary Rally Master for the event, in which participants motor along Adams County’s scenic back roads at the peak of fall colors, learning about the importance of land preservation in the county as well as the many ways the county’s emergency services professionals and volunteers protect and serve local residents.

Corporate sponsorships for the Rally are available to interested organizations and businesses. Sponsorships start at \$300 (\$200 for non-profits) and include free Road Rally registration and Finish Line party tickets for up to four people as well as recognition in the Rally’s full-color program and website, a magnetic car sign for the Rally team, and other benefits.

Not a race, the Land Conservancy Road Rally invites contestants to vie instead for the prestigious Conservancy Cup, adorned with its coveted “fuzzy dice.” Rally teams travel Adams County’s public roads, traversing its unparalleled landscape while following numbered route in-



The Holtz property is just one of the many properties the Adams County Land Conservancy has successfully preserved in the past few years in their ongoing effort to preserve and enhance the environmental quality of Adams County.

structions and looking for clues to find its hidden treasures. No experience is necessary to participate, and speed is not a factor. Participants are judged on their ability to follow directions, find and solve clues, and arrive at the finish line with the most correct answers.

The Rally concludes with a Finish Line party featuring food, entertainment, door prizes, sponsor recognition, and awards for top-performing teams. Rally teams must preregister, and early registration is encouraged for this popular community event. A maximum of 60 teams may

compete, and team registration closes October 3. The Rally is held rain or shine.

The Land Conservancy is an accredited, member-supported nonprofit organization committed to helping landowners preserve farms, orchards, stream valleys, and outdoor recreational resources for our children and generations to come.

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HEALTH NOTES

FMH NICU earns level III status

Kelsey Shupe
Frederick Memorial Hospital

Nearly 2,700 babies are born every year in Frederick County, and the vast majority of

them are healthy and well. But for families whose newest members begin life earlier than anticipated, or with significant medical challenges, the Billy Miller Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Frederick

Memorial Hospital provides considerable peace of mind.

One parent whose newborn son was cared for in the hospital's NICU said, "It's the worst day of your life when you have to leave

your child at the hospital, but at least you have the comfort of knowing you're leaving them in great hands."

The FMH NICU opened as a Level II Special Care Nursery in 1998. A partnership with Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, one of the nation's leaders in pediatric research and neonatal care, the original Special Care Nursery cared for infants born at more than 32 weeks gestation. For the first time, premature babies who needed special services such as ventilators or respirators, supplemental oxygen, intravenous drugs or life-saving fluids could be cared for at FMH, saving thousands of families a long, heart-wrenching commute and additional stress at an already difficult and emotional time.

One of the first newborns to be cared for in the FMH Special Care Nursery, now the Billy

Miller NICU, was Angel Baron. Shortly after her birth, Angel developed a fever, the result of amniotic fluid she breathed in while in the birth canal which filled her lungs. Angel's mother, Paula Kifer, credits the grace of God and a quick intervention from then-NICU Medical Director Dr. Marilea Miller for saving her newborn daughter's life. After a week on oxygen and intensive, loving care from the neonatology team, Angel Baron went home.

Over the past 18 years, Angel's mother says her red-headed daughter has suffered no ill effects from her rough start in life—another blessing for which she is quick to applaud the FMH NICU team. In addition to being artistically gifted, Angel is also a strong swimmer—strong enough to lifeguard at Frederick's busy Baker Park pool in the summers.

As Angel Baron was growing, so has the scope of services provided at FMH to premature, low birth weight and seriously ill infants. For more than a decade and a half, FMH and Johns Hopkins have continued to work together to expand the level and complexity of services offered. Recently, our NICU achieved Level III status, and was approved by the state of Maryland to care for extremely low birth weight (ELBW) and very low birth weight (VLBW) babies on a regular basis. These categories include infants as low as 24 weeks gestation and weighing just 500 grams.

Angel and her 13-year-old brother Kaden were among the dozens of program "graduates" who returned this year for the NICU annual reunion on May 1 at Middletown Park. Guests also included several sets of twin graduates, and a set of triplets who were cared for last summer in the NICU. Despite the cold, damp weather, the event was attended by dozens of children and young adults who—like Angel and Kaden—showed few if any signs that they once needed the NICU's care. Graduates enjoyed bean bag and ring tosses, mini-golf and wiffle ball, along with music, refreshments and other activities while their parents talked with one other and reconnected with NICU staff.

These children and their families are now a part of the story FMH has been writing since we began operating as a Special Care Nursery in 1998. Like the thousands that came before them, their stories are testaments to the resilience of these infants, the love and dedication of their families, and the superb skill of our neonatology team.

To learn more about the Billy Miller NICU, the Frederick Memorial Hospital BirthPlace, child-birth classes, and educational programs, visit fmh.org and search Child Birth.



Angel Baron and her 13-year-old brother Kaden, who also received care in the FMH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, attended the program's annual reunion in May. Pictured with their mother, Paula Kifer.

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Get ready for the South Mountain Fair!

Joanne Irvin

The 94th Annual South Mountain Fair will be held on August 2-6, 2016. Wow 94 years! The fairgrounds has changed so much since those first years when the exhibits were housed in tents. Some things haven't changed though. We still have loads of beautiful exhibits including beautiful needlework and crafts, baked goods and home canned fruits and vegetables, all made by some of the most talented people we know. No matter what the weather is every year the shelves are covered with beautiful fresh flowers and vegetables and the best looking fruit in the county. The amateur photography department has its own building now and continues to amaze us with the number of fantastic entries each year.

It takes hundreds of volunteers and several weeks of work to prepare for the Fair. Our volunteers are the best! They mow the grounds, they move tables and benches into the buildings and they display all the exhibits in the buildings, and much more. They make the Fair happen each year and it wouldn't

happen without these fantastic dedicated volunteers!

We have a full schedule of activities for all ages to enjoy. The barns are full of animals and there's always something being judged at the barns. The 4-H/FFA youth have worked hard all summer to prepare their goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and beef and dairy cattle for this week of showing. Most of the youth shows are held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

On Tuesday evening the winning baked goods are auctioned and the proceeds from the auction will benefit a local soup kitchen. Come out and support this year's charity and go home with a delicious pie, cake, or maybe some cookies or sticky buns.

Wednesday night there will be the always popular draft horse pull beginning at 6:30 p.m. Also the entertainment in the auditorium will be the Battle of the Bands. The area's best Rock Bands will battle it out in the South Mountain Fair Auditorium. The winners are chosen by the audience.

On Thursday we will have a Mechanical Bull on the grounds to folks to try to ride. Come on down and try to tame the bull.

The fireworks has become a crowd favorite on Thursday night. They begin at 9:30 p.m. and have been a spectacular show in the past. They can be viewed from just about anywhere on the grounds.

The South Mountain Fair welcomes country music star T.G. Sheppard on Friday night. Join TG and his talented band for a great evening of traditional country music at the Fair, and on Saturday night beginning a 7 p.m. a local rock band, Gravy, will be performing in the auditorium.

Jason Stoner, chainsaw carver, will be carving on Friday evening and several times on Saturday. If you haven't seen his carvings you don't want to miss his show. His carvings are simply amazing!!

There will also be a rabbit show on July 31 before the start of the Fair. About 500 rabbits are expected to be there. Also this year there will be Myotonic goat shows on Monday August 1 and another show will be held on Tuesday morning August 2. These goats are also known as 'fainting' goats because if they are scared or excited they may faint and fall over. These shows, rabbits and fainting



If you ever wondered about the value of the 4H or the FFA, you need not go any further than the animal barns at the South Mountain Fair. The barns overflow with children's love and appreciation for their animals.

goats, should be very interesting to see.

Registration of exhibits will take place on Sunday, July 31 from 2-4 p.m. and on Monday, August 1 from 4-8 p.m. Judging will begin on Tuesday morning at 8 a.m.

In addition to all the usual country fair exhibits and shows there are also carnival rides and games for all ages. The rides operate from 4-10 p.m. each night and are included in the gate admission price. And, of course there's great Fair food to chow down on from cotton candy to full hot meals to bar-b-q ribs and the usual hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries

just to name a few.

The Fair opens at 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday and closes each night at 10 p.m. All entertainment and carnival rides are free with the cost of admission to the Fair which is \$7 for everyone over 36 inches tall. Kids under 36 inches tall get in for free and may also ride unlimited carnival rides. There is also plenty of free parking.

There's something for everyone to enjoy at this small country fair so we hope to see you all there. Mark your calendars for August 2-6.

South Mountain Fair Information

94th Annual Fair August 2-6, 2016

Admission: Adults - \$7.00 - Children under 36" Tall - Free!
 Unlimited carnival rides are included in the admission! Children under 36 inches tall ride FREE!
 All entertainment is also included in the price of admission!

Tuesday through Friday 4 p.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

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DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday August 2, 2016 - **4-H Day**

- 8 a.m. Fainting Goat Show, Show Arena
- 4 p.m. Fair Opens, Exhibit Buildings Open
- 4-10 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. Open Swine Judging, Swine Barn
- 6 p.m. Supreme Open Swine Selection, Show Arena
- 7 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market Swine Judging, Show Arena
- 7:30 p.m. **Food Auction** To Benefit An Adams County Charity
- 10 p.m. Exhibit Buildings Close



Wednesday, August 3, 2016

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens, Exhibit Buildings Open
- 4 p.m. Open Goat Judging, Show Arena
- 4-10 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market Goat Judging, Show Arena
- 6 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market Sheep Judging, Show Arena
- 6:30 p.m. **Horse Pulling Contest**, Rear Arena
- 7 p.m. Open Sheep Judging, Show Arena
- 7:30 p.m. **Rocky 98.5, Battle of the Bands**, Auditorium - Free
- 10 p.m. Exhibit Buildings Close

Thursday, August 4, 2016

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens, Exhibit Buildings Open
- 4-10 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Judging, Show Arena
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Beef Finished Steer Judging, Show Arena
- 6 p.m. 4-H/FFA Steer Judging, Show Arena
- 7 p.m. Open Beef Judging, Show Arena
- 9:30 p.m. **Fireworks Display** Visible From The Entire Fairgrounds
- 10 p.m. Exhibit Buildings Close

Friday, August 5, 2016

- 4 p.m. Fair Opens, Exhibit Buildings Open
- 4-10 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
- 4-10 p.m. Antique Small Gas Engine Demonstrations
- 5 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging, Show Arena

Saturday, August 6, 2016

- 1 p.m. Fair Opens, Exhibit Buildings Open
- 1-10 p.m. Carnival Rides Open
- 1-10 p.m. Antique Small Gas Engine Demonstrations
- 3 p.m. South Mountain Falling Fainters Goat Show
- 4 p.m. Chainsaw Carving Show
- 4 p.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale (Steer/Dairy/Beef/Goat/Sheep/Poultry/Rabbits/Swine)
- 4:30 p.m. Parade Of Antique Farm Equipment
- 7 p.m. Chainsaw Carving Show
- 7 p.m. **Gravy** - Auditorium - Free
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close - Only Livestock May Be Removed

Sunday, August 7, 2016 - 2-4 p.m. - Fairgrounds open to remove all remaining entries. No entry to the main exhibit building will be released before 2 p.m.



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WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

Fierce fighting erupts on all fronts

August 4

The German submarine, *Deutschland*, sailed from Baltimore Tuesday night on her return voyage to Germany. Two planes were seen flying over the lower Chesapeake Bay shortly after daybreak on Wednesday, maneuvering back and forth over the water, apparently on the watch for the *Deutschland*.

The sailing plans of the *Deutschland* were carefully guarded and kept secret. When she left Baltimore, it was believed that the submersible would seek a quiet cove or inlet somewhere in the lower Chesapeake Bay and they awaited a favorable opportunity to make a dash through the Allied blockade off the capes.

The crew put to sea with the knowledge and a man hurried to a telephone with a message to the agents of the Allies that the *Deutschland* had started. He had watched at the end of a nearby pier, day and night, but the captain left Baltimore smiling and waving his cap. His last words were praise for America. Eight warships of the Allies were waiting for the submarine to intercept it at the US 3-mile territorial limit.

There were more than 100 persons in the vicinity of the pier when the *Deutschland* pulled away. The spectators cheered and waved handkerchiefs in unison. On the conning tower was a basket of roses and white flowers, the last gift of a Baltimore admirer.

On the eastern front, the Russian occupation of Kovel and Lemberg and the retirement of the Austrian and German line of defense beyond the Bug River are now regarded as a foregone conclusion. The German and Austrian armies, which have been badly crippled in their effort to hold back the advancing Russian forces, have been forced to retreat to a point which leaves open the approaches to these two important centers, and the Russians have begun an encircling movement, which is slowly, but apparently irresistibly, closing in on the two cities.

The German loss of the Stokhod crossings and the recently announced Russian crossing of that river leaves no important line of defense before Kovel except a natural barrier consisting of a wide swamp, which undoubtedly will retard the Russian progress. The Russian movement from the West in conjunction with the pressure brought from the south, both of which are successfully developing despite all German counterattacks, is considered as making the final outcome of the battle assured.

The operations against the Germans are also having an important effect in facilitating the advance against the Austrians defending the Galician capital of Lemberg. They enable the Russians to exert pressure against the Austrian left flank and increase that brought on Lemberg from the south where Russian troops have successfully transversed the flooded Dniester region.

It is unofficially reported that the

Germans already have begun their retirement from Koval and are preparing to fall back on Brest-Lotivsk and the general line of defense following the Bug River.

On the western front, there has been bitter fighting for several days. German armies are engaged in a series of fierce counterattacks, which have so far been repulsed. The whole first German set of trenches, and the greater part of the second trenches in the Somme region are now in the hands of the British. On Tuesday night, the French made an attack along the three-mile front east of the Meuse, capturing several more German trenches.

In aerial fighting along the Somme front, there were 33 aerial engagements on Monday alone. The French claim 15 German machines were driven out of action.

Two more German airplanes were brought down in the northern section of the British line. British admit three of their airplanes were brought down by gunfire.

August 11

On the Verdun and on the Somme front the opposing armies are engaged in almost continual fighting. The advantage at Verdun seems from the time being to rest with the Germans, while along the Somme the Allies appear to have the advantage.

The British have captured 2,000 yards of the German second line system of trenches on the Somme front. All along the front, British guns had placed curtains of shellfire, through which it was impossible for Germans to retreat. Counterattacks were met with machine guns and rifles fired, mowing Germans down by the hundreds. Realizing it was hopeless to continue charging, and that they were dead which ever way they moved, German troops opted to surrender rather than continuing their vain attacks. Meanwhile, the Germans are making unsuccessful efforts to drive the French from trenches that have gained, lost, and regained.

On the eastern front, the Russian advance into Galicia continues with the Russian army pushing west past the Kolumea railway. This fresh victory in Galicia gives the Russians an exceedingly advantageous frontline, with all necessary railroad facilities to the rear of their lines. The Germans still have two railways over which they can make good their retreat, but each railway is seriously threatened by the Russians, who are pushing from the south.

The big news of the week was the start of a new attack on Gorizia by the Italians, the principle city of the Isonzo valley, 22 miles northwest of Trieste. This is one of the principal objectives of the Italian campaign, and regarded as the key to that position.

The battle ebbed and flowed for three days. The ground around Gorizia was fortified strongly and supported by a great number of lines of defenses thrown up by the Austrians,

which rendered it easy for them to offer stubborn resistance.

Inch by inch, and at the cost of enormous sacrifices, Italian infantry, with the cooperation of artillery, conquered the slopes above the town and stormed the innumerable trenches, gradually driving the Austrians before them.

The Gozizina bridgehead was one of the most important defensive positions of the Austrians along the Adriatic front. It was the scene of heavy fighting in the early months of the war. One of the first acts of the Italians after the war began was to throw a strong force of infantry and cavalry across the frontier, and occupy a stretch of territory along the Isonzo River. But the Austrian positions had been heavily fortified and progress was slow. The fighting along the Isonzo continued until December. Since that time there has only been sporadic activity on this front until the last few days.

Personal deeds of heroism were plentiful in the battle, especially in connection with the Italian use of a new method for destroying barbwire entanglements, involving the almost certain death of the soldier who plants the bombs for this purpose.

The defense and capture of the bridge over the Isonzo was the outstanding feature of the last 24 hours of fighting. Italian cavalry and cyclists swam the river at night under a blaze of searchlights and fire from Austrian machine guns that played on the swimmers like garden hoses.

In Egypt, on Sunday, the Turks attack British positions on the Suez Canal. It has long been expected that the Turks, with the assistance of the Austrians and Germans, might make a serious attempt on the Canal. It is understood that the Turks have with them some 2,000 German infantry, as well as a large number of Bedouin irregular horsemen.

Austrian and German engineers have been digging for water for many months, which close to the Mediterranean coast, exists in many cases at no considerable depth under the sand, although it mostly is too brackish for use of European troops. The Turks must, therefore, have made very thoughtful arrangements for the storage and transport of water, the country being a pure sand desert, with small, widely scattered oasis of date palm growing around scattered wells.

