Thurmont receives national recognition

The National Main Street Program is a subsidiary under the National Trust for Preservation with the National Main Street Accredited Main Streets Program. The State of Maryland has 27 National Main Street Accredited Main Streets. The Main Street program stresses the economic potential of Maryland’s traditional main streets and neighborhoods. The program provides designated communities with support for economic planning, marketing, promotion, and education administered by the Department of Community Housing and Development.

Thurmont Main Street hosts several events and programs throughout the year including the Main Street Farmers’ Market; the Business Showcase, Christmas in Thurmont, the Thurmont Business Buxx program, and Art and Wine Stroll, along with operating the Thurmont Main Street Center. “Main Streets are the heart of any community and the catalyst for future growth within your community. Thurmont is proud and honored to be recognized as an elite member of the 840 Nationally Accredited Main Street America communities, and one of the twenty-seven in the state of Maryland. A special thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who make this possible,” stated Thurmont’s Economic Development Manager, Vickie Grinder.

The organization’s performance is annually evaluated by Thurmont Main Street, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

Main Street America has been helping, revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 35 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,000 Nationally Accredited and Affiliated neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than $71.35 billion in new public and private investment, generated more than 584,000 net new jobs and 332,000 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 268,000 buildings.

Carroll Valley set to celebrate 4th of July

Carroll Valley Borough will once again be holding its 4th of July celebration at Carroll Commons! This is the Borough’s fifteenth annual gathering where celebration is all involved in the planning of the celebration wanted the community to know that the festivities will be a little different from years past. In the past, the July 4th celebration began earlier in the afternoon and concluded with the fireworks display at night. Unfortunately, last year severe weather hindered some of the activities planned and the park was shut down early in the evening for safety reasons. This was the first time since 2005 that the celebration was held because of severe weather. Carroll Valley’s 4th of July celebration encountered such heavy rains and winds. Borough staff and Parks & Recreation Committee members are hoping weather plays out a little differently this year, as they have spent months planning this event.

Since the establishment of this event fifteen years ago, attendance has grown and individuals from Pennsylvania and surrounding states look forward to attending the event every year. This year, festivities will begin around 6:30 p.m., with entertainment by the Hubcaps, an Oldies Rock n Roll group. The band’s room date back to 1974, its members are Harvey Hubcap and the Do Ron Ron. Ever since they began they have set the standard for musical quality and entertainment showmanship. In a typical Hubcaps show, you not only hear the best of the “Classics” but you see many of your favorite artists dressed in costumes delivering to you a dynamic show. The show will be great for kids and adults! Additionally, for the first time, affordable amusements for children will be available along with several food vendors, which will begin setting up around 4 p.m. Poppa J’s, Antietam Dairy, Keep It Smokin BBQ and Hope’s Lemonade will be present with their delicious food and beverages.

There will be limited parking available at Carroll Commons, but Ski Liberty will provide parking at their resort for free. They will shuttle attendees from their parking lot to Carroll Commons, just steps away from an array of activities for children and adults, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Ski Liberty will also be providing “Music on the Moun- tain” all evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event includes food, live music and yard games. With bus service being offered between both Carroll Commons and Ski Liberty, members of the community will have a full evening of fun with family and friends to celebrate the 4th of July.

Once again, Carroll Valley will put on what is undoubtedly the best 4th of July celebration in the area.

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Frederick County Fire and Rescue, is deeply saddened to confirm the unexpected death of one of its own. Drue Jones, 60, a career firefighter assigned to the Vigilant Hose Company, was pronounced dead June 4th following an in-depth search and rescue mission.

A welfare check was requested by Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue when Firefighter Jones did not arrive for his regularly scheduled shift at 6 a.m. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Technical Rescue Team, MDSP aviation, and the medical “Go Team” was requested. Once crews were able to access the victim it was determined that Mr. Jones had succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 9 a.m.

Mr. Jones was a 14-year member of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue. His son, Stephen Jones, is also a career firefighter with the Division and the President of the Local 3666.

Rutter’s submits store plans

On May 28, Emmitsburg’s Planning Commission met to vote on the conditional approval of the Rutter’s store’s Forest Conservation and Site Plans. M & G Inc. (Rutters’ real estate holding company) is the applicant, the landowner is SPT Land LLC (Steve Trout). The plan for “Rutter’s Store No. 84” is for an 8,300 square foot Rutter’s convenience store that will include seven gasoline fuel islands, 57 passenger vehicle parking spaces, and five diesel fuel bays along with a ramp style and 28 short term tractor-trailer parking spaces.

The plan stated that the store/fueling station would be located in the corridor of northbound US-15 and the eastbound lane of MD 140 (Tanytown Pike). The fueling station will provide separate areas for gasoline customers and commercial diesel customers. Diesel trucks and gasoline vehicles will have their own access lanes off of MD 140, though all vehicles will exit in the same way of the commercial truck lane onto MD 140. The Rutter’s store would share entrance and exits with a Maryland State Highway Administration’s (SHA) proposed Park and Ride facility.

Instead of planting all of the required trees in accordance with the Town’s Forest Conservation ordinance, Rutter’s will be paying a “fee in lieu of,” which is allowed in the town’s ordinance. This money must be used for Afforestation as required by the state’s Forest Conservation Act. The “fee in lieu of,” was proposed by town staff and would go into a new Forest Conservation Fund the town has for future planting of trees around the parking and stream bank restoration in accordance with the town’s Forest Resource Ordinance.