August 18

The German submarine *Deutschland* arrived safely at Bremen on Thursday. The *Deutschland* sailed from Baltimore for Germany August 1st and passed out to the sea on the following day, dropping out of sight of the Allied warships, which were awaiting her outside the 3-mile limit.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the *Deutschland*'s sister ship, the *Bremen*, and her crew were captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net August 2. When found, the *Bremen* had her stern under water and her bow high



A soldier surveys the shell-shattered Somme battlefield front. The trench is visible on the left, to the right, the remains of railway tracks.

above the surface. The British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture, as another German transatlantic submarine, the *Amerika*, was said to be on her way here and it was hoped she would be captured also.

The usual course of events on the western front continues unabated. The Germans continue to sharply counterattack along the line on the Somme, which the British have pushed forward 300 to 400 yards on a front of nearly a mile. Attacks of the Germans are partly successful, with the Germans gaining a foothold in portions of the lost trenches, only to re-lose them the following day.

After scoring important gains along a front of nearly 3 miles in the Somme region, the French are busy consolidating the newly won ground, making preparations for the expected German counterstroke. In the Verdun region, the French have resumed their hammering tactics and have recaptured German trenches east of the Meuse to a depth of 100 yards along a 300-yard front.

The expenditure of artillery ammunition by the Allies on the Somme front has reached a prestigious volume, often striking at a rate of 32 shells a second. Not infrequently, along the entire Somme front, nearly 90,000 shells have been dropped in an hour, while conservative estimates puts the average for the 24-hour period at more than 1 million shells.

The German expenditure and ammunition has been much lighter

than that of the British, for the reason that the German artillery concentrates its efforts on special objects, such as trenches, transports and reserve bases, while the British often screen off whole sectors, taking nightly under fire all the villages and roads behind the German lines within range of their guns.

With this rate of fire, the financial cost of the offensive is naturally high. What the approximate loss in human lives amounts to is difficult to estimate. German officers affirmed that the losses of the British in certain actions have been frightful, but on the other hand, they frankly admit that their own losses have been far from light, though all say that they were not nearly as heavy as the British. The Germans estimate that over 100,000 British troops have lost their lives since the start of the offensive 6 weeks ago.

On the eastern front, the Russian drive in Galicia is pushing the Austrian and German armies back towards Lemberg at a rapid rate. The Russians have cut the Lemberg railway where the road crosses the Stripa River, driving further home the wedge between the German and Austrian armies.

The Russian capture of Stanislaw on Saturday provides the Russians another gateway through which they can march towards Lemberg. Stanislaw is an important railroad center, with railroads radiating from it in five directions. It is 85 miles southeast of Lemberg and is situated between the forks of the Bystritza River, 10 miles



During the Battle of the Somme, the British fired over 15 million rounds, of which some 10 million were 18-pounders.

AUGUST 1916



Soldiers loading a 15-inch howitzer at Englebelmer Wood on the Somme. World War I was an artillery war; artillery dominated the battlefield and inflicted more casualties than any other weapon. Heavy artillery was used to destroy entrenched positions and dugouts. Howitzers, which gave a steep angle of shell descent, were better suited than traditional field guns for this task.

south of the Dniester.

Since the offensive was inaugurated on June 4th, Russian forces have captured more than 358,000 men, but at a cost of over 750,000 Russians dead or injured. As many as 75 trainloads of wounded Russians had been moved daily from the front to Kiev alone.

The Russians are fighting much more bravely than in 1915. Then, the Russians often threw up their arms as a sign of surrender without making resistance worth mentioning against the attacking Germans and Austrians. This now is most rare. The new Russian troops are brave and well disciplined and their officers lead their lines into the thicket of the fighting.

Russian soldiers are most anxious for an opportunity to advance as soon as the command is given. The armies are the same which, crippled by the shortage of ammunition and supplies, were forced to surrender a large part of Poland a year ago. Commanders who brought back remains of their old divisions to the present positions are now in charge of splendidly equipped units. The men share with their officers the determination to regain the ground lost in Poland.

A corps commander showed a correspondent of the Associated Press a huge supply of ammunition and material at his disposal and said "we have enough ammunition stored away to take us to Berlin."

The soldiers seem to be plentifully supplied with wholesome food, and are living under the best sanitary conditions. They are surrounded by comforts and conveniences considered equal to those of a model American summer camp. The spirit of fighting strength of the Russian soldiers appears to be very high and the troops confidently expect to occupy their original quarters and western Poland.

August 25

The grand assault against the forces of the Central Powers now is in progress in every theater of the World.

While the fighting on the western front and eastern front continues unabated, all eyes are on Macedonia where the long expected general offensive on that front has opened.

Allied forces are attacking the Bulgarian and German forces along the

entire Greek Serbian frontier, a distance of 155 miles. The operation has been long expected as a part of the Allies coordinated offensive on all fronts. The severe fighting now in progress in Macedonia is believed by military observers to be just a prelude to a more extensive operation.

Reports indicate that the Allies are following the same tactics in the Balkans that signaled the opening of the great offensive on the Somme. Small bodies of troops are attacking at numerous points along the Bulgarian line, apparently with the intention of feeling out their opponents positions before the real battle opens.

The Germans and Bulgarians are seeking to anticipate the movement by the Allies by taking the offensive on the left, where the Serbians have moved up to within 25 miles of the border. Meanwhile, the Greeks have withdrawn all their forces from the border.

The advance of the Germans and Bulgarian forces in the direction of Kavala, on the Aegean Sea, 80 miles northeast of Salonki and 20 miles west of the Bulgarian border is causing disquiet in Athens, although the impression is generally that this movement is a mere political maneuver taken to influence Romania to stay

out of the way and affect the outcome of the upcoming Greek elections.

Reports from Athens indicate that Russian troops have also engaged in the Salonki campaign, having been in the Balkans for more than three weeks. The arrival of the Russians at Salonki, together with yesterday's announcement that the Italian troops have landed there, is another indication that the Allies have decided to concentrate on these front forces sufficient for an important campaign.

Active participation by Italian troops would indicate the existence of a state of war between Germany and Italy. Germany is directing the operation against the Allies on this front, and as the official German reports show, has forces there.

With Russia and Italian troops added to the British, French and Serbian forces already in the field, the Allies have a formidable army of fighting men on the Macedonian front. So far, however, their strength has not been exerted to mark effort.

Greek troops have been fighting Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Seres since Sunday morning. The Greek commander at Seres has ignored orders from the Greek government to withdrawal, and instead, called to arms older reservists in that

locality. That the fighting is of a stubborn character is indicated by the fact that a large number of Greek soldiers have been killed. The failure of the commander to obey his orders has created great excitement in Athens. The Greek government has ordered three divisions of the Greek army still remaining in the vicinity of the fighting to retire before the Bulgarian advance.

All the morning newspapers comment at length on the possibility of Romania joining in the war, and the general tone of the articles is that the decisive moment for Romania's action has arrived.

Since the beginning of the present war, the Allied powers, particularly Russia, have been extremely active in Romania. The country is flooded with Russian agents and spies of all description. The Allies use money lavishly to bribe politicians and influence the press.

At present, Romanians are still undecided. She probably will not give up her policy of neutrality, which up to the present time has given her an enormous gain in power, unless she believes that a decisive turn in the war has been reached. Romania's attitude is due to her geographical situation. The country is virtually surrounded by belligerent nations. Romanian statesman, therefore, are guided by the desire to spare their country injury which would be unavoidable if it were to become a theater of war.

Romania's entry into the war will not have much of an effect on the military situation in the Balkans, for the Romanians will have to adhere to strategic plans of the Allies, and will not be permitted to go straight for Transylvania. Bulgaria will be their immediate aim. The 500,000 men of the Romanian army are not a general concern of the Central Powers, but it is the new territory, which the Russians will be allowed to use freely in the invasion of Hungary, that concerns them.

The feeling is that the Central

Powers have done everything possible to meet Romania's views, and that Romania, if she persists in the course desired by the Allies and her own expansionist party, will find the Central Powers ready, in which event it will be expected every effort will be made to ensure the new war theater is on Romanian soil.

A manifesto recently issued by Adm. Von Tripitz, former head of the German Navy, calling for renewal of unrestricted submarine warfare, has been received from Berlin.

It appears that the German admiral maintains that it would be better for the Fatherland to have the United States as an enemy than to relinquish the advantages of free submarine warfare, in order to keep this country apparently friendly, but in reality hostile to German interest. He wants restrictions removed at once from the German U-Boats in order that the fight for Germany's existence may be carried to the limit.

The manifesto, issued over a month ago, declared renewal of unrestricted submarine operations would cripple England seriously and do no harm so far as the United States is concerned, as the US is already doing Germany as much damage as she possibly can.

It is stated that Germany's promise to the United States to discontinue cyber warfare against merchantmen was based on the understanding that the measure would be taken by the government to modify the severity of the British blockade.

Tripitz pointed out that nothing has been done along that line, despite assurances to the Germans that the United States would act vigorously and insist upon protection of American rights with regard to the blockade.

While the Admiral's statements are not taken as representing the views of the government, the admiral is still capable of stirring up trouble.

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As August 1916 drew to a close, all eyes were on Romania as it vacillated on joining the war on the side of the Allies, a decision which would throw the well-laid plans of the Central Powers in the Balkans into chaos.



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HISTORY-THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR

The Confederate retreat from Gettysburg

Part One

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On July 3, 1863, the Confederate army under the command of General Robert E. Lee suffered a major defeat at the conclusion of Pickett's Charge. As the shattered remains of Major General George Pickett's division made their way back to the Seminary Ridge, General Lee knew he had to prepare for the withdrawal of his army, as well as planning in case of a Union counterattack.

General Lee had much to plan for. He had vast amounts of wounded that were being cared for spread out from the west to the north of Gettysburg. He would have to plan for transportation of those men back to Virginia, providing they could make the journey. He had miles upon miles of wagon trains that contained the quartermaster stores, the ordnance, and commissary supplies for his army. Those wagons were scattered from Marsh Creek, south of the Fairfield Road to the northeast on Hunterstown Road, Hanover Road and York Pike. He had a reserve train parked several miles west of Gettysburg, which contained much of the bounty collected from Pennsylvania located between Fairfield and

Cashtown. Lee studied which routes were available for his army to use in order to get to the Potomac River and to the safety of Virginia. Finally, he had to give orders to his infantry, artillery, and cavalry commanders.

General Lee looked over the maps to the options for roads to be used for his army. He could use Cashtown Gap, as he did when he crossed South Mountain, but another much shorter and direct route was the road to Monterey Pass. From there, the road led directly to Williamsport. Cashtown Gap and Monterey Pass, for the most part, were about 700 feet above sea level. The roads were macadamized, except for the Fairfield Road in the mountains.

The Cashtown Gap route would connect to several other roads. The Walnut Bottom Road connected to Pine Stump Road, which ran to Marion, Pennsylvania and connected to the Valley Turnpike. From the Valley Turnpike, the road led to Greencastle, Pennsylvania and a short distance to Williamsport, Maryland. But this route would add twenty miles in distance to Williamsport compared to Monterey Pass. Monterey Pass would be the route used for the majority of the Confederate army.

The only problem General Lee saw with Monterey Pass was the Emmitsburg and Waynesboro Pike, and

the network of roads it connected to. The turnpike itself ran east to west, intersecting three major roads. The first road led directly to Fairfield, and ran through modern day Carroll Valley. The second road was Jacks Mountain Road. The third was the Fairfield/Hagerstown Road, locally known as the Maria Furnace Road. Maria Furnace Road connected to the Emmitsburg and Waynesboro Turnpike at the Monterey Tollgate. There, a series of roads also connected to the South Mountain pass. Situated between Jacks Mountain Road and Maria Furnace Road was Jacks Mountain itself. General Lee would instruct Brigadier General William Jones and Brigadier General Beverly Robertson to guard the roads to Monterey Pass.

Meeting with his top commanders, General Lee ordered Lieutenant General James Longstreet to remove Major General Lafayette McLaws' Division and Brigadier General Evander Law, commanding Major General John Bell Hood's Division from near the Round Tops back to Seminary Ridge. There, Lt. Gen. Longstreet was to build breastworks in case of a Union counterattack, attaching his right flank near the left flank of Hill's Corps. Lieutenant General Longstreet was to guard the Confederate right flank from the south in case of a Union attack.

By 5:00 p.m., seeing the Confederate movements, Major General George Meade ordered the V Corps under the command of Major General George Sykes to move forward to conduct reconnaissance. The Union soldiers came under fire from Confederate artillery forcing the V Corps back.

Lieutenant General Richard Ewell was ordered to move his corps from Culp's Hill, through Gettysburg, and redeploy his corps with his right flank on the Fairfield Road, and covering Seminary Ridge to Oak Hill. Ewell's Corps would be the left flank of Lee's army. He was to order Major John



From Little Round Top at Gettysburg, you can clearly see Monterey Pass as well as Fairfield Gap. Looking forward beyond the muzzle of the Parrot Rifle, you see Liberty Mountain (Ski Liberty). To the right is Fairfield Gap, located along the far ridge and just to the left of Ski Liberty, on the ridge, is Monterey Pass.

Harmon, who commands the Reserve Train, to move his train forward through Monterey Pass and get that train to the Potomac River. He was to also take personal command of Lt. Gen. Ewell's own quartermaster, commissary and ordnance trains.

General Lee ordered Lieutenant General A. P. Hill, who was already in position just west of Seminary Ridge, to extend his corps to the left of Longstreet's Corps, holding the ridge line. His right flank would be positioned on the Fairfield Road. This would allow his corps to move onto the Fairfield Road first, followed by Longstreet's Corps. Following the rear of the Confederate army would be Ewell's Corps.

Major General J.E.B. Stuart was ordered to send out two brigades of cavalry toward Cashtown to screen the right flank of the Confederate army. He would also be ordered to screen the left flank of the Confederate army and move east of the Catocin Mountain. The courier never arrived at Maj. Gen. Stuart's headquarters and once Lt. Gen. Ewell began moving his corps, this left Stuart holding the left flank of the army with no infantry support. Major General Stuart rode to General Lee's headquarters where Lee verbal-

ly gave Stuart his orders.

At 10:30 p.m., a courier was sent to Brigadier General John Imboden, near Cashtown. He arrived at Gettysburg near midnight. Being escorted to the officer's meeting, Brig. Gen. Imboden was told to head to Lee's headquarters and wait for him there. General Lee came in and the two officers met. General Lee ordered Brig. Gen. Imboden to organize the sick and wounded wagon trains and prepare them for their journey back to Virginia. He was also ordered him to oversee the wagon trains of Lt. Gen. Longstreet's Corps and Lt. Gen. Hill's Corps, along with Maj. Gen. Stuart's cavalry trains through Cashtown Gap. Their proper quartermaster officers would be in charge of their organization. A portion of Major General Richard Anderson's divisional trains of Hill's Corps would be redirected to follow behind Ewell's trains through Monterey Pass.

General Lee also began solving the problems of transporting his sick and wounded. There was a shortage of ambulances and wagons. He ordered a courier to Winchester, Virginia with news of the shortages. General Lee then ordered his quartermaster, commissary, and



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ordnance officers to spare any wagons that could be used for transportation. Off loading and compiling any supplies to free up any wagons.

The situation in regard to the hospitals at Gettysburg was a complicated one. As the battle unfolded at Gettysburg, and hospitals were established, the ambulances were under the control of the quartermaster. Additional detachments of wagons themselves were scouring the countryside for supplies. By July 3, wagons upon wagons were parked all over western and northern Gettysburg. General Lee needed time for those wagons to assemble for the journey back to Virginia.

Lieutenant General Longstreet's Corps quartermaster stores were situated west of Gettysburg. Major General McLaws' divisional wagons were parked in the fields near Marsh Creek. Major General George Pickett's divisional wagons were located near Marsh Creek, south of the Fairfield Road. The divisional wagons of Major General John B. Hood were located on the Fairfield Road at Willoughby Run.

Lieutenant General Ewell's Corps was spread out as well. The quartermaster wagons were located to the northwest and north of Gettysburg. The divisional wagons for Major General Jubal Early were located in the fields between the Harrisburg and Carlisle Roads. Major General Allegheny Johnson's trains were located in the area of Hunterstown Road, York Pike, and Hanover Road. Major General Robert Rodes' wagons were near the Mummasburg Road.

Lieutenant General Hill's Corps wagons were located northwest and west of Gettysburg, more or less along the Chambersburg Pike. Ma-

ajor General Richard Anderson's divisional wagons were located along Herrs Ridge Road. Major General Henry Heth's wagons for his division were located the Chambersburg Pike near Seven Stars. Major General Dorsey Pender's divisional trains were located at Seven Stars. The Reserve train under the command of Major John Harmon was located near the base of South Mountain between Cashtown and Fairfield. Major General Stuart's trains were located along Hunterstown Road.

Assisting the quartermasters were contracted civilians, some enlisted men and African-Americans. It is estimated that at least 6,000 to 10,000 African-Americans were attached to the wagon trains. They were the teamsters who controlled the teams of horses and mules used to pull the wagons. Many were servants who were forced into the military by their masters. Several were armed for the protection of the trains.

At Falling Waters, forty-five miles to General Lee's rear, was the pontoon train. It consisted of sixteen flat bottomed wooden pontoons, about thirty feet wide. Included with the pontoon train were the trestle work transport vehicles. Guarding this temporary bridge was a detachment of infantry, teamsters, and engineers. Prior to the invasion of Pennsylvania, none of the Confederate army used this crossing. Early in the morning of July 4, Federal cavalry burned and destroyed this temporary bridge and captured the guard detachment.

To read more articles by John Miller, visit the Author's section of Emmitsburg.net.

Joyce E. Grinder

Joyce Elaine Grinder, 70, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, died peacefully surrounded by her loving and devoted family on Monday, July 25, 2016 at home.

Born on February 16, 1946 in Emmitsburg, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Arthur F. Hardman and Mary (Bishop) Hardman. She is survived by her husband of almost 51 years, James "Jim" E. Grinder, Sr.

Joyce was a graduate of the Emmitsburg High School, and worked for 38 years in the food service department of Mount Saint Mary's University. She was a member of Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church in Frederick, and was a past president of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. She loved tending to her flower beds and gardens, cooking with her granddaughters, and spending time with her family and friends.

Surviving in addition to her husband are sons, James E. Grinder, Jr. and wife Charlene of Orrtanna, PA, and Joel E. Grinder and wife Shane of Fairfield, PA; granddaughters, Brooklynn and Ashlynn Grindner; brother, Robert Hardman, Sr. of Gettysburg, PA; sisters, Janet



Cool of Fairfield and Carol Staub of Emmitsburg; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Mary Louise Barker and Charlotte Kepner.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg with Rev. Fr. Keith Boisvert as celebrant. Interment will follow in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the MYERS-DURBORAW FUNERAL HOME, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to Carroll Hospice, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, Maryland 21157.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

Death Notices

Peter Fitzgerald, 53, owner of Fitzgerald's Auto Service, died Sunday, July 10 at his shop in Emmitsburg. He was the son of Thomas S. and Dolores L. Sicilia Fitzgerald. "Petey's" hobbies were antique cars and motorcycles. He is survived by one daughter, April Marie Fitzgerald and his significant other Sheri Vance. Interment was in St. Anthony Cemetery.

"Doc" Baldacchino, longtime resident of Emmitsburg, died June 17, exactly one month before his 93rd birthday. Together with his wife, Sarah, Doc opened a dental practice in Emmitsburg in 1952 that would continue until his retirement in 1985. For several years in the 1970s and 1980s Doc also performed dentistry for the Daughters of Charity at St. Joseph's Provincial House. Soon after his retirement, Doc underwent quintuple heart by-pass surgery. His cardiologists urged him to take up walking as part of a regular exercise regimen, and little did they know what they had started. From that time forth until the very week of his death, Doc became a familiar face on the streets of Emmitsburg.

Robert Lee Holmes, 78, of Fairfield, died suddenly at his home, Thursday, June 30. Mr. Holmes was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fairfield. He was a graduate of Frostburg State College and earned his Master's from Western Maryland. He was a retired school teacher of Emmitsburg High School and later the Thurmont High School.

Carroll "Gene" Newcomer, 87, of Emmitsburg, died June 25 at his home surrounded by family. He was the son of the late Carroll F. and Dorothy I. (Shorb) Newcomer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an honorary member of the Vigilant Hose Co. Surviving him are his long-time companion of 22 years, "Dottie" Davis, one son and daughter and numerous grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Janet in 1991.

Violet Smith, 89, of Emmitsburg, died peacefully July 19, at St. Joseph's Ministries. She was born December 3, 1926 at Lloyd's Station and was the daughter of the Samuel and Pauline (Long) Stambaugh. She was a member of Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ and enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and going to auctions and sales.

A change of scenery

Colt Balck

For many folks having to come into the funeral home to attend a funeral service or viewing is hard enough, however the actual setting many times makes it even less palatable.

While some funeral homes attempt to feel welcoming with soft furniture and open floor plans the reality is that the funeral home is a "sad place" and one we all loathe to go, not to mention the cost of using the facilities. Viewings, funerals, and memorial services are community based events (especially in small towns), with the intention of bringing together family and friends in support of one another.

So to better customize services to suit family needs, be more of a welcoming atmosphere, be more convenient and possibly save your family some money; using a venue that is already community oriented is certainly a good

option versus using the funeral home facilities. Your church or other house of worship is certainly a good bet, considering seating is plentiful, facilities are welcoming, and a plus it is convenient for your clergy person.

Others who may not attend a church or are looking for something different need not be confined to using the funeral home facilities either. In small communities such as ours there are so many event venues already used for many of life's special occasions, so there is nothing wrong with using them for viewings, funerals, or memorial services either. Places such as fire hall, parish hall, hotel/event centers, American Legion or VFW, fraternal organization facilities and other event venue choices make sense as many family events already occur there such as weddings and other family occasions.

Families are not restricted on having food and beverages which many times are restricted in the funeral home setting, there is more

room to move about and the cost of using such facilities is typically less than or about the same as the funeral home but again with more freedom to customize your loved ones service. Other options could include having a home funeral either at the deceased's home or relative's home which of course was the way it used to be not all that long ago.

Outdoor services are also possible on the property of deceased or other location, with large event venue tents that are fully enclosed with air conditioning or heat, season depending. Only the imagination of where a funeral could be held is limited to those who plan it.

Planning a truly personal service for your loved one which reflects who they were in life and creating a one of a kind service to honor them starts with choosing the right location. So if you're planning ahead or just curious about where to have a service, give you funeral director a call to find someplace that suits your needs and taste.

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MOM'S TIME OUT

Seasons of life

Mary Angel

I have several friends who talk about seasons of life. Whether they are referring to good times or bad, they are all just seasons we are going through. I love this idea! I love how it describes our lives and how it can make the hard times more bearable. I have caught myself using this phrase to help other people as well as myself through the tough times.

I don't believe the phrase "it is just a season" comes in as handy when I am experience joy and happiness. When I am having a great day, or week, or month I am just enjoying the peace. I am rarely thinking "this is just a season". Although it is true, life isn't always going to be rainbows and sunshine. Still it is rare that I think about the bad when I am in the middle of the good. I am pleased to say that when things are going well I am just enjoying it and not wondering when it is all going to come crashing down around me. I have a few friends who spend so much time worrying about when the good time are going to end, that they don't ful-

ly enjoy them the way they should. I prefer to think of the good times as an amazing season in life, no matter how short a season it turns out to be.

On the other hand, when I am having a bad day (whether it be at home or at work), I find great comfort in remembering that it is just a season. Life is constantly changing. If my bad day is centered around work, guess what, I will be going home soon and then the season might change. If the bad day is in the evening after work, maybe because the kids are fighting or my husband is in a bad mood from his bad day, then that season will either improve or end with bed time. Sometimes if we break the frustration or grumpiness or whatever it is down into manageable "seasons" we can handle it much better. When the season is literally just a bad day or evening sometimes you can even try playing Mother Nature and changing the season yourself. Sometimes when it is a short season like that, a simple change in your attitude and mood will positively affect those around you. Smile a little more, laugh a little more,

maybe even suggest something fun and see what happens. Everyone is grouchy when you get home from work; maybe you suggest a picnic in front of the television for dinner, or popcorn and a movie on the living room floor before bed. Sometimes a change of season is right in the palm of your own hand.

There are times when things have been rough for a while and you feel powerless to change them. I remember a time years ago when I was in a job that made me miserable on a daily basis. I worked with some nice people but the boss was extremely mean one minute and then sugary sweet the next. We all walked around on egg shells every day not know which side of the boss we would get. I felt overwhelming to leave the house in the morning. Compound that with a five month old and a 2 year old that I was missing every time I left the house and I was in a very dark season. To me it didn't seem like a season though, it seemed like a prison sentence that was going to last for a life time. Little did I realize that in a few short months my husband and I would sit down to have a talk about my grouchy attitude every night and end with a change of sea-



son. After a lot of conversation and a lot of tears I realized how miserable I really was and how miserable I was making my whole family. Remember earlier when I said sometimes you can play Mother Nature and all it takes is changing your attitude, well unfortunately it can also work in the opposite direction. My bad attitude was making everyone around me miserable.

After much deliberation and a little budgeting we discovered that I was only bringing home a little under \$200 a month after daycare

and other work expenses. My husband suggested I give notice at my job and start looking for something that would cover the \$200 difference and make me happier. I gave four weeks' notice and at the end of those four weeks my season changes. I spent my days with my babies and some of my evenings selling Tupperware. I was a happier, less stressed person and my mood changed everyone's mood. That season lasted almost a year, but I am convinced in hindsight that if I had realized it was just a season it wouldn't have been so debilitating.

Since I have learned the phrase "it is just a season" I am constantly trying to share it. I have many friends who have been in a bad season and when you are knee deep in turmoil you can't always see hope in the future. When I see a friend in this situation I always begin by consoling and validating their feelings. Then I try to bring them some hope by reminding them this season will pass and a new one will take its place. Most of the time I see a glimmer of hope in their eyes, sometimes there is the sound of relief in their voice. We all have bad days, we all go through tough times, some of them last a day and others a year or more. The key is to not lose hope, to not lose sight of the little rays of sunshine in the storm, to stay focused on the next season or rainbow at the end of the storm.

My Grandma always used to say "This too shall pass." I didn't realize until just now that she was reminding me that life is full of changing seasons! Thanks Grandma!

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It's a peachy keen time for peaches!

Carol Cogliano
Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm

As the mother of three children, I find that each year, summer goes by faster and faster. Although certain points of the summer make us a bit sad – to realize that the season is fleeting, and back to school is right around the corner – there are certain highlights that help us savor summertime.

Peaches are now in season, and they are a fresh, sweet, juicy, delicious prize of the summer. Here at Hollabaugh's, we are thrilled to see our early peach crop starting to arrive. The late spring frost affected our early peaches, but we are encouraged that the coming weeks will be bountiful, full of the sweet smells and flavors of peaches.

Peaches bloom earlier than apples, which makes them more susceptible to damage from late frosts, which growers experienced this year. Blooms that survive and turn into fruits often drop once they start to form as a result of that frost damage. Fruit that makes it to full development can often have what is referred to as a "split seed", when the pit splits in half. It does nothing to the quality of the fruit itself, but it makes it more difficult to work with and affects its overall shelf life.

Just like apples, there are thousands of varieties of peaches, with very different characteristics. "Freestone" (will come off the pit) vs. "semi-freestone" (will not come off the pit), for example: people typically prefer freestone (especially when they are interested in canning), but early in the season, many of the varieties tend to stick to the pit. They are delicious and sweet and juicy, and well worth the effort to fight off the pit. (Sometimes they are referred to as "cling", but Cling is actually a variety of peach that is typically grown in California.) Late season peaches tend to be all freestone, which is why, if you are interested in canning, it is best to wait until prime peach season – August.

Peaches grow around their pit, so

when you have a peach with a misshapen pit, you'll often have a misshapen peach. In the case of the very popular "donut peach" variety, that's a good thing! They look like little UFOs as a result of their squat, small pits... but oh boy, are they sweet and juicy!

Peaches can be either white or yellow fleshed. White peaches tend to be what are called "sub-acid", which means they have a lower acidity level. From an eating standpoint, they're just pure, sweet, delicious peaches. They don't have the characteristic "tang" that yellow peaches have (which tend to have higher acidity levels).

Be sure to stop out to your local farmers' market to pick up some of your own local peaches. Try preparing a few of the following recipes, to help you and your family savor the goodness of summer.

Several years ago, the Hollabaugh family took on a cookbook project – compiling all of their family favorites, and taking submissions from their staff "family". This recipe was submitted to the cookbook by a co-worker of mine, Karen Szoke. The staff at Hollabaugh's request this yummy treat from Karen as soon as peaches start coming in. It is perfect for breakfast, an afternoon snack, or as a dessert!

German Peach Cake

Recipe courtesy of "The Hollabaugh Family Cookbook"

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
½ cup butter, softened
2 eggs
1 ½ cup flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. vanilla
4-5 large peaches, peeled and sliced
1-2 Tbl. cinnamon & sugar mixture
1 Tbl. butter, cut into small pieces

Instructions:

Mix the sugar, butter, eggs, flour,

baking soda, and vanilla in a large bowl.

Spread into a greased 9x13 pan (do not use smaller pan).

Arrange peaches in rows on top. Dot with butter.

Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes.

Grilling is a way of life for so many of us during the summertime. Why not try something different and grill up some fresh peaches the next time you fire up the grill? You won't be sorry you did! Talk about a mouth-watering way to enjoy this sweet, summertime fruit.

Grilled Peaches with Honey Cinnamon Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Everyday Made Fresh <http://www.everydaymade-fresh.com/>

Ingredients:

6 peaches
1 Tbl. oil
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup honey
Instructions
Wash and slice peaches in half.
Remove pits, and brush both sides of the peach with oil.

Grill over indirect heat for 3 to 5 minutes, or until both sides are caramelized from the grill grates.

Heat the honey in a small microwave safe bowl for 30 to 45 seconds.

Whisk in the cinnamon and serve over the warm peaches.

My family vacations in South Carolina each summer, and if you've never been...you are missing out. The southern states have the most amazing peaches to offer, due to their warm growing climate. Although this recipe is for a "southern" cobbler, be assured that it will be just as delicious using fresh, local peaches! Enjoy it with a scoop of vanilla ice cream for a summertime dessert staple.



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Southern Peach Cobbler

Recipe courtesy of www.recipesarea.com.

Ingredients:

8 fresh peaches - peeled, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
1/4 cup boiling water
Additionally, mix together:
3 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).

In a large bowl, combine peaches, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon juice, and cornstarch. Toss to coat evenly, and pour into a 2 quart baking dish. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, baking powder, and salt. Blend in butter with your fingertips, or

a pastry blender, until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in water until just combined.

Remove peaches from oven, and drop spoonfuls of topping over them. Sprinkle entire cobbler with the sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake until topping is golden, about 30 minutes.

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Library news

Linda Frydl

FREDERICK COUNTY LIBRARY

Summer's not over yet. We have plenty of great programs for you to enjoy this month. And take notice that we are starting to offer more programs for adults and seniors in our community again. It is our goal to bring fun, culture and information to everyone regardless of age so be sure to pick up our magazine 'BookMarks' so you can mark your calendar. Also remember that library events and programs can always be found online at www.fcpl.org.

Summer Reading Challenge is still in full swing too. All finishers receive a free book! This program is for everyone, not just kids. You can still sign up and be eligible for all kinds of awesome prizes, including all day passes for Adventure Park USA, a baseball autographed by Oriole J. J. Hardy, tickets for fun places like Pump It Up, Roads & Rails Museum, Medieval Times, the National Electronics Museum and Magooby's Joke House. There are ski packages from Liberty Mountain Resort, a cruise on Nina's Dandy Dinner Cruise Ship and admission to Pimlico Race Course with clubhouse passes. Plus there are

monthly random drawings are held for Rafting Trips from River & Trail and for Friscos Gift Cards! It's totally free to sign up – just stop by the library for more information.

Children's Programs

Shazam Magic: Explore the Impossible! Join magician Peter Wood as he shares impossible skills, artifacts, and stories from his travels! Junior explorers will be amazed by feats of x-ray vision, mysterious paper that's lighter than air, and Peter's hilarious pick-pocketing sidekick. Explore more at Impossible-Explorer.com. Best for ages 4 and up. Thursday, August 4, 3:30 p.m.

R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope: The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program works to improve children's reading and communication skills by providing registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handler (as a team) to meet with and listen to children read. Wednesday, August 10, 5 p.m.

Kids in the Garden: Get down and dirty as we learn about gardening and composting with hands-on experiences. Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

K-9 Search and Rescue: Hug-a-Tree: Just in time for summer visits to our lo-

cal National Parks, the Western Maryland K-9 Search and Rescue group will educate children on basic and vital survival principles that can help save their lives and help them be found if they are ever lost or separated from their parents/guardians. A live K-9 demonstration will reinforce the lesson learned. Tuesday, August 16, 1 p.m.

For Teens

Hot Wax Painting: Splatter art creations made using melted crayons and hair dryer. All materials provided and registration is required. Tuesday, August 9, 4 p.m. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Special programs at the Thurmont Regional Library

Local History: Moonshine in the Catocins - Family Stories: Does your family have moonshiners in the family tree? Come share your story! Beyond the Blue Blazes Whiskey Still, many locals lay claim to a family moonshining history. Share your family story or come hear others and discover how this colorful, illegal industry once thrived in our mountains. Monday, August 8, 6 p.m.