The commission conditionally approved the Forest Conservation and Site Plans during the meeting. The Traffic Impact Analysis now awaits SHA approval.

Emmitsburg to host 2019 National Night Out

On August 6, the town of Emmitsburg will become host to National Night Out. National Night Out dates back to the 1990’s in Frederick County. It is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer places to live and work.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide. Neighborhood host block parties, festivities, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibitors and more. The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs and, most importantly, represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighboring places to live.

This year, Emmitsburg will be teaming up with Frederick County and the Frederick County Sheriff’s Department for a countywide celebration held at Emmitsburg’s Community Park. In the hopes of having a northern county celebration in 2019, Emmitsburg’s Mayor Donald Briggs sent a letter to Sheriff Chuck Jenkins asking if he would consider hosting the event in northern Frederick County and Emmitsburg for 2019. Sheriff Jenkins accepted and the planning began. The Frederick County Sheriff’s Office informed the town to expect between 400 and 600 people for this event.

An official line-up of activities and vendors has not yet been finalized, as vendor applications are currently being accepted by the town. According to Emmitsburg’s Town Clerk, Madeline Shaw, the town is hoping to have tents from the animal shelter, health department along with up to twenty craft-related vendor tents for browsing. The event is free to the community and will feature face painting, hot dogs, ice cream from Antetom Dairy, a bounce house, entertainment by a DJ, K-9 demonstration, SWAT team, fire trucks, McGruff the crime dog, ambulances, shopping vendors as well as informative vendors.

More information on this event will be released closer to the event, later in July. For now, mark your calendars, as this will be a great event for families!
Carroll Valley named 2019 Tree City USA

Carroll Valley Borough was recently named a 2019 Tree City USA, according to the Tree City USA program. The foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Carroll Valley achieved Tree City USA recognition in 1980, which typically recognizes four requirements: the creation of a tree board, a tree care ordinance, maintaining an annual community forestry budget of at least two dollars per capita and creating an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program dates back to 1976, and has been greening cities and towns across America ever since. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. In fact, according to the Arbor Day Foundation, more than 1,750 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA.

Back in February of last year, Carroll Valley resident and member of the borough's Parks and Recreation Committee, Lori Kolenda, asked Council to consider officially recognizing the sub-committee of Parks, Recreation and Environmental Advisory Committee known as the Tree Board as a formal committee of Council. Additionally, she presented the Council with the many benefits of becoming a Tree City USA certified community and asked the Council to consider adopting an updated tree ordinance.

As discussed by Kolenda, having the Tree City USA status could provide the borough with even more opportunities to receive funding for future projects and it is also a great way to get more residents actively involved in the community. The Tree Board, as proposed, would consist of five members appointed by the Council. The tree ordinance amendments outline appropriate distances and clearances for planting trees, public tree care, and tree species allowable. By the end of the meeting, Carroll Valley’s Borough Council took one step further towards becoming a Tree City USA certified community and asked the Council to consider adopting an updated tree ordinance. The ordinance allows the Carroll Valley Tree Board to help regulate the planting, maintenance and replacement of new trees upon Borough Property.

Several projects that the borough’s Tree Board has thus far completed include: tree planting throughout parks in Carroll Valley including the Ranch Trail Park as well as the planting of a riparian buffer at Carroll Cemetery. The Tree Board also helped with a “See Your Park” day last October as well as a “Get to know your Park” event held in conjunction with this year’s Arbor Day and Fishing Derby.

In other Carroll Valley news, Carroll Valley’s Borough Council voted to accept an ordinance outlining the new Inter-municipal Cooperative Police Service agreement with Liberty Township. The agreement allows police officers of either municipality to enter and act as police officers in the other’s jurisdiction whenever there is prior request if there is an emergency or if a violation is seen. The new agreement also states that police force back up may be given to both municipalities. However, the differing aspect between this agreement and the agreement in effect in prior years is that Carroll Valley Police will no longer answer any calls in Liberty Township. Carroll Valley officers will be dispatched to Liberty Township if Liberty Township officers are not on duty.

Both Carroll Valley Borough Council and City Council received support for their new agreement during their prospective meetings held in June.

Pippinfest committee kicks into overdrive

Mark your calendar for the 39th Annual Pippinfest, which is set for the first full weekend in September, the 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Main Street in Fairfield. The organization and planning for Pippinfest, Fairfield’s “Old Fashioned Street Festival,” is well underway. Organizers are fully committed to bringing the festival back to 1976, but really kicks in during the month of June, when Committee members begin setting the schedule and organizing vendors for the event.

New this year will be the “Colonial Corner.” This area will feature demonstrations of colonial life around 1760 by local volunteers, including re-creation of ships, as well as colonial story times and games for children. The committee is anticipating a number of colonial craftpeople including a basket maker, fraktur painter and powder horn artist and is planning to announce that the apple dessert contest will be taking place on Sunday. Details will be forthcoming in August on the web page and Facebook.

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Strawberry Hill receives grant for tree restoration

On June 17, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg's President, Bill Braun, presented a check to Strawberry Hill's President, Bill Braun, presented a check to Strawberry Hill's Board of Directors for $1,500 grant. The grant will par- tially fund Strawberry Hill's Middle Creek trail restoration and creek access project, for which the organization is actively seeking funding.

The grant for trail restoration will be used in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Currently, over 6,000 deceased service members, including those killed in action in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts not within its seventeen acres.