Bluegrass on the Deck! The Plate Scrapers are a four-piece string band performing traditional bluegrass and old-time tunes, topped off with a helping of their own original material. All music events are free and open to all ages. Sunday, August 21, 2–3:30 p.m.

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Wednesday – Patron Powwow at the Pokémon Gym from 3-5 p.m.! Mingle with the gang for puzzles, board games, coloring books, Pokémon takeovers, etc. Open to all ages. Donations appreciated.

Thursday - Teen night. The community room is reserved for teen use from 3:30-5 p.m. Just hang out or play Wii, board games, do puzzles, eat snacks, watch movies, etc.!

Saturday - Join us at 11 a.m. for story hour and all of its festivities! What could be better than a great book, a good snack, and a fun craft!

Movies!

Aug 4th we will be showing the movie, "Zootopia" at 6 p.m., rated PG. "In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy."

Aug 18th "Hello, My Name Is Doris", rated R for language, will be shown at 6:00 PM. "Sixty something spinster Doris (Sally Field) attempts to woo her much young-

er co-worker John (Max Greenfield) after she attends a self-help seminar. To her surprise, she is soon welcomed into John's social circle, although her new and exciting life strains her relationship with her longtime best friend (Tyne Daly)." Adults only please.

Aug. 25th we will be showing "Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban", rated PG. The movie will begin at 6 p.m.. "It's Harry's third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new "Defense Against the Dark Arts" teacher, but there is also trouble brewing. Convicted murderer Sirius Black has escaped the Wizards' Prison and is coming after Harry."

Special Events

Aug. 2nd at 5 p.m. will be a meeting of the "Summit Stitches", the BRS quilt club. New members welcome.

Aug. 16th we are offering individual computer classes with Jill Yaich. Each class is on the hour from 3–7 p.m.. Please call or visit the library to sign up, 717-794-2240.

Aug. 30th at 6:30 p.m. is the monthly meeting of Trail Time Tuesday, our Appalachian Trail Club. This club is family friendly and open to everyone. 717-794-2240.



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The Every Student Succeeds Act

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With the stroke of a pen on December 10, 2015, President Barack Obama signed into law a long-awaited reauthorization of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), called "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA). The ESEA originally became law in 1965 as part of the Civil Rights legislation and the accompanying "war on poverty." It was amended in 1992 and again in 2001. As with all major legislation, reauthorization must occur periodically to take into consideration changes in the law, changes in student need, changes in technology, and changes in what is currently understood about student learning and student success.

The new ESSA builds upon the 50-year legacy of the ESEA as a Civil Rights law. ESEA stated, among other things, that each child in public school in the United States, would be guaranteed the right to a "free, appropriate public education", regardless of situation, race, income, background or place of residence.

ESSA has modified public education law in many ways, but the biggest change from the 2001 No Child Left Behind law (NCLB) has to do with accountability requirements. It was always thought that NCLB was too prescriptive, and in being too prescriptive, Federal enforcement was based on punishment of schools that did not meet its stringent requirements. Under the new law, however, each state education agency is able to establish its own accountability system. Some

of the measures that states can use include measures of school quality or success; measurements of individual student growth; and determination of schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement. States and local school systems are given the discretion, for the first time, to determine what appropriate intervention might look like when schools do not make progress.

To make public the accountability measures that each school system is using to measure quality or success, a state and local "report card" will be issued for citizen information. The format of the "report card" must be concise and use uniform language that parents can understand. These "report cards" must be developed in consultation with parents and the results wide-

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SCHOOL AND LIBRARY NEWS

Mother Seton School's STEM curriculum

Lynn Taylor

I have a feeling I'm not the only parent with this issue: summer rolls around and everything becomes a little more lax, including some of the house rules. Kool-Aid with breakfast? Sure. Animaniacs marathon on Netflix? I'll pop the popcorn. Video games? Okay, but only for fifteen minutes.

An hour later and their eyes have glazed over. "Just one more round!" is the oft-heard whine around my house these days.

This past weekend, after nagging them for the 168th time to put the games away and go ride a bike, I have reinstated limits. Video games are more complex and vibrant than when I was growing up (Space Invaders, anyone?), providing a rich interactive environment for children to improve their motor skills and hone decision-making processes. Even I enjoy a relaxing game on the iPod now and then. Still, despite some evidence to the contrary, I can't help but

sound like my grandmother when I admonish the kids: "Those games will rot your brains out!"

Probably not my most eloquent parenting moment.

The truth is, their brains will not rot out of their heads because they like to play Crossy Road. All of them are avid readers and enthusiastic athletes. But they are also very savvy about technology. It took me years of trial and error to master PowerPoint, while my 11- and 8-year old experiment with movie-making. Technology changes rapidly, and our children are best at adapting to its fluid nature because it's all they know. The more they learn, and the quicker they learn it, will help give them a competitive edge in this digital world.

That's why Mother Seton School invests so much time and money into S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curricula. S.T.E.M goes beyond simply giving students knowledge in these areas; it shows them practical

and creative ways to use that knowledge. You can have a child read about Newton's Laws of Motion and they'll probably get the gist of what they are. Show them those laws in action, and they'll gain an even deeper understanding. Teach them how to put those laws to use themselves and you're on the road to creating a rocket scientist or aerospace engineer, or perhaps the person who finally solves Frederick's traffic issues.

That's one of the goals of the Junior S.T.E.M Club for intermediate students we have at MSS. Laura Folden, teacher and Technology Coordinator, has club members, most of whom are in fourth-grade, designing and building roller coasters, as well as balloon-driven cars and other mechanical contraptions. When we bring LEGO® Robotics into the classroom, our program will become even stronger.

Meanwhile, Danielle Kuykendall, our Middle School Science teacher, leads three different Science-based clubs: Healthy Eating (Nutrition-

al Science), General Science (including Ecology and Forensics), and Engineering. With hands-on experiments, including creating a solar oven, budding scientists got the chance to see how science plays a role in everyday life and learn that it isn't just for the Marie Curies or Albert Einsteins of the world.

That's not to say the entire focus is on S.T.E.M at MSS. It takes more of a whole-child approach. As critical as S.T.E.M is, there are other equally important concerns, and I have to wonder, when schools focus only on their state-of-the-art science and technology curriculum, what else they might be missing. Arts and humanities, language skills, and physical health are all a part of the educational experience. We are among the few schools still dedicated to teaching handwriting, which education experts cite as integral to children's brain development even beyond being simply a gross motor skill. I love that my children understand art history and that music class isn't merely

learning to play Hot Cross Buns on the recorder, but actual theory. All of this and traditional moral values, too. Can't beat that!

There is still plenty to keep them busy in these last few weeks—many more days at the lake to be had, library visits, sports, battlefields to explore, and a million more fireflies to catch and release. There's a time and place for electronic entertainment to be sure, but I'm going to take my cue from their school and make sure to nurture the whole child. I'll congratulate them when they make it through Castelia City, but then I'm going to hand them a copy of R.J. Palacio's Wonder to read on the way to Fort Frederick. Summer isn't only a time to be carefree, but an opportunity to help the kids grow their mind, body, and spirit. An opportunity I'm going to seize. Just as soon as I finish this round of Frozen Free Fall.

Enjoy every moment of the rest of your summer and we'll see you soon!

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ly available to the public. This way, citizens, particularly parents, can learn and know the quality of the schools they pay for and schools to which they send their children. The information that must be included in these state and local "report cards" must include information such as per pupil expenditures of Federal, state and local funds; the percentage of students enrolled in preschool programs; the percentage of students that enroll in post-secondary programs; and the percent of English language learners who reach English language proficiency. Also, it

must be noted that for the first time, these reports will include the number of homeless students, the number of students in foster care, and the number of students who have a parent in the military.

One of the important sources of Federal funding that public schools receive is under the Title 1 provision of the ESSA. School systems must ensure that the key elements of Title 1 are implemented consistent with the original purpose of the law: "...to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, high quality education and to close educational achievement gaps." Title 1 re-

sources will go to the highest need students and will include a commitment to quality preschool programs and a commitment to innovation in educational programming and delivery.

The Federal government requires state and local accountability, not only to ensure that funding is appropriately distributed and used. They will also require accountability systems that meaningfully differentiate all public schools. Where targeted support or intervention is needed, school systems will be required to describe implementation plans, including evidence-based interventions for those identified schools. This means that if a school

is underperforming, the school system needs to develop remediation plans and inform the public and the Federal government about these plans. The U S Department of Education believes that the benefits of this plan outweigh the cost to either local or state education agencies. Similar to NCLB, cost is no object when provision of appropriate services to children to help them be successful is concerned.

It is a good idea that members of our local communities be made aware of the provisions of the newly reauthorized ESSA. As in most articles that describe education policy, there are words, abbreviations and acronyms

that are sometimes confusing. This article is an attempt to define and clarify the terms and conditions of the new law and how it may affect individuals in our communities, especially students and their families. It is an attempt to give citizens an understanding of how the law has changed and how they may benefit from a basic understanding of it.

For further information or answers to questions on how our schools will change to comply with the newly reauthorized law, please contact your local school office or the Frederick County Public Schools (301-644-5000).

Mount St. Mary's Class of 2020

Enrollment in the Mount St. Mary's Class of 2020 currently stands at 440 students, selected from almost 6,100 applicants.

Among the members of the incoming class of 2020 are a competitive figure skater, 12 Eagle Scouts, 34 SGA Presidents or Vice Presidents, the Pennsylvania softball player of the year, a student who speaks five languages, a student who has had over 20 family members graduate from the Mount, 10 students who have never missed a day of high school, and a student whose career goal is to become the President of the United States.

The Class of 2020's makeup is strong on a number of levels. These students were heavily active in their schools and communities and hold an average GPA of 3.4. They hail from 285 different high schools in 26 different states. While more than half the class lives in Maryland, there are six students from Florida, another six from Massachusetts, and five from Texas. The class contains

the largest population of minority students with 37% of the class coming from underrepresented groups.

The Mount asked each incoming freshman to describe the moment when they realized the Mount was going to be their college of choice. Here's a sample:

"From the moment I set foot on the Mount for the very first time three years ago, I knew this was it. The serene feel it gave off, the calmness, the unity of the school, and the size really convinced me that the Mount would be my home for the next four years."

"The day I visited the Mount, students and faculty were very friendly and welcomed me with open arms. That was the moment I realized that

I was taking the right path to join the Mount family."

"The moment I saw the Mary statue looking over the campus I felt so at home. It just seemed as if a question I didn't know I was asking got answered in that moment. It really helped that all the people were very friendly as well!"

According to Michael Post, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, the "results are a credit to our Board, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and current students, all who came together to show prospective students and their parents that the Mount is a place with great hope and a bright future."

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

It's a classic campfire question: If you were stranded on an island, what would you bring? There are the funny answers, the clever answers, and the astonishing answers— but they are all very telling. That's why this month we had our writers talk about what they would bring if they were stranded on an island!

Sophomore Year Paradise found

Michael Kenney Jr.
MSM Class of 2019

Before I give you my answer, I have to partially answer the prompt with a pivotal question: What kind of island am I stranded on?

I would like to think myself as resilient and innovative as Tarzan, but I know that if I was stranded on a fierce jungle island with only a pocket knife and some flint, I would quickly prove Darwin's theory that nature rebukes the unfit. Indeed, if I were stranded on hellhole island, my three wishes would be simple: a paper bag to control my hyperventilated breathing, an exorbitant amount of bug spray, and of course, a one way flight to anywhere else.

But I hate to think of myself shuddering from a cannibal's distant coo and dodging the emerald stares of panthers. So, if I have to be stranded on a fictitious island, I may as well reside as its tiki king. My response be-

low records my reasoning for picking the three quintessential items necessary for a solo trip on an oasis island.

I'm pretty much alone. There are a few clouds shaped like hula dancers, but they slowly dance away. I see a parrot orbiting the treeline, but soon enough, he too glides off. There is a cruise ship, floating far off in the distance, and I hope it never catches me. Indeed, I am on an island paradise reserved just for me.

As I explore my new home, I come across a bluff hidden in the treeline. A steady stream runs down it and crashes into a warm spring. I figure "up" is the best direction, so I scale the skyscraping rocks. About midway up the bluff, I misstep and tumble into the spring below. The warm water fizzes through my hair and slides across my skin. It feels like liquid gold. After floating and splashing for while, I feel refreshed and decide to give the bluff another try.

After about an hour of climbing, I reach the apex of the island and my eyes meet the most spectacular

view imaginable. To my left, I spot a pod of dolphins bounding beside the shoreline, and to my right, I see miles of palm trees, draping across mountains and valleys alike.

But rock climbing made me tired, so I make my first wish for a hammock. There it is! A silk-woven hammock drooping between two palm trees. I curl up in the manmade cocoon and rock back and forth. There's a gentle breeze. The leaves flutter across one another, in seeming efforts to chime in with the rhythmic ebb and flow of the waves down below. The symphonic blend sounds like the tune of a Bob Marley song, and with its gentle whisper, I rock to sleep.

I wake up, but my dream is far from over. As I suspend between the two palm trees, I reach down and pluck a strand of Dendrobium flowers. I string the flowers into a lei and place it over my neck. I remain there, gazing at my surroundings for what must be several hours.

After some time, the sun shifts, shedding light into my once shaded area. The sun and I rarely get along. I am of Irish descent, which means I have the complexion of a ghost in the winter and that of a tomato in the

summer. But today, on this island, the sun knows I'm his only client, so I do not need to waste my second wish on SPF 100 sunscreen. Instead, the sun's rays tint me into the perfect shade of golden-brown.

I do, however, want to curb the sun's inevitable glare. As I make my way back towards the shore, I make a wish for a pair of sunglasses. I figure if I am going to be looking at my reflection in the water, however, the sunglasses may as well look good. So I wish for signature aviators with black lenses and golden rims.

When I reach the shore, I dig my feet into the wet sand and crinkle it between my toes. CRASH! The wave meets the shore and splashes up to my knees. Unlike the hot spring, the water here is brisk and crystal clear.

A rainbow of colors scatter in the coral reef beyond me. It reminds of a painter's palette, but its image is an absolute masterpiece. Fish of every kind dash to and fro, and once again, I am completely mesmerized.

I see one notably juicy fish, and my stomach begins to grumble. I realize it's been nearly an entire day and I have not had a bite to eat. I make my third and final wish for a fishing rod.

As I stand knee deep in the water, I imagine I must be the luckiest man alive. There's a tug on my rod, and I have caught another fish — this time, a particularly sizable one. I cast it into my hammock, a makeshift fishing net, and sling it over my shoulder. I suspect there must be a volcano near the hot spring, so I retrace my steps with the bundle of fish flapping on my back.

Before long, I find a volcano that bubbles and occasionally oozes over its crust. One by one, I pierce each fish with a stick and watch them crisp through the lava's steam. I imagine I look like a boy roasting a marshmallow over a campfire.

I set up my hammock again, devour each bite of the fish, and lick each of my fingers to get the last of their savory promise. The sun begins to set just as beautifully as it rose hours earlier. I place my aviators and lei on my bare chest and let the fishing rod slip between my fingers. My eyes slowly shut, and I take a deep breath. I hope to be lost forever.

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Junior Year

Three wishes

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In being stranded on a hypothetical desert island, one has the rare opportunity one seldom gets when one is actually stranded on a desert island. This opportunity is being able to choose three items to bring with myself during my unexpected island vacation. In all honesty, I have always found this question to be a rather silly one with an obvious answer that I will elucidate in due course, but first, let me get

some ideas out of the way.

There are many ways you can approach this scenario. The first way is the practical survivalist way, in which case I would need those elements necessary for survival: shelter, water, food. I could bring an ultra-violet light protected, solar powered, weather-proof tent. I made this choice, for obvious reasons.

The second, probably most important problem to be fixed is your body's need for water; in fact, it takes approximately three days until your body begins to shut down; any longer, you risk dying

of dehydration. Now, being on an island in the middle of the ocean, I would be surrounded by water, but none of it is drinkable. Well, technically, you could drink it, but consuming high amounts of salt in hopes of slaking your thirst is pointless. After minutes of exhaustive research, I discovered a way to desalinate the water. There are two ways to accomplish this: The first way requires a fire, a kettle, a receptacle, and a bit of piping. I foresee two major problems with this:

One: I only have two more spots to fill on my list if I stick with the rules, and as you can see the list of items to achieve my goal exceeds that of the guidelines.

Two: it is reliant upon my ability to make fire and I would most likely die of dehydration before I even see a wisp of smoke.

So, Plan B involves solar power and a lidded pot. You fill the lidded pot with salt water, then place an empty cup in the middle (I could find or make an empty container by using what's around me, maybe) and finally, you place the lid on top and upside down so that the handle rest in the emp-

ty container. If I could, I would show you a diagram, but I am currently limited in doing so. The blank spot on my list has to be filled with something useful like an unbreakable, collapsible fishing rod with built in LED light. Again, the reason my third and final choice is an unbreakable, collapsible fishing rod is obvious, and the LED light is to signal whatever ships maybe passing.

Yet another way to approach this scenario is the funny, "let's-pass-the-time-with-unlikely-scenarios" kind of way. In this approach, you choose anything from, books, to people, to a deck of cards. I would most likely choose books, so long as a series counts as "one" book. The first book I would choose would be Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien, followed by, Harry Potter, by J.K. Rowling and lastly my copy of World Folk Tales whose author's name has faded from the well-worn cover. However if my goal was to occupy myself until I am saved or die of exposure, dehydration, or starvation then I would probably exchange that last book with a deck of cards or a game that takes forever to fin-

ish, like Monopoly. As far as people are concerned, I would fear to choose someone I love, because even though I really and truly love them with all my heart, over exposure to them for an extended period of time in a life or death situation would strain my care for them to the breaking point. I am sure you can agree that no matter how much you love a person, the thought of being forced to see them every second of everyday on a hot, desert island would give you a bit of a headache. Besides, one person stranded is enough, there is no need to add to the hungry mouths to feed.

There is one other way to respond to the question, "If you could bring three things with you on a desert island, what would you bring?" This way, in my humble opinion, is by far the smartest and the one I would most likely choose if whether by miracle or magic genie, I was able to bring these items along. One, an unsinkable yacht with unlimited fuel to take me far away from the desert island; two, a capable crew, savvy to the ways of the sea because heaven knows I would be useless in such matters; three, a small well-stocked library somewhere on the yacht in which I can pass the time until I return back to civilization.

I think you can agree with the answers I have given you to this age old question, though I am sure you have a better plan thought out in your head of how you would handle such a situation. However, my best advice is to avoid desert islands in the future unless you like the idea of roughing it and having no one around but your best friend, Wilson.

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STRANDED ON AN ISLAND...

Senior Year

The choice

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This question has always plagued my mind whenever I've been asked: What one item would you bring with you if you were stranded on an island? There is almost too much to consider in this question. For instance: do I have any information about how long I'll be there, is there a rescue effort out to find me or am I actually there forever? Will there be water, wildlife, a safe place to sleep?

None of these questions would be answered before arriving to said island, so how does a person choose? How does one prioritize clean water, the ability to hunt or make a fire, warmth... the list goes on. Clearly, my mind goes straight to survival, but there is more! What if I happen to get stranded on an island that used to house a family, and I don't have to worry about survival? Now what do I bring – a book to keep my mind working or a “beach book” that will make me laugh, maybe? Oh! I should bring a rosary, or, maybe a journal. I wouldn't want to show up to this kind of island with a knife, then again, showing up to a deserted island with a Lisa Scottoline book would be absurd. Every time I consider the possibilities, I gain a new appreciation for the fact that I will most likely

never, ever, actually have to face this choice.

The Discovery show 'Naked and Afraid' has taken this question that has plagued the minds of middle schoolers and classroom writing prompts for so long, and has put it to the test. The show is a little more advanced now, with the extended stay option and multiple items if placed in the dangerous parts of Africa; however, in the beginning, this show took two people and took everything from them, including the clothes they were wearing. The contestants were allowed to bring one item with them and were placed in a pre-determined part of the world for 21 days. The weather, wildlife, water, and obstacles were different for each pair, and each person was still only allowed one item. Admittedly, I have a slightly unhealthy obsession to the show. Maybe it has something to do with the way this question has always plagued my mind; I don't know, I should look into that. Either way, I've watched as contestants try to survive while essentially stranded. Some bring water filters, knives, fire starters, fishing wire, variations of a machete, and more. The most popular, as far as I can tell, has been a knife. The knife seems to also be the most useful because even if they can't start a fire, build a trap, or filter water, they have been able to

clear areas, defend themselves, and most importantly, hunt for food.

So, I think, not because of my own creativity but because of my Naked and Afraid addiction and the tried practiced of the contestants, that I will bring a knife with me to my island. There may be some issues here because I have never hunted a day in my life and have an awful fear of killing animals, even bugs, so it would certainly be a true test of my will to survive and would probably be quite humorous. They could create a show just for my time on the island and it would probably draw way too many viewers. I've tried to come up with an answer more creative than a knife based on my recent time spent in the woods at CLC, but I just couldn't. Here is what I came up with:

A very large bar of soap – I truly hated not being able to shower and having to wear the same clothes for days on end.

A phone – lack of contact forced me to develop an actual interest in the lives of the bugs living around me, this can't be healthy.

A watch – my parents used to call me Big Ben because of my constant need to know what time it is, this hasn't gone away with age.

Deodorant – if I can't bring soap, this is the next best thing.

Bug spray – If there was a jumbo sized can of bug spray, I would choose it over the knife every time.

Poison repellent – I'm not sure such a thing exists, but after my bout with Poison Sumac and Ivy



for weeks, this would be my number one choice.

Fortunately, while in the woods, we had food and water readily available. We walked about 1,000 meters each day to resupply three MREs per person and five, five-gallon, water jugs. It didn't seem very convenient a stranded island it was, in retrospect, very kind of whoever decided to fill our resupply cache every day.

After reviewing my list, I still have to choose the knife to go to my island with. The list above are unnecessary comforts in comparison to food, so I will, unfortunately, forgo bathing and bug spray for a hunting knife. That is my final decision. Now, I should learn to hunt.

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Graduate

Survival vs. comfort

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I am a very indecisive person. Picking three items to bring anywhere would be incredibly tricky for me. However, I think that I have it figured out. There are two instances that I have come up with: one in which survival is key, and another in which water food and shelter are a given. If survival were my goal, I would bring a fire starter, a fishing pole, and a machete. If shelter and the like were provided, I would be a little more frivolous: the three items I would bring would be a bathing suit, my iPod, and a warm blanket.

My family watches a TON of survival shows. Bear Grylls was first, then Naked and Afraid, then Naked and Afraid Extreme, then Alone. The whole point of these shows is to show that people can survive in the wild with literally one survival tool, and without clothes even. I would like to think that if I were forced into a survival situation, I would do okay. However, I know myself pretty well and I know that I am a huge wimp. All I can do is hope that if my life depended on it, I would be alright.

I would bring a machete. I have seen enough survival shows to know that you need a sharp edge to survive. Cutting up firewood, creating shelter,

and gutting my fish for dinner all require a blade. The TV show, Alone features many survivalists choosing the machete as their weapon, and since I know nothing about knives, I would trust them. Sure, I have never used a machete in my life, but as I said before, I can only hope that if my life depended on it, I would figure it out.

The second would be a fishing pole. Islands mean water, and water means fish. Fish are food. I would probably have the most luck catching fish rather than trying to hunt in these imaginary woods, so I think the fishing pole would be more helpful than a gun or other kind of hunting equipment. I love little animals and I would have a hard time killing them to eat. So, pescatarianism it is.

Finally, I would bring a blanket. It probably seems silly to you that I would waste one of my survival items bringing something so unnecessary, but I think a blanket would be a great item. I could use it to keep me warm when it gets cold, I could use it as a roof to my shelter when it gets hot, I could wave it as a flag to catch someone's attention. I could make a trap with it to catch food. Or, I could make it into a bag to hold berries or leaves to eat.

My first luxury item would be a fire starter. Fire would keep me warm, cook my food, purify my water, and help me signal to airplanes and boats that I was there. My ultimate goal while stranded would be to get help as soon as possible. A signal fire seems

like a great place to start. Sure, I should be able to start a fire without one, but this is a luxury—any item that would make my life easier, I am bringing it.

I would also bring a bathing suit. I don't mean a bikini, either. I love swimming. I started at nine and swam for a team until I was 22. Even now, I still swim and coach kids in swimming. It is a huge part of who I am. It has always been an amazing stress reliever for me, and 13 years of swimming competitively does not make it easy to stop the sport on a dime. If I were surrounded by water, I think it would make me crazy not being able to swim in it. While stranded on an island, swimming would help keep me sane.

The next thing I would bring is my iPod (ok, my iPhone, but exclusively for music. I don't think Pokemon Go would work on an island). Similar to swimming, I have always had music as a way to escape stress in my life. I have playlists for different moods and activities like driving or cleaning my room. I love being able to lose myself in the moment (pun intended), to forget about whatever it is I have going on and sing along loud and off key. Stranded on an island, my favorite songs would get me through the toughest days.

Personally, I like to believe I am a survivor. I would like to believe that if I were stranded, I would be able to keep myself alive. Fortunately, I don't think I will ever have to find out. If you were stranded on a desert island,



what would you bring? Would you choose comfort materials or survival needs? This exercise says a lot about people's personalities. What do you

think it says about you?

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The story of denim and chambray is merely a recreation of fabric. The tale concerns its interest and influence upon society's way of dressing. Chanel, Sonia Rykiel and MM6 Maison Margiela initiated the denim fashion statements throughout their Resort 2016 Collections, among countless brands that reintroduced this fabric as funky fashion for summer. In the same way, chambray charmed the Men's Spring 2016 Collections of Tommy Hilfinger and Perry Ellis, emphasizing the classic talent of this French-based material.

My story with chambray and denim is much more of a personal account. In the beginning, there was a devotion to denim jeans. As a portion of my everyday outfit, something I wore, and continue to wear indefinitely through the summer — denim presided and continues to preside my outfit: sneakers and a blouse follow. My denim stands as MVP, the most important influence on my outfit. Through the seasons of difficult hot and cold weather, the thick and thin, denim represents a vision for how I want to dress. In moments, most remarkably understood during the summer heat waves in New York City, with humidity and subway trains without AC, its fashion introduces a sacrifice. While reflecting upon its impact on how I understand fashion and style, here too lay many rea-

sons for how it has outfitted fun in the summer sun.

Denim is expressive. Styles, fits and features ignite the systematics of basic wear and the monotony of everyday clothing: boyfriend, cuffed, skinny, flare, patched and yes, I've even tried the adventurous distressed denim look. These options inspire movement and shake up the way fashion clothing is communicated and perceived.

In another fashion, chambray exists in a regality and privilege, I never quite understood. Upon its first introduction to me of selling men's button downs at Brook's Brothers during my last semester at the Mount, I had no previous interaction with the fabric. To my fascination, those chambray button downs folded in a starchy dust pile, laid as if almost untouched. My conclusion: the product was either disregarded or sold self-sufficiently. Either way, this is the French's best-kept secret. This fabric offers an advantage into the most comfortable suits for the summer of sunrays and humid heat waves.

The details about denim and the certainty of chambray

Denim is the American dream and chambray is a premium product of Cambrai, France. Chambray is an expression of the exquisite beauty from the seaside of this European country. Technically speaking, this material is a "lightweight gingham fabric, traditionally with a white weft interwoven with a colored wrap to produce



Men's Chambray Shirt from Brooks Brothers

a checked or striped pattern, although it may also be plain in color." Similar to its origins, Chambray is a quaint statement. For a memorable exhibit of painless attire, let this quality of the fabric speak for itself.

However, denim was my first love. Smitten over a summer love for my boyfriend jeans, I was struck with endearment expressed in loyalty and a sense of fidelity that will forever remain. Cupid's match stroke by means of a comfort in these denims: slouchy, baggy, relaxed fit best explain its attraction. The development of my passion for denim advanced with an awareness for brands and their contributions, the subtleties that differentiate the market for fashion in the most casual quality. A journey with J Brand quickly proved they were my favorite jeans. The simplicity of style — classic fit, and the namesake of this trendy brand captured my interest. There was a confidence purchased with this brand, something I could wear through any weather.

This was the state of my maturity during the season of my senior year at the Mount; when I found out I was bound for New York, everything shifted. As I dressed to compliment a work environment focused on trends and statements, I would dress in everything but my denim. The light at the end of the tunnel appeared at the introduction of a few of my favorite labels: Rachel Comey, Elizabeth and James, Topshop. These were the brands that reinstated my love for denim. These brands are bringing back the utility of clothing through the details of aesthetic and fit. In this modern sphere, my appreciation for

the fabric stands as a functional and expressive form of fashion. Finally, I am reunited with denim.

My favorite piece to wear is defined by its durability and accessibility: "A hard-wearing cotton twill of fabric typically woven with a color warp and a white or undyed weft, and produced in a variety of weights... Originally used to make protective work wear, denim is now widely used for leisurewear, including jeans and jackets." It too is a product established in France; Nimes, in the South of France. It is difficult not to consider denim's influence on fashion, an industry attending to clothing, as well as its perception.

Ways to wear summer's favorite fabrics

Christian Dior had not made any comments on the presence of denim within a woman's wardrobe. Maybe the material was deemed too casual, not appropriate for the fancy ladies he designed for. In spite of this, denim crept into the ways of American sportswear and in association with summer attire. In the Duke's of Hazard, Daisy Duke didn't parade in her jean shorts for nothing. The southern sun is without a doubt one fair reason for the influence denim shorts have sustained throughout the sun shined season. However, the practicality can only scratch the surface. Denim shorts are an abrasive decision to state. Aggressive in design and style, these shorts are dared to be touched.

However difficult the hunt requires, a more conservative look can be achieved by ways of Bermuda shorts, cropped jeans or denim dresses; all assemble a



Mom jeans by Topshop

wardrobe comfortable for everyone this summer. Explore these options to find fashion's experiments with denim. Bell shaped and frayed hems, v-neck dresses are remodels. Brands tend to creatively redesign with these pieces.

As shirts remark a resemblance to beachwear, Hardy Aimes boldly states that this one and only piece is the "most important garment in a man's complete wardrobe after the suit." A shirt is his solution, and has the influence over statements and good looking appearances. For summer, the denim shirt couldn't be a better option. Similarly to the beautiful blue of tides or the still seaports, chambray is an undeniable alternative to the coarse cuts of denim, in addition to acting as the cornerstone for an understated summer statement. Its gingham material, classic and lightweight, is approachable for a collared shirt.

Venture to set aside the white tie and the blue-colored three-piece ensemble. Chambray looks admirable on the formal suit attire as well. But the suit, on the other hand, will forever remain a piece of men's fashion heritage. Unique in texture, classic in design and functional in season, chambray reads the epitome of a gentleman's attention to fashion.

For these reasons explain chambray's influence — over denim — on the menswear industry. The lighter weight and gingham feature is attractive in practicality and aesthetic. As for women, denim is associated with shorts and dresses in the summertime. In this side of the fashion business, practicality is hardly ever concerned. Rather, comfort is measured in design, aesthetic and appeal. Perspectives are overtly opposing; it is remarkably quizzical. Fabrics manipulate the definition of design. Nonetheless, if contentment is key, then fashion's industry need not worry. When its designers focus on denim and chambray in this current season, their jobs are complete with five star ratings.

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Wooded areas

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“Don’t you think we should turn around?” I asked with a whimper. “It’s getting pretty dark.”

“No, no. I’m sure that Uncle Matt said the place was just a little farther. We have gotten this far... we can’t turn back now.” Ethan insisted, though his voice seemed unsteady.

The pair continued through the wooded area. They stepped over logs with their sturdy boots and splashed into shallow puddles that hadn’t seen the sun in days. They continued on, each with a flashlight in hand as they pushed tree branches away from in front of them. The noises of the woods seemed to be getting louder. What started as a soft call from the wilderness sounded as if it were now screaming, as if it were telling them to turn back around while they still had a hint of daylight. Yet the two went onwards, being guided by an old story and a hand drawn map.

The map was more of a sketch really...if even that. It consisted of some scribble in pen on an old napkin that was clearly used to wipe up spilled coffee. Ethan had gotten it from Uncle Matt last time he visited. The story of Uncle Matt and Dad traveling into the woods was on the same level as the Three Bears or Little Red Riding Hood in our family. It was Dad’s favorite story to “read” before bed and Uncle Matt’s favorite to share at family gatherings. It had essentially become a legend. From the time that Ethan and I were able to walk and speak, we knew we had to finish what Uncle Matt and Dad had started. It was, in some sense, our destiny. Mom didn’t exactly see it that way... which is why Uncle Matt had to slip the map to Ethan on an old napkin under the table during dessert, but regardless, we knew we were born with a responsibility and we were going to achieve it!

It was easy to be brave about the whole thing from the com-

fort of my bed or the coziness of the couch, but to actually be out in the woods at night made everything much more frightening than I could have anticipated.

Ethan and I had been planning this night for a while now. We had our schoolbooks dumped out on our floors and stuffed the essentials into our backpacks. In Ethan’s bag we had enough water for a few days (as long as we didn’t get too thirsty), one peanut butter and jelly sandwich, some Oreos, and a candy bar—just in case things didn’t go as planned. It was my job to carry the important things: a spatula, a set of stationary, a pillowcase, a flowerpot, and a dark chocolate bar.

As far as the whole twin thing goes, you’d think we would have some type of magical power, but we have yet to see that develop. We get along pretty well most of the time, mainly because I’m the nice one and he’s the one that’s hard to get along with. Uncle Matt says the same thing about himself when he talks about his relationship with Dad. They are twins too and that is why all of this is our duty.