Roadwork continues in Hamilton Township

On June 25 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation closed the span that carries Water Street over Spring Run in Hamilton Township. The closure is expected to begin in June and to last until early August. The span is closed in order to allow for the replacement of the existing single-span concrete slab structure and replace it with a precast concrete box culvert. The project is currently in the design stage. The project was awarded to New Enterprise Stone & Asphalt Company of Columbia, PA.

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Thurmont looks to expand Public Works Department

On June 4, Thurmont’s Board of Commissioners voted to purchase a property on Water Street in hopes of expanding the town’s Public Works Department in the future.

The property, located at 115 Water Street, is comprised of a 9,583 square foot lot, approximately 0.21 acres, and the home itself is 2,033 square feet in size. The home was listed at $175,000, and the town settled the purchase, acquiring it for $152,000. The property abuts the public works facility on the backside, and the town hopes this purchase will help to enhance their ability to increase the Public Works Department as the community continues to grow. In the meantime, the town will look to rent the home before they need to use the property to begin expanding the Public Works Department. Mayor John Kinnaird mentioned that the town may need only use the backside of the property for awhile, while still retaining the front half of the property to rent.

“As the community continues to grow, we’ve seen a need to increase our footprint in that area,” said Mayor Kinnaird. “If we can consolidate properties down there to get us a larger work area, I think it’s one of the best things we can do for our community.”

All Commissioners were on board with the idea of acquiring the property. “This is a wise investment that already connects to our property,” stated Commissioner Marty Burns, who in which we can turn into a larger complex to serve the needs of our residents when we need to.” Additionally, the town owns a separate property located at 109 Water Street, which is currently a home that was purchased many years ago for $25,000. “We have already seen positive cash flow in that house,” Purchasing another property when the time is right is a good decision for the town, said Commissioner Bill Bucher.

Mayor Kinnaird noted that after several conversations with the current property owners, it seems as though they are in favor of seeing the town acquire their properties. “A motion was made to purchase the property and inquire both officially and informally with adjacent property owners about their future plans with their properties. The motion was passed unanimously. There are no official plans for expansion of the Public Works Department at this time.”

Thurmont's Board of Commissioners adopted the Fiscal Year 2019 budget amendments during their June 25 meeting.

Within the General Fund, the town received additional monies from grants and additional interest earned in their bank accounts. $32,000 worth of additional interest was earned and was applied to the unrestricted fund balance. State grant money was received, in the amount of $20,000, for snow supplies, to cover the cost of additional salt used this year, and $5,000 moved from employee relations to the employee salary line item.

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**Celebrations In Emmitsburg**

The annual Fourth of July celebrations will be held in Emmitsburg tomorrow. There will be a parade, baseball games in the morning, and a boating, swimming, band concert and fireworks in the afternoon and evening. Meals will be served at the fireman’s festival grounds.

**Mysterious Fire**

Sunday morning fire was discovered on a building on the property of Mr. E. P. F. Wellin at Thrummertown. The blaze was first seen by Mrs. Riemenour, the balance of the family having not arisen from their slumbers. A son-in-law was the first to reach the building and succeeded in pushing his Ford car there from. Fire had already burned off the top and destroyed the cushions, but had not reached the gas tank which contained about 7 gallons of oil. In the shed was a buggy, which was also burnt. From the fact that the top of the car and the buggy were burned, it would seem as though the blaze started overhead. Nothing is known how the fire originated. None of the family had been at the shed since late Saturday evening and it was almost 7:30 Sunday morning when the fire occurred.

**Cool Weather**

For the past two weeks the temperature in this vicinity has been very mild for July. Rain fell on a number of days and stop to some extent the harvesting of the wheat crop, but it is now about all put in the field. At this writing, the canning season is just beginning and spirited. An interesting feature of this season’s wheat and hay crops is the ability of the bridges to allow passage of their trucks. Other officers said “These old bridges are a thing of the past and it wouldn’t be a bad idea to run over them and bring them down to show how poorly they are constructed.”

**Arrested for Theft**

Last Sunday a warrant was issued for Howard Lanor of Thrummertown. Lanor owns a Ford automobile, and was in need of a new tire and other accessories, and according to his statement, he went to a near-by garage to purchase them. He went to his neighbor’s garage for he wanted the town to handle them and took what he needed from his garage. After hearing the evidence in the case the Justice of the Peace held Lanor for the September court. Failing to secure bond, Lanor put up his car as collateral and was given his liberty. The Justice of the Peace however made Lanor return the stolen parts before he would accept the car.

**Attacked in Hotel**

Last week trouble arose between Mr. and Mrs. William McGill and Mr. David Firor proprietor of the new Thermont Hotel and also a farmer. Firor, it is said, claims that the McGill children knocked down some fence and his cattle got into a forbidden pasture. It is said words passed between Firor and Mrs. McGill and her husband took a hand in the matter sometime after, and demanded an apology from Firor.

McGill met Firor in the Grove midway between Firor’s farm and the hotel and started an argument, which quickly turned violent with McGill knocking down Firor. Not being satisfied, McGill, and his wife went to the hotel in the evening, and again demanded an apology from Firor for what he said to Mrs. McGill. Firor told the couple he had nothing to apologize for, upon which McGill knocked him down again. Mrs. Firor screamed for help and one of the hotel guests went to the justice of the peace. The McGills then left the hotel. The next day Firor swore out a warrant for McGill’s arrest on assault and battery. After hearing the case, McGill was fined $25. Upon hearing the fine, McGill said it was the best $25 he had spent.

**July 17**

**Storm Damage to Orchards**

A destructive thunderstorm, accompanied by high winds and hail swept over this part of the county for a sufficient time to cause any great difficulty. Many of the officers were greatly displeased over the inability of the bridges to allow passage of their trucks. Other officers said “These old bridges are a thing of the past and it wouldn’t be a bad idea to run over them and bring them down to show how poorly they are constructed.”

**Gas Tank Blows Up**

An accident occurred Saturday afternoon at the Thermont garage that might have killed three of the customers and resulted in the destruction of the building. A heavy gas tank of a road truck had sprung a leak and was taken to the garage for repairs. Lightning struck and destroyed the truck. The tank had sprung a leak and was taken to the garage for repair. One hole had been soldered and Mr. Vincent O’Toole was preparing to solder the second. Upon placing his soldering iron into the hole and explosion occurred. The two helpers were knocked some distance away and each had their eyes, eyebrows and hair singed by the flames. Parts of the tag struck Mr. O’Toole in the face, inflicting a severe wound on his head and another in the right eye and cutting his nose at several places. His hair was also scorched. Many gas tanks were upset and cornfields in roads badly washed. Considerable damage was done to orchards, immediate peaches and apples being knocked from the trees. The storm was one of the most severe in recent years. Two and a half inches of water fell within one hour. Lightning did considerable damage to a number of trees and buildings were struck. The barn of Daniel Ross was struck and destroyed by fire, together with this season’s wheat and hay crops. On the second. Upon placing his soldering iron into the hole and explosion occurred. The two helpers were knocked some distance away and each had their eyes, eyebrows and hair singed by the flames. Parts of the tag struck Mr. O’Toole in the face, inflicting a severe wound on his head and another in the right eye and cutting his nose at several places. His hair was also scorched. Many gas tanks were upset and cornfields in roads badly washed. Considerable damage was done to orchards, immediate peaches and apples being knocked from the trees. The storm was one of the most severe in recent years. Two and a half inches of water fell within one hour. Lightning did considerable damage to a number of trees and buildings were struck. The barn of Daniel Ross was struck and destroyed by fire, together with this season’s wheat and hay crops.

**July 10**

**Trucks Forced to Forge Stream**

Although the Army’s Transcontinental Mail Motor Conveyor is following the Lincoln Highway, generally conceded to be the finest coast-to-coast road, it is not a sufficient size to cause any great difficulty. Many of the officers were greatly displeased over the inability of the bridges to allow passage of their trucks. Other officers said “These old bridges are a thing of the past and it wouldn’t be a bad idea to run over them and bring them down to show how poorly they are constructed.”

**July 24**

**Little Girl Burned**

Last Thursday morning about nine o’clock, Eleanor Treiser, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Treiser of Graceham, was burned so badly that she died at 10 o’clock that evening. The little tot climbed on the kitchen range and secured a match from the kitchen and went to the porch with an oil stove. It is kept. It is thought that she intended to light a burner on the stove and after lighting the match accidentally set fire to her clothing. Her screams brought her older brother to her rescue and then her parents, but before the flames were extinguished the front of her body was horribly burned, her little fingernails being held on by only a little flesh. Dr. Birley was summoned, but her condition was such that little could be done for her.

**Berry Harvest Big**

Raspberries, always an important crop in this part of the country, far surpasses all previous records in price and yield per acre. Prices are nearly double those of last year, running from six dollars to eight dollars per crate. Very few berries have been killed by frost. The landing at the packing house of a crate of berries brought in this week from Graceham was reported to be the best ever grown. The packing house of a crate of berries brought in this week from Graceham was reported to be the best ever grown. The packing house of a crate of berries brought in this week from Graceham was reported to be the best ever grown.

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**Escapes from Frederick Jail**

John Hobbs, of Thurmont, escaped from the Frederick County Jail on Thursday night and is still at large. He was caught by sawing through all the iron bars in the window and scaling the high wall of the jail yard by means of ropes. Hobbs was being held on charges of larceny. At 11 o’clock he was seen playing cards and nothing unusual was noticed. The escape was discovered early this morning.

**Burglars Busy Again**

Saturday night thieves made a raid on George Stockdale’s warehouse. Entering to the building was made by smashing a pane of glass in the window on the North Side. To get into the storeroom it was necessary to get open another door. Evidently fearing being detected he did not use an ax, but began boring and continued until the doorframe fell apart. Once in the store, the large safe claimed attention. This safe is never locked, a tag bearing the combination figures being kept hanging on the lock. Papers kept in the safe were strewn about the floor. The money drawer under the counter was not molested. It was thought the theft was after money, from the fact that so little goods thus far have been missing.