You see, the story goes that Uncle Matt and Dad walked deep into the woods behind their mother, my grandmother’s house, one night. They were out exploring and had gotten lost on their way back. They walked deeper and deeper until they came upon a tiny wooden hut tucked behind an old tree trunk. They crept around it cautiously, figuring that someone must live inside it and wondering if he or she may be able to point them in the right direction of home. Dad was getting desperate and didn’t want to be grounded by my grandmother, so he barged up towards the hut and noticed a small door. They say it couldn’t have been larger than a microwave. Dad, feeling brave, knocked assertively on the door but there wasn’t a reply. Uncle Matt and Dad were nearly out of hope when out of nowhere

they heard a laugh. Suddenly, a tiny man appeared from behind tall grasses. He wore a dark green suit with a top hat to help with his height. His face was mischievous and his smirks were concealed behind a gray mustache. My uncle and father stopped and were overtaken by fear.

“I count two in front of me. Why are you here? Who may you be?” The tiny man said, as the woods seemed to stand still.

“I, uh, we are, uh, we are just lost and wondering if you could point us in the right direction of home.”

“Oh it is help that you seek. Your energy is strong but your courage is weak. Here’s what I’ll do, cause I’m a good man. I’ll make you a deal. Sound like a plan? I’ll show you the way but you must help me. I’ll make you a list of what you shall bring. You promise me, you must come in a pair, I cannot trust individuals...I wouldn’t dare. Come, come, here is the way. Take my list and do as I say.”

With confusion and fright Uncle Matt and Dad miraculously found themselves back in their backyard as their mother called to them from the porch. Grasped in Dad’s hand was a list of items that the little man had requested. The two looked back into the woods and saw the brim of the man’s top hat as he said, “A deal is a deal so you better hold true. Remember you’re lucky that I was generous to you. Come only at night, not by day. Bring me those things and happy you will stay.” At that, Uncle Matt and Dad dashed for the back porch of my grandmother’s house and the rest is history.

Ethan and I continued into the woods. Our backpacks clinked with random items that the man in the tall hat had requested many years ago. There was no guarantee that he would even still be alive or residing in the woods, but they had to give it a try. The napkin map was dif-



ficult to decipher and the landscape had changed over the years, but Ethan insisted they were going the right way. From the trees, the boys heard owls hoot as they searched for prey.

“Are you sure we should keep-----” Ethan reached behind him and covered my mouth with his hand as he reached out with his other arm and shined his flashlight onto a small hut behind an old tree trunk. “That must be it”, he whispered.

I slipped off my backpack and cautiously walked towards the hut

afraid to make too much noise or an incorrect step. I placed my bag beside the small wooden door carefully. From behind us we heard the leaves rustle and the branches bend and then suddenly we found ourselves back in my grandmother’s lawn. Ethan and I glanced into the woods with confusion as we heard a voice say, “Not the original two, but this should do. Keep out of my woods, and you’ll stay happy too.”

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A funny thing happened. . .

Stephanie Allee

Totem Pole Playhouse, Pennsylvania's premiere summer theatre located in Caledonia State Park between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, presents A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum July 30 through August 14. One of the funniest musical comedies ever written, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum features the music and lyrics of legendary composer Stephen Sondheim and book by multiple Tony and Emmy Award-winning writer Larry Gelbart, who created the smash TV series "M*A*S*H." The musical, sponsored by Walker, Connor & Spang LLC, is directed by playhouse veteran David Hemsley Caldwell, and closes out the theatre's 2016 summer season, sponsored by Franklin County Visitors Bureau.

The show is a non-stop laugh-fest in which Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan named

Philia, for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors, and a showgirl or two, three, four, five. Starring as Pseudolus is Totem Pole Playhouse's Producing Artistic Director Rowan Joseph, who returns to the stage for the first time since 2009's "The Queen of Bingo."

Since taking the helm at Totem Pole in 2014, Joseph has directed 2014's "Godspell" and last season's "Shenandoah" as well as the playhouse's annual production of "A Christmas Carol" at Gettysburg's College's Majestic Theater.

Returning to the Totem Pole stage for this show are local actors Paris Peet as Senex, and Richard Sautter as Marcus Lycus. Peet, who portrays Ebenezer Scrooge in Totem Pole's "A Christmas

Carol," also appeared in last season's "The Nerd," and has been in numerous other productions at the playhouse. He is a theatre professor at Shippensburg University. Sautter teaches theatre

classes at Gettysburg College and McDaniel College. A veteran of at least 25 Totem Pole shows, Richert Easley also returns to the playhouse stage this summer as Erronius. Joining the cast for their second show this season are Jonathan Cable, who appeared as Harper in "One Slight Hitch" and will portray Miles Gloriosus, and Louis Griffin, Derek Kastner, Gabe Wrobel, and Stavros Koumbaros, who starred in the audience favorite "Forever Plaid" and appear in this show as the Proteans.

Making their Totem Pole debut with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" are a host of New York actors, including Becky Barta from Broadway's "Les Miserables," as Domina, Will Carlyon, from Broadway's "Cabaret," as Hero, Ashley Marinelli as Tintinabula, Katie Mitchell as Gymnasia, McCallah Moriarty as Panacea, and Becca Andrews and Summerisa Bell Stevens as the Geminae. Central Pennsylvania actress Amber Anne Emerson joins the cast as Philia. Darren Server will



Clockwise from top left, Katie Mitchell, Ashley Marinelli, McCallah Moriarty, Becca Andrews, Rowan Joseph and Summerisa Bell Stevens of Totem Pole Playhouse's upcoming performance of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.

serve as Musical Director and Dann Dunn will choreograph the show. This unforgettable, hysterical musical is suitable for the entire family.

The production opens Saturday, July 30 at 8 p.m. The show will run through August 14. Tickets range from \$30 to \$50 with matinee perfor-

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Frankenstine starring Benedict Cumberbatch & Jonny Lee Miller both earned Olivier Awards for their celebrated performances alternating in the roles of Victor Frankenstein and the Creature. Childlike in his innocence but grotesque in form, Frankenstein's bewildered Creature is cast out into a hostile universe by his horror-struck maker. Meeting with cruelty wherever he goes, the friendless Creature, increasingly desperate and vengeful, determines to track down



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Cameron, the Queen advises her Prime Ministers on all matters both public and personal. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

One Man, Two Guvnors stars James Corden, Host of "The Late Late Show". Corden won a Tony Award for his performance with his critically acclaimed performance, which was captured at the National Theatre during its original London run. Fired from his skiffle band, Francis Henshall becomes minder to Roscoe Crabbe, a small time East End hood, now in Brighton to collect £6,000 from his fiancée's dad. But Roscoe is really his sister Rachel posing as her own dead brother, who's been killed by her boyfriend Stanley Stubbers. To prevent discovery, Francis must keep his two guvnors apart.

And finally, don't miss a stellar cast led by Mark Strong (The Imitation Game; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy) in the Young Vic's 'magnetic, electrify-

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Taneytown's growing art scene

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Last month I wrote about the emerging arts scene in Taneytown, focusing in particular on Taneytown for the Arts, the non-profit group encouraging the young and old to express themselves through the world of art. I had so much fun with that write-up, talking with local business owners and passionate art enthusiasts that I wanted to share even more about Taneytown! In the published article last month, and the web post found at emmitsburgartscene.wordpress.com, I introduced a lot of small artistic businesses in a very short space, and I only skimmed the surface. This article is devoted to every business I loved that I couldn't fit into the span of the last piece.

The first business that many of us around these parts would love, which you may be unaware of, is RUST in Taneytown. RUST opened its doors last year, on September 25th of 2015. According to Justin Staudinger, the founder of RUST, the primary passion of the business workers is, "repurposing vintage and antiques to fit today's lifestyles and homes. Our shop is filled with vintage and antique treasures with a focus on industrial and agricultural items." Some of the many types of products that RUST sells are repurposed architectural salvage, lighting, a fantastic line of candles, and homemade soap.

RUST caters to antique shoppers, of which there are many in our area, but even if antique collection is not your thing, you will find something here just for you. Many of us, myself included, love vintage and flea market types of purchases, all of which can be found at RUST. Justin also said that young couples will find many attractive things that can be displayed in their new homes, which is great for the couples living in and around Emmitsburg!

Of all the many fulfilling aspects of running this business, Justin particularly emphasized the enjoyment in creating new things. He said, "There are two things I love about working for RUST: the hunt that goes along with finding the pieces, and then displaying them in the shop." He also shared how prolific the store's creations are. If you visit RUST once, you can be assured that upon revisit you will find something there you had not seen before, "The shop is always changing; We bring in new pieces every week."

He has had a passion for antiques from a very young age, and acting upon those passions is a common trait among everyone I spoke with. He is so committed to it, in fact, that he operates this successful enterprise while already working 55+ hours a week in Washington, DC with his other occupational passion. Many of us work as hard as



The Mill in Keymar, another new addition to the Taneytown arts scene. Kim Mills transformed the 9,000 square foot, century old grain mill into a truly warm and inviting art and antiques shop.

we can at our regular jobs, and coming into contact with someone who still finds great importance in fulfilling their creative side is a helpful example for everyone to follow. Justin mentioned, "I have had a passion for antiques and collecting since I was 21 years old. I started buying and selling over 20 years ago. Stop in!"

RUST is open every day of the weekend, which is great for everyone who works Monday through Friday. On Fridays, they are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Their shop is located at 38 East Baltimore Street in Taneytown.

Many of you would also love The Mill at Keymar. It is run by Nancy and Kim Bowers, a mother-and-daughter team who transformed a 9000 square foot, century old grain mill into a truly warm and inviting art and antiques shop. When you walk into The Mill, you will be surprised at the style of the business, a perfect blend of both the trendy and the timeless. Like many of the other businesses I have written about in the past, including The Thurmont Thespians and The Penguin Project, the individuals running the operation originally had different career aspirations earlier in their lives. Kim Bowers trained in college to be a nurse practitioner, and Nancy worked for many years as a conference manager.

But just because they trained in different disciplines at an earlier age doesn't mean they weren't nursing their artistic interests. While Kim trained to become a nurse, she was also sharpening her skills as a talented designer who can take the basic principles of effective design and reinvent them into something that truly captures the eye. Entering into The Mill, you'll find just how adventurous and daring her designs can be, ones that you will not find anywhere else.

Nancy, like her daughter, also shared artistic interests while she flourished in her own career. Her parents were avid collectors of antiques, a passion which she shared and participated in for most of her life. She has a keen sense of just what constitutes a cherished item

that anyone would love to place in their own homes, a skill which she has developed over many years of private collection and vending. The Mill is the essential hub for both timeless and innovative antiques that are centralized to the ways of life found in our home state of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

This institution is at 900 Francis Scott Key Highway in Keymar, MD, around a 15 minute drive from the center of Emmitsburg. They can be found on Facebook or their website at themillatkeymar.com. It is open Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and they're also open by appointment.

If you remember from last month, I spoke briefly about The Red Door Boutique as a fun little boutique shop with pieces that will draw your eye. This hasn't changed, of course, but I figured you'd like to know more about it before you drive to Taneytown. The Red Door Boutique is owned and operated by Emily Graham, and its doors opened around Thanksgiving of last year. It's a very lovely boutique store, and in at you will find an impressive variety of wedding gifts, jewelry, custom food items, home décor and many other things! There is a common thought with boutique shops that only women visit them, but the Red Door Boutique knows that this is not necessarily true. You'll find that they sell a wide collection of men's items as well.

Even though this business is relatively new, and it's still in its first year of operation, traffic has been steady and highly receptive. Emily said that many of her customers are surprised and happy with the selection that she offers in her store. There's no better proof of just how much residents from Carroll County love this little boutique than by visiting their Facebook page, which is composed of nothing but positive compliments from its customers. Emily told me, "My favorite part of running this business are the people I get to meet, and forming close friendships with those who stop by!"

For many years she has wanted to own her own business, especially



RUST opened its doors in Taneytown last year. Its primary passion is to repurpose vintage and antiques to accommodate today's lifestyles and homes.

a boutique store. The warm feedback and increasing interest in the business serves to show just how much you will love this place! It is located in downtown Taneytown, at 16 West Baltimore Street, and it's a very hard building to walk or drive past. It is decorated with warm shades of red and blue on its facade, and a big door just waiting to draw you in. Ultimately, Emily hopes to run a regular business that will become a regular part of the community and is, "a place for

people to come to shop, and feel inspired by what they find."

Store hours for The Red Door Boutique are Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come stop by, the people are incredibly friendly and the atmosphere is great!

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SPORTS

The All-Star's shine dims

Michael Donahue

On a searing weekend, the Cal Ripken Tournament was held behind the post office in downtown Emmitsburg. It was apparent the sun had come for the show, making its presence known as the temperature flirted with triple digits. The Cal Ripken Tournament has been held in Emmitsburg for the last few years. In fact, personally, it was the first article I ever wrote for the Emmitsburg News-Journal. It's an exciting time for the town to host the tournament. It's also special as our team has done so well over the last few years. It was now time to see if this year's All-Stars could also produce. To begin the day, the Emmitsburg All-Stars took on Smithsburg while Severn faced UMAC.

The first game would be a tough matchup for the All-Stars. Smithsburg had a powerful lineup and superb pitching. Their offense showed in the first. In the top of first, Smithsburg opened the tournament by leveling the All-Stars' defense. The first pitch of the matchup was sent back up the middle towards the Emmitsburg pitcher, Brandon Ott. The very next batter, Noah Milum, hit a ground ball past the third baseman and down the foul line into shallow left field. Milum turned around second and slid into third for an RBI triple. Noah's brother, Nick Milum, brought in Noah with an RBI single. The offense was terrific and Emmitsburg did not have an answer. They struggled field-

ing and were looking sluggish; Yet, Smithsburg was relentless. A few batters later, Gage Smith destroyed a line drive. The ball cleared the fence in a rapid fashion to add three to the board. Finally, the All-Stars were able to get out of the inning, however the damage was done. In the bottom of the first, the All-Stars went three up and three down and were already in a 6-0 hole.

In the top of the second, Smithsburg continued their offense. Nick Muilum hit his second RBI of the game, once again bringing in his brother, Noah. However, Nick was not left on base when Conner Weaver hit an RBI double off of the wall.

In the bottom of the second, Emmitsburg had some success on offense. They loaded the bases with three straight hits. With zero outs, Emmitsburg looked in prime position to score. It seemed all but a given. However, Gage Smith, the Smithsburg pitcher, ended that notion. He shut down the All-Stars' line-up striking out the next three batters to end the side.

The game continued to third, where Smithsburg had an inning similar to their second. They scored two runs and secured a ten run lead. In the bottom of third, the All-Stars needed a run to keep the game from ending. Their offense needed to produce. While it wasn't the prettiest run in the ball game, Emmitsburg did what they had to do when May stole home on a wild throw. Now, with May's run, Smithsburg's lead was cut to

nine and the fourth inning began.

While Emmitsburg did survive an extra inning, Smithsburg was looking to end the game and escape the boiling heat. The entire inning was dominated by Smithsburg. Nick Milum began the inning with an inside the park home run when a line drive down the first base line slipped past the outfielder. Later in the side, Ryan Meidl hit an RBI to seal the game under the Mercy Rule as long as Emmitsburg did not score a run in the fourth.

In the fourth, Emmitsburg had a fatal falter in their nearly non-existent offense. The first batter, Juel Miller, hit a line drive to second. The next two batters were also sent back to the dugout after swinging at the air.

It's safe to say Emmitsburg had a tough start to the tournament. They looked shaky on offense and had no substance to their defense. Their fielding and pitching were sluggish. They looked impatient in the batter's box. Heading into their match against Severn, the All-Stars were going to have to improve. To make matters worse, they'd only have an hour to recover before the first pitch.

Slightly later in the day, Severn actually hosted the Emmitsburg All-Stars on the All-Stars home field. Because of this, Emmitsburg hit first. Yet, they failed to do anything on offense faltering in the first, three up and three down. In the bottom of the second, Severn sent chills down Emmitsburg's spines when it appeared they'd be



Kamron Berkey throwing a perfect pitch in the top of the fourth.

facing a similar result as their previous matchup. Severn would score three runs in the first. One coming off of Blackstone's bat when he bunted for an RBI single.

In the top of the second, the All-Stars sent their pitcher, Kamron Beckey, to the plate. However, he was struck out. This set up the two fastest players in the lineup to come one after another. Josh Wortz and Juel Miller both bunted for a single and both proceeded to steal. Now, with two runners in scoring position, Emmitsburg looked bound to score. Still, the situation was not a guarantee, especially after their opportunity in the Smithsburg game. After a strikeout, Wortz took the situation into his own hands. After the first pitch, Wortz took off toward the plate sliding in before the ball arrived back to the catcher. However, after a strikeout, Miller would be stranded on third.