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**i::c. While I agree that we can use more transit options and that transit expansion should be part of the con-**

**vergence, the reality is that for the vast majority of Frederick County residents, trips are made in personal vehicles. People are sitting in traffic today and in my view it is the go-**

**b: ments’ responsibility to provide solutions to this decades long proj-**

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**County Notes**

**Annual open burn ban notification**

The Frederick County Health Depart-**

**ment (FCHD) reminds residents that**

**there is an open burning ban in effect**

**through August 31st. The annual ban,**

**which is required by the Maryland**

**State Air Quality regulations, first went into effect in June 1995. The ban extends throughout the Metropolitan Washin-**

**ton Air Quality Region and is designed to**

**reduce the high ozone levels that affect the region during the summer months, allowing for better air quality.**

**Violators of the open burning ban or open burning without a permit is subject to a fine of up to $500 under the Frederick County Code and up to $25,000 under Maryland State Regula-**

**tions. For additional information, con-**

**tact the Community Services in the**

**Environmental Health Services Divi-**

**sion of the Frederick County Health**

**Department at 301-600-1717.**

**County announces New Horizons Academy to Help High School Students Experience Homelessness**

On June 6, County Executive Jan Gardner announced the next phase of the New Horizons Frederick program called the New Horizons Academy. The five-week program is coordinated through the Student Homeless-**

**ness Initiative Partnership, known as**

**SHIP of Frederick County. Starting on July 1, the program will provide academic training to 60 Freder-**

**ck County Public Schools students from five high schools who are expe-**

**riencing homelessness.**

**Through the New Horizons Acad-**

**emy, students will take courses at**

**Frederick High School. Those who**

**want employment experience will be**

**placed in part-time jobs by the Fred-**

**erick County Workforce Services’ Youth Work program. The project serves students from Carrolton, Gov-**

**ernor Thomas Johnson, Tuscarora and Frederick High Schools, and now Walker Valley High will also participate.**

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**ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED: 2019 EMMITSBURG ELECTION**

The Emmitsburg Mayor and Board of Commissioners are seeking persons to serve as election judges for the October 1, 2019 town election.

**In accordance with the Emmitsburg Town Code, judges must be registered and qualified voters and cannot hold or be a candidate for any other Emmitsburg public office.**

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Frederick County is blessed with outstanding schools, a safe community, and a vibrant economy. Not everyone in our county, however, is fortunate enough to enjoy all that we have to offer.

Some people face major challenges. They may lack a good job, adequate food, or a permanent place to call home. For a teenager, not having a home adds immense stress to an already stressful time in life. Imagine trying to concentrate on homework when you don’t know where you will be sleeping that night.

More than 825 Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) students experienced homelessness in the school year that just ended. Students are considered to be homeless if they do not have a regular and adequate nighttime residence. They may be living on a friend’s couch or with another family, living in a motel or shelter, waiting for foster care placement, or staying in places not meant to be housing, such as cars, parks, and abandoned buildings or a tent. More than 150 of these children in our schools did not have adult caretakers.

Fortunately, we live in a community that cares and has taken action. A local nonprofit called the Student Homelessness Initiative (SHIP) has partnered with FCPS, Frederick County Government’s Workforce Services, and other community organizations to provide academic training this summer to 60 local students who are experiencing homelessness. The goal of the five-week New Horizons Academy is to keep these students on track academically so they can graduate on time. Starting July 1, students from five schools – Catoctin, Walkersville, Governor Thomas Johnson, Frederick, and Tuscarora High Schools – will be bussed to Frederick High for classes. Those who want employment experience will be placed in part-time jobs through the county’s Youth Works program.

We know that education is key to students’ future success. Programs like New Horizons can make a big difference in their lives. In fact, 25 New Horizons participants graduated this spring with their high school diplomas, thanks to the work of SHIP FCPS, and the many community partners. Together we are creating a brighter future for Frederick County!

Condolences

I want to offer my condolences to the men and women of the Vigilant Hose Company community, the entire Division of Fire and Rescue Services, and our volunteer fire service on the recent tragedy that took the life of career firefighter Drue Jones. Our public servants put their lives on the line everyday when they respond to calls, but they don’t expect to face dangers at home. Drue will be greatly missed by his “fire family” and by all who knew him.
Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

Did you celebrate July 2nd? It was “I Forgot” day. So, if you didn’t celebrate it, don’t give it a second thought. You always could say “suhgatoburti!” However, I would not forget about celebrating July 7th which is Chocolate Day. It is deliciously delicious. If you don’t like vegetables, but I love chocolate. I guess I will just forget I don’t like vegetables and eat chocolate. I can always say “I am celebrating I Forgot Day.” There are so many things to remember.

Don’t forget what happens on July 4th! It is the day that we celebrate the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. As mentioned in the June column, I hope you are planning to attend Carroll Valley’s July 4th Celebration. It is being held on Thursday, July 4th. This year the festivities will start around 6:30 p.m.. You will be entertained by the “he Hubcaps”. Rock & Roll will start at around 6 p.m.. The “Beach Party” theme was fully embraced by the children. The kids wore their bathing suits and enjoyed running under two sprinkler animals. Appreciation goes to the Carroll Valley Recreation Committee, Borough staff, the film sponsor who pays for the film rental and the food vendors. To see the pictures, go to www.ronharris.net. Don’t miss the next Movie In the Park “Incredibles” on July 19th. Be sure to bring your own blankets and chairs. Light concessions of popcorn and drinks will be available.

Based on Police Officer Courtney M. Herring outstanding performance during her one-year probationary period, the Carroll Valley Council approved her promotion to a full-time Carroll Valley Patrol Officer. Congratulations Officer Herring. The Movie In the Park showings of Disney’s film “Moulin Rouge” was a complete success with an attendance over 100. The “Beach Party” theme was fully embraced by the children. The kids wore their bathing suits and enjoyed running under two sprinkler animals. Appreciation was extended to Lori Kolenda for her guidance and determination in helping us to achieve this distinction!