In the bottom of the second,

Emmitsburg dominated on defense. With a clever play by the catcher, Ott caught the man attempting to steal for the final out. However, Severn also looked dominate on defense in the third with two strikeouts.

Finally, the offense produced in the fourth. Berkey hit the first single of the side followed by Wortz, who's hit smacked the glove of the Severn short-stop. Next up to bat, Miller hit a long fly ball to left-center field to load the bases.

At this point, the worst thing could happen happened for Severn. Their pitching collapsed and they walked three of the next four hitters. The last of the four hits was an RBI single down the third base line. After the few walks, Ott hit a line drive to right center field for a two RBI double. With their offense finally producing, the inning was what the Emmitsburg All-Stars were in dire need of. They found the patience they were lacking against Smithsburg and when they would swing, they made contact. It would be difficult to ask more from your offense. When the dust cleared, they had secured a lead of 9-4.

Severn was able to grab a single run in the bottom of the fifth, however Emmitsburg would continue to pour on the runs in the bottom of the fifth. In all honesty, the offense stemmed from poor pitching and patient offense. In a similar fashion as the fourth, Emmitsburg was gifted free runs. In six quick succession walks, Emmitsburg crossed the plate three times without a single hit. In fact, Emmitsburg did it all without any hitting whatsoever. Without a single RBI in the inning, Emmitsburg scored four runs. Severn literally threw the game away. They were up 13-5 and cruised through the sixth to finish off Saturday 1-1.

Finally, Emmitsburg had put runs on the board. Heading into Sunday, they had found a bit of form. One flaw still remain to be fixed, Emmitsburg needed to find their bats. While they had found patience, Severn walked Emmitsburg to a win. UMAC would not be so forgiving. While they put thirteen runs on the board, the majority came from walks. UMAC's pitching would not be so giving.

To kick off Sunday morning, Emmitsburg's Berkey stood on the mound. UMAC's Musser stood in the box looking to drive one deep



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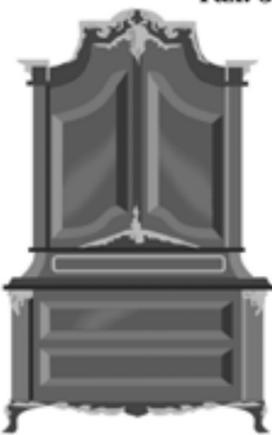
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Thurmont Little League 9-10 Maryland All Stars win state title

We are excited to announce that the Thurmont Little League 9/10 - All-Star Team will be representing the State of Maryland at the 2016 Little League Eastern Regional Tournament in Cranston, Rhode Island on August 6 to the 13!

The expenses associated with competing in this tournament will be close to \$15,000. We are asking for donations of any amount but listed below are suggestions. All donations will help us offset the expenses of the tournament; your donation is tax deductible.

- Single - \$25
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- Home Run - \$250
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Our team is comprised of players from the Thurmont-Emmitsburg, and surrounding areas. These boys have worked very hard to get to this tournament, and

are beyond excited to represent Thurmont LL, our communities, Maryland District 2, and the State of Maryland.

In the 65 year history of Thurmont Little League being a chartered Little League, this is only the second State Title. Each year, over 80 Little Leagues from across the State of Maryland compete to be called "Champion".

All donations will go directly to the Thurmont 9-10 All-Star team to offset the cost of competition and travel. Checks should be made out to Thurmont Baseball with a memo "9-10 All Star Team" and delivered to the player who contacted you.

If you would like to mail a donation, please mail to 207 Apples Church Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

We also have Go Fund Me Page: www.gofundme.com/9-10TLL-AllStars

You can also visit the Thurmont Little League website at TLLbaseball.com or visit our Facebook page for information and updates on the team's status during the



The Thurmont Little League 9-10 Maryland National Champions raising funds at the Jubilee in Emmitsburg for their trip to secure their national title in Rhode Island. Joey McMannis, Peyton Castellow, Braden Manning, Caden Diggs, Jacob Bell, DJ Shipton, Keiten Castellow, Gavin Watkins. Rylan Manning, Garrett Worth, Donovan Baker. Not pictured: Peyton Cramer.

tournament. (search: Thurmont Little League)

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into the outfield. He took a swing at the first pitch but whiffed on Berkey's breaking ball. However, he gritted his teeth and took a second to resettle himself into the batter's box. After a second of staring down the pitcher, Musser hit a long double, with the crack of his bat off of the left field wall. The offense continued throughout the first. Musser crossed the plate on the next pitch after the a grounder found the gap between second and third. The next at bat, Tilton hit a long shot over the left field wall. Finstein hit the second homerun of the inning sending a line drive a few feet to the left of the right field foul pole.

The inning was crippling to the All-Stars. UMAC destroyed every ounce of confidence Emmitsburg had gained from the Severn game the day prior. Their offense faltered in the bottom of the first.

In the bottom of the second, Emmitsburg's Berkey managed to get on with a walk. A few batters later, Miller bunts down the third base line for an RBI single. However, with two men on, Emmitsburg was struck out three times in a row.

The rest of the matchup was a defensive affair until the fifth. In all honesty, Emmitsburg was still in the match until the fateful fifth. In the fifth, Musser hit a single between the legs of the short stop, Berkey. After stealing second, UMAC had two men in scoring position and the team would make the most of the situation. Without any mercy, Musser and Tilton would steal home later in the inning.

The offense carried over to the sixth. To begin the scoring, "Pickles" Pichler would hit an RBI double to right field. Swinging for the fence, Musser would send Pichler across the plate. The scoring would not end there. Helpert would hit a solo home run down 1-2 in the count.

Emmitsburg had no response in the bottom of the sixth. The team seemed to lose heart in after the fifth. Because of this, UMAC ran away with the game. The final score 15-1.

This was not the tournament Emmitsburg had hoped for. They failed to make the championship for the first time in three years. They looked panicked in the batter's box and sluggish on defense. Nevertheless,

the team had some highlights. They had speed on the base paths and, at times, their pitching was amazing, specifically during the Severn game. It's hard to argue the team was impressive. However, there was potential throughout the team. They should bounce back from this down year. The All-Stars have the potential to improve. They just have to set the proper plan in motion.



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COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

Acknowledgement, gratitude, & joyfulness

Renee Lehman

Last month's article covered the concept that in the Traditional Chinese Medicine's (TCM) Five-Element framework, summer was associated with the natural element of Fire. Fire gives us light, hope, and warmth. Also associated with the element of Fire was the Heart, and the emotion of JOY!

In the article, it was described that the Chinese name for joy was Le. The character Le is drawn as a drum over a wooden music stand that has beautiful bells on each side. Le represents joyful music. The drum is a ceremonial drum that is used in various sacred rites and ceremonies. The sound of these large drums were used to invite all the ancestors to come and join in the ceremony. Everyone was influenced by their ancestors' greatness and wisdom. It is this joy or Le that allows the Heart to connect to spirit (from Characters of Wisdom, by Debra Kaatz, The Petite Bergerie Press, Soudorgues, France, 2005). When this connection is lacking, then there is said to be great disharmony of the Heart. The Heart then becomes full of useless

desires. When we are in harmony with all things around us (thus understanding our connection to all things), our Heart becomes full of joy. The Heart is healthiest when it is peaceful, full of unconditional love and joy!

So, how do we go about understanding our connection to all things? Acknowledgement and gratitude are just several ways to be in harmony with everything around us, and to create a peaceful and joyful Heart.

Acknowledgement can be defined as the action of expressing or displaying gratitude or appreciation for something. Gratitude can be defined as the feeling of appreciation or thanks (Merriam – Webster Dictionary). Acknowledgement of our connection to all things leads us to be grateful for all things visible and invisible.

First, in order to truly acknowledge and be grateful for everything around us we must be humble. It was the 12th century French philosopher, Bernard of Chartres who said, "We are like dwarves perched on the shoulders of giants, and thus we are able to see more and farther than the latter." To me this means that

we are who we are because of everything that has come before us (including people and events). Everything? Yes, everything!

It is common to acknowledge and be grateful for our families, our teachers and mentors, our friends, and anyone else who's helped us to get where we are in our lives. What is less common is the much broader acknowledgement of our community, nation, world, universe, and specifically, the invisible deeds done by others that have allowed us to be who we are, where we are, etc.

For example, let say that you just had successful knee surgery. It may occur to you to acknowledge and be grateful for the surgeon, the nurses, and the operating room/recovery room staff who was intimately involved with your surgery. However, how about all of the people in the surgeon's/nurse's/staff's lives who have allowed them to be all that they are? How about all of the people behind the scenes of the hospital from those who decided to build the hospital, those who built the hospital, and those who run the hospital? How about the people involved in creating the materials that were used during your surgery, and all of the people involved in transporting these materials, let alone those individuals who were supporting all of the people who created and transported the surgical materials? I could go on and on! Can you now see how we are connected to all things visible and invisible? Can you see how it can be SO easy to feel grateful?

Nothing happens in a vacuum or in isolation. If you do believe that things happen in a vacuum, this allows for a false interpretation that your accomplishments were because of doing it on your own (on a small scale). Sure, there are people and things that we would rather not acknowledge, because of various reasons, but they did have an impact on us. They help us to move toward or away from something. They are a part of who we are.

Also, it may feel awkward to be grateful for "bad" things like violence, war, the loss of a friend, etc. You don't have to be grateful for this event. You can be grateful for being given the opportunity to rise to the occasion, to learn some-



While it may feel awkward to be grateful for "bad" things that happen to you in life, you can be grateful for being given the opportunity to rise to the occasion and embrace the life you have. Do you feel sorry for the dog in this photo? You only need to look at the expression on his face to see that he's not feeling sorry for himself, but instead, embracing the moment.

thing, and to practice awareness that all things are connected. To practice patience, love, and forgiveness – to put into practice things that create a peaceful heart. All things, positive and negative are part of what gives us fullness of life.

When we are grateful, then we can understand our connection to all things in the Universe. This leads to a joyful Heart and greater life satisfaction. Research actually has demonstrated this.

Dr. Robert Emmons (of the University of California, Davis) and Dr. Michael McCullough (of the University of Miami), have done much research on gratitude. In one study, they randomly assigned one group of study participants to keep a short weekly list of the things they were grateful for, while other groups listed hassles or neutral events. Ten weeks later, the first group enjoyed significantly greater life satisfaction than the others.

Another study done by Dr. Martin Seligman (of the University of Pennsylvania), tested the impact of various positive psychology interventions on 411 people, each compared with a control assignment of writing about early memories. When their week's assignment was to write and personally deliver a letter of gratitude to someone who had never been properly thanked for his or her kindness, participants immediately exhibited a huge increase in happiness scores.

So how can you cultivate gratitude? Write a thank-you note. Acknowledge someone, express your appreciation for the impact that they have made in your life.

Keep a gratitude journal. Write down your blessings, the gifts that you have received – all that you are grateful for.

Meditate and/or Pray. Focus on the present moment, your connection to everything in the Universe, or what you are grateful for. This nurtures your heart and allows the heart to be more peaceful. Even consider mentally thanking someone or including them in a prayer.

As David Steindl-Rast said in his 2013 TED Talk entitled, Want to be happy? Be grateful:

"A grateful world is a world of joyful people. Grateful people are joyful people, and joyful people – the more and more joyful people there are, the more and more we'll have a joyful world."

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FITNESS AND HEALTH

Keep moving

Sun protection

Linda Stultz
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I wrote this article last summer but I really think it is worth repeating to remind all of us how important using sun screen and protecting our skin from the sun's harmful rays are. I also added a few more tips I learned over the past year. The best protection from the sun is a hat or clothing made to repel the sun's rays. Another way to protect yourself is to work, exercise or whatever you are doing in the shade of a canopy or trees but I realize that is not usually possible.

Since most of the time spent outside is in the sun there are several products out there to keep our skin protected from the harmful sun rays. Sunscreen should be a part of our everyday routine when getting ready for the day. Some moisturizers contain SPF but if you are going to be out for a while it is a good idea to use a sunscreen along with

your regular moisturizer.

Men usually don't use a daily moisturizing cream so it is important for them to get in the habit of putting on sunscreen before they start any outside activities or work. The recommendation is to use a sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or above, a broad spectrum and is water resistant. These three items should protect our skin as well as we can. Wearing a wide brimmed hat is also a good way to protect your face, ears and back of the neck, many people don't think about those areas. My dermatologist said he sees the most skin problems on the ears, nose and chin because these areas extend out from the face and people don't think to protect them.

There is so much information out there today to help prevent skin problems but sometimes we don't utilize it. There are different SPF strengths and different types of sunscreen and it really pays to do a little research to find the one that is best for you. I see so many

advertisements on the TV for sunscreens and, of course, theirs is always the best.

One thing I question is the sunscreen staying on and at what strength after you have been in the water or after sweating a lot. Another thing we tend to forget is to reapply the sunscreen after a period of time. This time period depends on what we are doing, if we are in the water, sweating from working or exercising hard or if we are in the shade. We get busy and the last thing that comes to mind is to put more sunscreen on.

We especially need to remember to reapply sunscreen to the kids. They are outside playing and time passes faster than we realize. Their skin is more delicate than adult skin and usually burns quicker. There are sunscreens out there for children that claim to have a higher level of protection. Getting a child in the habit of always using sunscreen is the best way to prevent future problems for them. Kids remember things very well and if you can get them in the habit they will tell you to apply their sunscreen before they go out to play or even better, make a game out of it and let them apply



their own. They will have fun putting it on and it will be second nature for them to use it before they step outside. I know when I was a child we never heard about sunscreen and growing up I was in the sun a lot, like many of you, without any sun protection. Thanks to research we can protect our children from problems in the future if we train them now.

Putting enough sunscreen on is also something many of us have a problem with. Read the label so you know how much to use or check with a doctor or dermatologist to use the proper amount. Using any amount is better than nothing but

you may as well use enough to give you the best protection you can get. I always want you to exercise and the summer is a great time to be working in the yard or going for a long walk to get a little extra exercise in if you can. Being outside usually makes you feel better and is a great time to be with family and friends, just remember to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays and stay hydrated while getting the most of your exercise time.

If you have any questions or suggestions you can contact me at 717-334-6009. Enjoy the summer and remember to Keep Moving!

Ask the Fitness Trainer

Jason Blough

Question: What's the best way to wake up my metabolism for weight loss? Eat first thing in the morning before my cardio workout or skip breakfast and wait longer to extend the fasting period?

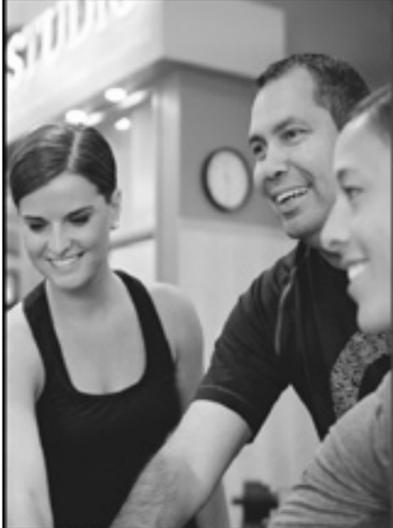
Answer: Exercising in the "fasted state" has been promoted as a way to possibly burn more calories from fat than from carbohydrates. One theory suggests, because the body's resting metabolism continues to work overnight while the body sleeps, lower levels of carbohydrates will be available for fuel before breakfast, resulting in the body having to use fat as fuel. But, there are an equal number of studies that suggest the opposite. Therefore, we suggest that if fat loss is your goal, it's more important to consider additional ways to be more active throughout the day

rather than limiting your caloric intake prior to a morning workout. Moving more during the day and smart nutrition choices will play a more significant role for long-term fat loss. Fueling for early morning workouts will depend greatly on what works for you. If you choose to eat breakfast, a low glycemic food 30 minutes prior to exercise can provide enough energy to fuel your workout without raising insulin levels, which is known to metabolize and store fat. If you simply like to exercise on an empty stomach, properly fueling the body afterwards is really important, as you'll want to give the body the correct amount of nutrients to provide lasting energy for the rest of the morning.

Question: Are there benefits to using the pre-programmed workouts that are available on the various cardio machines?

Answer: Pre-programmed workouts can provide you with new ideas on how to use the cardio machines and help you avoid getting into a cardio rut. Programs are available on most treadmills, stationary bikes, and elliptical trainers. The programs automatically manipulate variables such as time, incline, resistance, and speed to challenge your heart in a variety of ways. Rolling hills, speed work, intervals and automatic resistance changes can provide new challenges and motivation to complete a workout without you having to decide what to do next. Variety in your cardio regimen can help you break through plateaus, avoid boredom and get more from your time at the gym.

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ASTRONOMY

The night sky of August

Professor Wayne Wooten

August sky includes a new moon on August 2nd. The new moon is on August 2nd. On the evening of August 4th, the waxing crescent moon will be just south of Mercury at 8 PM, with brighter Venus to the lower right near the horizon, and Jupiter to their upper left. The Moon passes just below Jupiter on the evening of August 5th. The moon is first quarter on August 10th, and will not interfere with the peak of the Perseid meteor shower on the mornings of August 12-13th this year. From a dark observing site, you can expect about a meteor a minute from 11 PM until dawn, with the radiant, Perseus, rising in the NE about 11 PM. The waxing gibbous moon passes 8 degrees north of Mars on August 12th, then 4 degrees north of Saturn as well. The full moon, the Green Corn moon, occurs on August

18th. The last quarter moon is August 25th, rising about midnight.

For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about July 31st visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for August 2016; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. Mercury is low in the western evening sky as August begins with the crescent moon south of it on the 4th. Venus

returns to the evening sky in late July, and rises higher and brighter in SW as August continues. Jupiter by contrast is soon getting lost in the sun's glare. Mercury passes it on August 20th, and a more spectacular conjunction of the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, comes up in the twilight on August 27th. Fainter Mercury may still be seen below them, if sky is clear enough. Mars is easy to

spot moving eastward now, moving through the claws of Scorpius in the second week of August, then passing just north of Antares on August 24th (which looks brighter and redder to you then?) while 5 degrees south of Saturn. This spectacular alignment of two planets and Antares should be a great photo op! Much more distant Saturn moves a little east this month, just north of Antares; Enjoy the rings, now 26 degrees open and tilted toward earth and sun; the most beautiful planet falls closer to the western horizon each evening, to be lost in the sun's glare in October.

The Big Dipper rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo. From Spica curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. It is above Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years away from us.

Hercules is overhead, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. It is faintly visible with the naked eye un-



The Trifid Nebula (M-20) is one of the many binocular treasures in the summer Milky Way. It is an excellent example of an emission and reflection nebula.

der dark sky conditions, and among the best binoc objects on the map back page when you download the SkyMap pdf file.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the NE sky. Binoculars reveal the small star just to the NE of Vega, epsilon Lyrae, as a nice double. Larger telescopes at 150X reveal each of this pair is another close double, hence its nickname, the "double double"... a fine sight under steady sky conditions.

Below Vega are the two bright stars of the Summer Triangle; Deneb is at the top of the Northern Cross, known as Cygnus the Swan to the Romans. It is one of the most luminous stars in our Galaxy, about 50,000 times brighter than our Sun. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle. If you scan the Milky Way with binocs or a small spotting scope between Altair and Deneb, you will find many nice open star clusters and also a lot of dark nebulae, the dust clouds from which new stars will be born in the future

To the south, Antares rises about the same time in Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it

is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Just above the tail of the Scorpion are two fine naked eye star clusters, M-7 (discovered by Ptolemy and included in his catalog about 200 AD) and M-6, making one of the best binocular views in the sky. Your binoculars are ideally suited to reveal many fine open star clusters and nebulae in this region of our Galaxy. Get a dark sky site, and use the objects listed on the back of the August 2016 SkyMap printout to guide you to the best deep sky wonders for binocs.

East of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way galaxy. Looking like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout is the fine Lagoon Nebula, M-8, easily visible with the naked eye. In the same binocular field just north of the Lagoon is M-20, the Trifid Nebula. The Trifid is indeed broken into three parts by the dust lanes he has shown so well. Just east of the pair is the fine globular cluster M-22, faintly visible to the naked eye and spectacularly resolved in scopes of 8" or larger aperture.



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Full Moon: August's full moon occurs on July 18th and with August 11th marking the end of those 'Dog Days of Summer'; it has been called Dog Moon. Many Native American tribes also referred to it as Full Ripe Moon or Fruit Moon because of the many fruits

and vegetables coming ripe during the month.

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Holidays: Before you know it, Labor

Day will be here signaling the end of summer so enjoy it while you can!

The garden: Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Remove any dead or diseased branches. Pull weeds before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again. Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years. Weeds in the garden are harmful because they rob your plants of water and nutrients, harbor insects and diseases, and, on occasion grow tall enough to shade your flowers and plants. Change the water in your birdbath regularly, and keep it filled. Standing water is less healthy for the birds, and may become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae. Continue to watch for insect, slugs and snails, or disease damage throughout the garden and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

J. Gruber's Thought For Today's Living

"A little experience often upsets a lot of theory."

COMPUTER Q&A

The truth about Windows 10

Ayse Stenabaugh

Part 2

Recently one of our clients shared a post on Facebook that provided a lot of information about what information Windows 10 shares about its users. We were disappointed to find that while some of this information is Microsoft shares is true the article / post contained misleading and false information. We always do our best to provide the best advice to our clients and we spend countless hours both using and troubleshooting Windows 10 PC's which helps us to provide advice and information based on our own experiences.

Claim - Microsoft can collect any personal data, like your identity, passwords, demographics, interests and habits, usage data (if you also have a Windows Phone, it will be "synced" as well, so they will have your call and SMS history, as well as any data stored on the phone, like pictures/files and audio and video recordings) contacts, relationships, physical location data, (i.e. your real address), emails, instant messages, caller list. Truth - While some of the information here is true this information isn't just being sent all over the place. The information such as SMS and call history would be reported to relevant apps that you choose to connect to your computer such as Skype which the user installs and chooses to use on their device. All of the above mentioned can be limited to specific app access or disabled completely by visiting Settings > Privacy and reviewing each of the sub categories listed. The Phone Companion app in Windows 10 needs to be setup (unless you set it up previously using your Microsoft account) thus there is no way for Microsoft to access this data without your knowledge or permission.

Claim - Windows 10 no longer gets Windows Updates directly from Microsoft. All future updates will be delivered via a "distributed network," meaning that you will be automatically connected to multiple random computers out on the internet! Your computer may be connected to a Ukrainian, Brazilian or Chinese hacker group just waiting to infect you with who knows what! Microsoft will "push" any new updates to 50,000 random computers, who will in turn redistribute them to 50,000 more. Each of those 50,000 will push them to 50,000 more and so on. By using your internet connection to distribute Windows Updates saves Microsoft many millions of dollars in bandwidth costs, server maintenance and storage costs. Truth - While Windows 10 does have a feature that allows computers to download updates from other computers both on local and non-local computers this feature is DISABLED by default. Using this feature could actually benefit the many people who

are now utilizing metered connections (hot spots or pay per use internet) as it prevents you from needing to download the data more than once if you have more than one Windows 10 machine. If you would like to take advantage of this feature you can go to Settings > Update and Security > Windows Update > Advanced Options and then click on "Choose how updates are delivered". We strongly recommend that if you utilize this feature that you choose the option that says "local computers only" so that you aren't connected to random computers over the internet.

Claim - From July 29, Microsoft will start scrolling ads on your "welcome" and "shutdown" screens! They will control how many ads you see, so it may take several minutes for your PC to startup/shutdown! Truth - Actually Windows 10 has already been featur-

ing said "ad's" since it was first installed. You probably noticed long ago that your login screen changes to a different picture from time to time. Sometimes this may display an ad (although I haven't personally seen one yet) and yes you've guessed it with a few clicks this can too be disabled! Just visit Settings > Personalization > Lock Screen > then change your background from "Windows Spotlight" to either Picture or Slideshow. Currently only one "ad" appears on the lock screen and I don't see that changing in the foreseeable future.

Claim - If you use Microsoft's new EDGE browser on Windows 10 or Internet Explorer on Windows 7, 8.1 - you will have to close regular full page "overlay" ads while you are surfing. Windows 7 & 8.1 are slated to get this as well! Truth - Again Microsoft's edge browser is junk just as Internet Explorer has been for

many years. Just a few clicks will allow you to hide edge and to set another as your default browser simply go to Settings > System > Default Apps and click on Browser to select a different installed browser. If you were an Internet Explorer user before Windows 10 you can still continue using it as your default. You will need to go under all apps in

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August 2 - 6
 94th Annual South Mountain Fair - A small country fair featuring rides for the kids, barns filled with farm animals, many homemade needlework exhibits, photography, home canned fruits and vegetables, fresh produce and fruits, and beautiful flowers, all on display and lots of food! In addition there is nightly entertainment in the auditorium, a fireworks display one evening, and the antique tractor and farm machinery parade another evening, and so much more. Something for everyone to enjoy! South Mountain Fairgrounds, Route 234, Arendtsville, PA. For more information call 717-677-9663 or visit www.southmountainfair.com.

August 3
 Adams County Master Gardener's Garden Chat - Stop by the Trial Gardens at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Building at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg and tour the gardens! Meet a Master Gardener and learn about the demonstrations and research projects that Penn State Master Gardeners are working on and go home with new ideas to implement in your garden. For more information call Mary Ann - Mother who did not buy her daughter a horse - at 717-334-6271.

August 5
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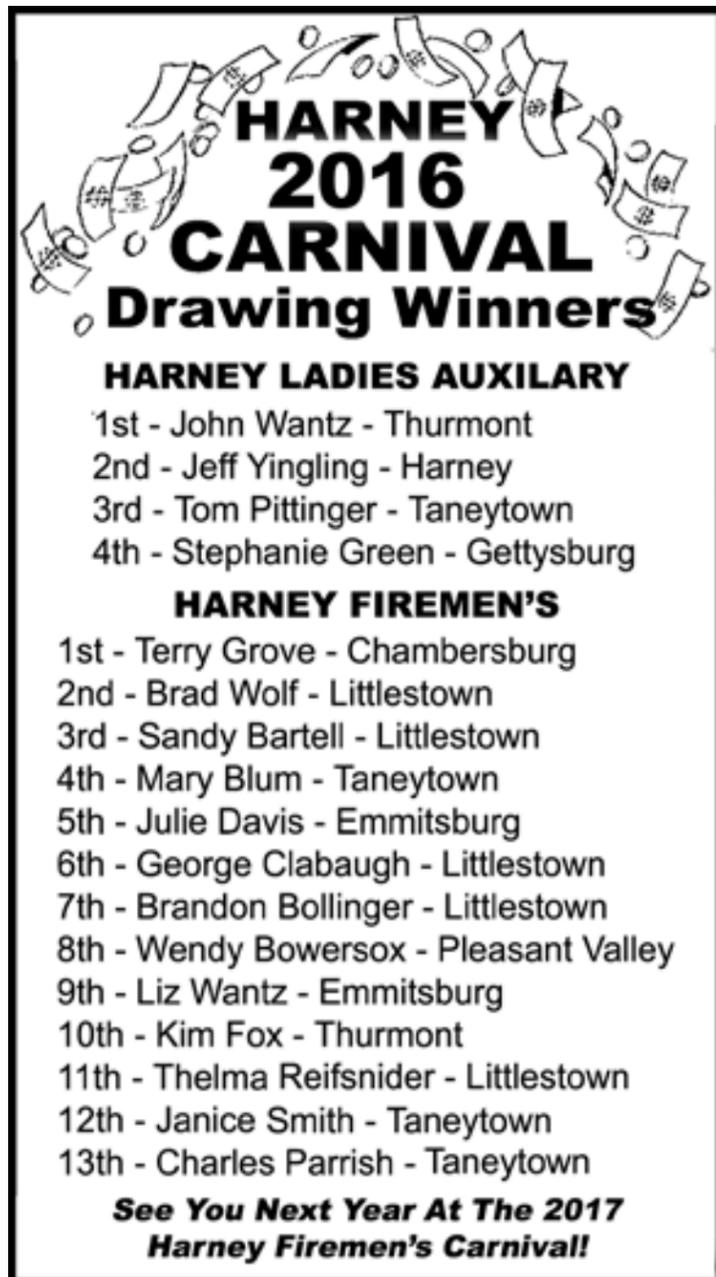
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August 20 & 21
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August 21
Graceham Moravian Church presents A History of Moravian Missions, Veggie Tales Summerfest activities for children. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231- A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. For more information call 301-271-2379.

August 27
Frederick County Master Gardeners presents: "Harvesting and Storing Your Garden's Bounty" at the UME Office, 330 Montevue Lane, (off Rosemont Avenue), Frederick. Learn when to harvest and the best type of storage for your fruits and vegetables. The public is invited. For more information call 301-600-1595.

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MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Mount St. Mary's University Welcomes Dr. Tim Trainor, Interim President



As the Mount prepares for a new academic year, incoming interim president, retired Brigadier General Tim Trainor, Ph.D. will join the community in August. Dr. Trainor most recently served as dean and chief academic officer at West Point. He graduated with a bachelor of science from the United States Military Academy (USMA) in 1983, has an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke, and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from North Carolina State University. As an engineer officer in the U.S. Army, Trainor served in operational assignments around the world including Germany; Honduras; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Riley, Kansas and Sarajevo, Bosnia. He deployed to Basrah, Iraq in the summer of 2007 and worked with the UK-led Provincial Reconstruction Team in helping the provincial Iraqi leaders improve their infrastructure revitalization plans.

Dr. Trainor is a Fellow of the American Society of Engineering Management, and a member of the American Society of Engineering Education. He was named the Engineering Manager of the Year for 2011 by the American Society of Engineering Management, and is a past president of Epsilon Mu Eta, the national Engineering Management Honor Society. He taught courses in engineering management, systems engineering and decision analysis.

"As I was transitioning from the Army, I wanted to continue my career in higher education and was looking for a values-based institution similar to West Point—I found such a place in the Mount," he said. "Both West Point and the Mount are committed to liberal arts education, and both have strong core curriculum programs. They also both have exciting majors that prepare people to serve others in a global society. I saw the opportunity to lead the Mount as a good fit for my interests and experience, and I am excited by the promise for its future."

Dr. Trainor is married to retired Colonel Donna Brazil, Ph.D., who led the psychology program at West Point until 2013 and now provides educational services in leadership development. They have a daughter Cory, who is currently a lieutenant stationed in Hawaii, son Danny, who is currently a lieutenant at the US Army Flight School, and Zach who is a junior Class Cadet at West Point.



NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Gates close at 5 p.m.)

Noon Mass, Thursday–Monday

Mass at the Grotto Cave, Sun., Aug. 7, Noon
Bilingual Spanish-English Mass Celebration,

Sat., Aug. 13, Noon



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Field House Closed

Mon., Aug. 1–Thurs., Aug. 25

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Fri., Aug. 5–Sun., Aug. 14, Sat. Aug. 20
and Sun., Aug. 21

Fall Hours and Group Fitness classes
begin Mon., Aug. 22

Mount St. Mary's has no strength greater than its people.
As the Mount celebrates the beginning of a new academic year
on August 22, we welcome new employees to our community!

Stephanie L. Andrew, Custodial Worker

David M. Becker, Groundskeeper

Julian M. Boatner, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Graham R. Bousley, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Katelyn C. Bowne, Administrative Assistant,
Financial Aid

Benjamin E. Brightbill, Logistics Worker

Karlyn R. Buker, Assistant Softball Coach

Ruben Cisneros, Assistant Strength
& Conditioning Coach

Jonathan P. Cortina, Custodial Worker

Nicole C. Cucinella, Assistant Manager
of Special Programs & Conferences

Audrey E. Daly, Grotto Organist

Eric M. Danielson, Director of Admissions

Jessica R. Davis, Patrol Officer/Dispatcher

Lucas W. Dayhoff, Learning Services Specialist

Sarah K. Deysher, Assistant University Counselor

Tammy R. Denning, St. Bernadette Shoppe

Jacob S. DuBois, Custodial Worker

Concetta E. Dudley, Ph.D., Director of Graduate
Program for Science

Thayne A. Eden, Logistics Worker

Jillian R. Ellis, Assistant Director of Recruitment
& Employer Relations

Matthew K. Elsasser, Assistant Strength
& Conditioning Coach

Christopher F. Etzler, Plumber

Sandra H. Feeser, Custodial Worker

Christopher F. FitzSimons, Assistant Track Coach

Jessica M. Francis, Administrative Assistant, Alumni

Msgr. Anthony R. Frontiero, Director of
Human Formation

Charles E. Gallagher, Special Collections/Evening Services

Steven C. Girard, Patrol Officer/Dispatcher

Matthew T. Gmuer, Logistics Worker

Danielle K. Grace, Manager of Special Programs
& Conferences

Michele M. Graupner, Custodial Workers

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of Systematic Theology

Kimberly S. Herche, Administrative Assistant,
Development

William D. Holland, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Michael J. Hoover, Interim Assistant Director
of Leadership Institute

Paul T. Hunter, W2W Program Advisor

Kevin J. Kalis, Major Gifts Officer

David M. Karn, Lecturer in Accounting

Channing M. Kern, Sr. Project Manager/Construction

Nancy L. Kimble, Lecturer

Kristopher M. Kohler, Ph.D. Assistant Professor
of Sociology

Mary E. LeJeune, Accounts Payable Coordinator

Benjamin W. Leonard, Assistant Baseball Coach

Mary E. Lindsay, Administrative Assistant, Registrar

Kerrin R. Maurer, Assistant Women's Lacrosse Coach

Raymond L. McGee, Custodial Worker

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