On July 26th, the Adams County Community Cats Connections will be hosting a Paint Night fundraiser to benefit Trap Neuter Return projects. Levato Shaw will guide you through painting a masterpiece. The event will be held at the Carroll Valley Commons Pavilion from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. There can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com. Ticket prices are: $30 per adult and $20 for kids – 16 years and younger. Bring size cash for raffle tickets. Several amazing items will be raffled that night. Come enjoy an evening with friends and support our community cats.

Summer has started which means those heat alerts are being broadcast. There are three types of messages that are sent out to the populace and they are: Excessive Heat Outlook, Excessive Heat Watch and an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory. An Excessive Heat Outlook is used to indicate that a heat event may occur, and the emergency management and public health officials should be prepared. An Excessive Heat Watch means an excessive heat event may occur in the next 12 to 48 hours. Finally, an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory is issued within 12 hours of the onset of the following criteria: heat index of at least 105° F for more than 3 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, or heat index more than 115° F for any period of time. Why pay attention? According to the NOAA National Weather Service, the statistical data shows that heat causes more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined. What to do? Here are a few tips. Slow down and do not perform any strenuous activities. Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic fluids even though you may not feel thirsty. If you have problems retaining fluids, consult your physician before increasing your fluid intake. Eat light meals to decrease your metabolic heat production. Wear lightweight light-colored clothing. And naturally, try to spend time in an air-conditioned place. Remember E-Waste Recycling is scheduled for July 13th at Hamilton Township 31 Carroll’s Tract Road from 8 a.m. to Noon. Questions? Call 717.642.8509. Borough meetings to be held in July are: Planning Commission (July 1st), Tree Board (July 5th), Borough Council (July 9th), Sewer/Water Authority (July 22nd) and Parks & Recreation (July 24th). Be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. If you have any questions, call me at 301-606-2021 or email at MayorRonHarris@carrollvalley.org. Please slow down when driving in the Valley.

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County Commissioner Jim Martin

RANDY PHIEL and I would like to thank all of the voters who recognized the importance of this year’s Primary and Special elections. We especially want to thank those Republican voters who propelled us to victory.

When you examine the statistics of the 2015 Primary election you get a better perspective of the 2019 County Commissioners Primary. In 2015 there were three Republican challengers to the incumbents Phiel and Martin. The combined percentage of votes received by the challengers, Smith (11.9%), Bolton (10.9%), and Hollinger (9.0%), totaled 31.8%. This year’s primary saw the challenger’s percentage of votes received to be 25.56%, representing a 6.2% decrease in the percentage of challenger votes opposing Phiel and Martin.

In the 2015 Primary, Phiel and Martin received 35.3% and 31.4% of the vote respectively. The 2019 Primary results reported Phiel with 38.88% of the vote cast and Martin with 34.7%. The bottom line is that support for Phiel and Martin increased by more than three percent over 2015.

Thank you, voters, for your growing support that provided us with a solid victory. I commend our supporters for recognizing the value and the importance of the work we have accomplished, and for separating facts from false rhetoric. Also, I would like to thank the many workers who were a part of our campaign team. Without your dedication and hard work our success would not have been possible.

State-wide Pennsylvania County Commissioner races produced results that were a surprise to many. The surprise was that 36% of incumbent commissioners did not make it through the primary election. Some of those losing incumbents had more than three terms in office. One incumbent that I know well won in the closest race he ever had. He also said it was the dirtiest smear campaign he ever faced. He is a man of integrity and his reputation was probably his margin of victory. We agreed that opponents with our integrity will use whatever smear tactics they believe will produce a victory. It is truly a blessing when integrity speaks louder than an opponent’s fabrications and smear tactics.

Perhaps there is a lesson in what we have observed. Does incumbency become a vehicle of producing complacency? Commissioner Phiel and I have not rested in our incumbency; we have used it for building continuity and efficiency of operations. Also our incumbency has allowed us to sharpen our awareness and utilize our experience to better address the issues facing the county. Financing is always an issue. Knowing what our limitation are financially, we utilize our credit very wisely and prudently, not borrowing more often than is essential.

The status of Adams County’s credit position is rated very well by Moody’s Investors Service. Our rating matches the median ratings of all Aa2 U.S. counties. Our key credit factors are noted to be a robust financial position, an exceptional low pension liability and a small debt burden.

Never the less, we must operate within a frame work of unpredictable revenue fluctuations. We are also faced with mandated costs and unpredictable expenditures fluctuations. The most frustrating mandated cost is the recently required purchase of new county voting equipment. The cost of this mandated purchase relative to our 2019 budget will be an increase of $480,000.

Pennsylvania is one of very few states that is mandated to be ready for the 2020 election with all new certified voting equipment. It is my expectation that the majority of states will have until 2022 to put certified equipment into use. Why is Pennsylvania one of the segregated states for an early deployment of equipment? The “why” becomes even more relevant when Governor Wolf announced there were no errors found in the 2018 election. Adams County even showed in 2018 how precise our voting equipment works.

This earlier than anticipated mandated purchase came to fruition due to Governor Wolf’s out-of-court settlement with the Jill Stein Campaign. Governor Wolf settled the legal suit without adequate defense for PA Counties. The Governor easily complied with the Stein Campaign and met their demands of new certified voting equipment for 2020. At this point it is unknown if PA Counties are going to receive more than 25% reimbursement for the equipment. The 2020 mandate created undue financial burdens that were not fully anticipated nor were counties afforded an adequate time frame to prudently prepare for the purchases.

Legally we must be prepared to have the new certified voting equipment in place for the 2020 elections. To prevent the least amount of operational problems, our county plan is to introduce the equipment for the November, 2019 General Election. During this election we plan to detect and correct any issues that arise from the new equipment prior to 2020, when we expect large numbers of voters.

In regard to the mandated voting equipment purchase, we are in a position as a county to absorb the cost. But, moving forward this action will definitely weaken our financial strength. To counter this unpredictable expense we are moving forward with something new to at least reduce the margin between revenues and expenses. The new initiative will be to begin almost immediately a vehicle leasing program over approximately five years. The projected saving of the least program is estimated to be a minimum of $50,000.

We are cautiously optimistic about a promising source of significant revenue. Previously we mentioned the potential, but not guaranteed. We have been given positive remarks from the US Marshall Service after their review of our latest proposal for needed funding to house their inmates. Due to the US Government shut down this process was delayed. If approved this reimbursement award would provide a significant boost in revenues that would aid in counteracting future tax increase.

As you have read the Adams County Commissioners’ time in office produces awareness and experience to move the county forward with new means of strengthening the county’s position. I must say it is rewarding to know that our positive vision has advanced the well-being of Adams County. Thank you for your continued support, it is fuel for our service.
Common Cents
A trade war with China is dangerous
Mel Gurtov

The trade war that China and the US have been constantly pro-
duced would result in a great new
deadline now threatens to become a
permanent feature of US-China relations.

The US has less to do with the specific
differences over the civil war
may be that the US is the worse
side appreciates what lies behind

The comprehensive assessments of compatibility with the new US
would not be damaged.

What Trump is doing is entirely
in keeping with his aggressive busi-
ness style: threaten one's adver-
tory, avoid making concessions,
don't back down, and above all

The substance of the admin-
istration’s complaints, which pre-
vious administrations have also
been overshadowed by Trump's
goal. The trouble with that style is
that his Chinese opponent has a
long history of dealing with threats
from a more powerful country,
typically denouncing them as "buli-
lng" and "humiliation."

Neither Trump nor, it seems,
the leader of his administration,
the notion of the history and power
of Chinese nationalism. One of them,
Mike Pompeo, thinks the struggle
with HIPRA is ideological, not

"Western values" or communist
values will rule the Internet, he

One wonders what Trump

The current US crackdown on
Chinese student and scholar visas,
which Beijing is retaliating with
the kind of shortsighted action
that undermines cooperation and
goodwill. If the US and China
don't get their relationship right,
the chances of reaching agree-
ment on a wide range of other
critical issues—nuclear weapons,
the South China Sea, Taiwan, the
climate crisis, Korean peninsula
security—are virtually nil. A vi-

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ical Science at Portland State
University.

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The American Mind
On your mark, get ready...

William Hillman

O n Tuesday night I gathered with a group of friends to fill a berth in a suburban Philadel- phia to watch President Trump announce his re-election campaign. This was one of several hundred “watch parties” around the country, according to the Atlantic. In Philadelphia, a crowd of 1,000 people lined up at 48 hours to get into the rally, which took place in a Donald Trump center, hoping to get one of the 20,000 seats and see Trump’s announcement in person.

I've been to more campaign announcements than I care to remember. Most are given at the opening of a campaign office or in front of a small gaggle of reporters. Tuesday night’s crowd was different. It was made up by aides appointed to run the Trump campaign, but I could have gone to any of the fifty or so Trump rallies coming up in the upcoming weeks and there would have been a similar scene. The rally was sponsored by MAGA—the MAGA base. The center was packed, and his speech lasted for a lit- ter over an hour. If Trump is going to win, he has to keep his base in good shape and working.

Trump needs to run his own campa- ign and his MAGA people will form that base. They don’t need help from the Republican National Committee. My understanding, is Karl Rove has been given a lead role in directing the RNC’s operation. Karl Rove was, and most likely still is a never-Trump. Previously, Rove has been given a lead role in Trump’s “decent opposition” for the Democratic Party. In 2016, he took to the Wall Street Journal’s opini- on pages numerous times to trash the candidate. Jordan Winter, another lead-aide and former prosecutor, has formally announced he will run the campaign. This people will not be swayed, do not care if they suck all the money they can from the campaign. The RNC will use Trump’s name to raise millions of dollars, most of which will be spent in the pockets of a small select group.

On the ground, many of the grass- roots organizers from four years ago who told me they were out to save America were by aside appointed RNC national directors. You can spot these RNC national directors a mile away. They all look the same. Young, thin, smug, and smirky—just out of college with a degree in political science or some other pseudo-law degree. They are cocky and confident with all the answers. These staffers have no idea how to interact with steel works in Pittsburgh.

I met with a group of grassroots activists who were heavily involved in 2016. They met three days after Trump’s announcement to talk about the coming election. The group was a cross section from several states, rural America, urban America, black and Hispanic. No one at the table seemed phased by the betrayal of the RNC. It was expected. One gen- deman at the table summed it up. “In the last three years we have become stronger, our numbers are increasing, and the Republican National Com- mittee wants nothing to do with us. —These are all positives.”

Burned into these people’s memory is the lesson of the 2016 campaign and sabotage Trump in 2016. During the 2016 Republican Convention, there was a last-minute attempt to change the rules and unseat all the dele- gates that were supporting the candidate. After Trump was inaugurated, the Republican-controlled House and Senate refused to build the wall, end immigration, and pass real healthcare reform. The Republicans refused to promote the issues that the Trump base wanted. These were the same people who pulled Republi- can congressmen and Governors to victory. Two years later, many of the Trump base would vote at the election day office and vote for not sup- porting the President.

Another topic that came up during the meeting was current polling. If you are looking for a Trump win, there is no chance, they believe they have hammered since 2015. My gath- ered group laughs at these numbers. “We have no idea how to campaign for Trump supporters have a hard time understanding any red-blooded American would not support their candidate, should he lose the election. And they have a name for that thing. Trump derangement syndrome.”

Then the members of the group were asked why they think Trump is great. Trump has rewritten the much-ma- ligned NAFTA trade deal with Can- ada and Mexico, and negotiated an historic U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement to replace NAFTA. Trump pulled us out of that insane Paris Climate Accord that did nothing but more manufacturing from developed nations with environmen- tal regulations whereby manufacturers are free to pollute.

Remember those jobs that were never coming back? Well, they are about to. Our unemployment rate is a record low of 3.8 percent. Wages are up 4.2% growth in the second quarter of 2018. For the first time in more than a decade, growth is projected to be 4.5%. We have never had such a recovery until this point. With jobless claims at lowest level in nearly five decades, this has been the longest positive job-growth streak on record. Job openings are at an all-time high, outnumber- ing job seekers for the first time on record. Four million new jobs have been created since the election, and two and a half million since Trump took office. More Americans are employed now than ever before in our history. Unemployment claims are at historically low levels. Black, Hispanic, and Asian-American unemployment rates have all recently reached record lows. African-American unemployment has a record low of 5.0 percent in May 2018. Hispanic at 4.5 percent. Asian-American unemployment at a record low of 2.4 percent. Women’s unemployment recently lowest rate in nearly 65 years and dropped to 3.6 percent in May 2018, the lowest since 1973.

Blue-collar jobs recently grew at the fastest rate in more than three decades. A recent poll found that 85 percent of blue-collar workers believe their lives are headed “in the right direction.” Sixty-eight percent reported receiving a pay increase in the past year. Among Hispanic workers, positive opinion is optimistic again. Small business optimism has hit his- toric highs.

NFIB’s small business optimism index climbed five points in August. SurveyMonkey/CNBC’s small business confidence survey for Q3 of 2018 matched its all-time high. Manufacturers are more con- fident than ever. Ninety-five percent of U.S. manufacturers are optimis- tic about the future, the highest ever. Consumer confidence is at an 18-year high.

What is not to like about this President? In a recent interview, Newt Gin- grill described the affinity for the President. “President Trump is a truly unique leader in American history. He’s a kid from Queens that has taken the Republican party and made leaders and businessmen and made leaders and businessmen with sharp things done but no one ever credited him. ‘They told him he couldn’t do it but look at our success the establishment and he did. For two years the establishment is telling him he can’t do things in Washing- ton and he’s succeeding in spite of them. He never retreats. He doesn’t back up. He’s relentless. He just wins,” he added.

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Striving to become Christ’s church

Pastor Heath Wilson
Toms Creek United Methodist Church

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence of our nation states:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariable objects evince a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

This was written because our nations founders wanted to state that they were not taking this action lightly or basing it on small infractions but that there was a pattern of abuse where people in the colonies were being treated as second-class citizens and stripped them of their basic human rights.

From that our nation was formed on basic principles that we still hold in high regard. We are a nation that has tried to stand up for freedoms and rights of people around the world. We celebrate on the 4th of July when we as a nation have done things right and stuck to the principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence.

Yet, our nation at times has strayed from the principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence and have put our lives, and freedom, and our happiness above others and have infringed upon others on people. It has happened and we have learned and have grown from our mistakes and tried to be a more perfect union.

Along those lines, Christ created the church to be a place where all people could be welcomed. Christ realized we all are in need of forgiveness, we are all in need of healing, we are all in need of grace. The church was founded on the principle that it would be a community where many different types of people would be able to gather to build one another up in love and encourage one another to rise above our brokenness. It should be a place where anyone can feel they are safe to share who they are, what they need, and to ask for help. The church should look different than the rest of the world and people should be treated with dignity and respect when they enter the church doors.

Striving to become like the church Jesus wanted us to be and are trying to reach out more in love and kindness. This summer we are hosting a free meal and concert at our property on Rt. 140 about 3 miles outside of Emmitsburg in the pavilion on the Hill. On Friday August 9th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. we are going to be serving up grilled chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, and country tomatoes and cucumbers.

We will then have an outside concert following that and of course we have lots of fields where the kids can run and play. It will be free to all who come as a way to show love and care for people based on the founding principles that Jesus had for the church. You are invited and welcomed. Churches have made mistakes and fallen short of the call of Christ but just like our nation the foundational principles of why we were created are love giving and up lifting. Ultimately, we believe that that people need a community like Jesus wanted the church to be; to make it in this world and to be ready for the eternity that follows.

So I implore you to not give up on our nation because of those times we failed to live up to our founding principles. Our nation at times may lose its way but our ideals are good and worthy. Please if you have given up on the church know that it is the vehicle Christ gave to humanity to be able to live out our faith and to assure our salvation. Please don’t let those times when the church has failed to live up to its call stop you from finding a church home where you can grow in love and grace and follow in the way of Christ. So Toms Creek UMC asks you to come as you are and journey with us! Come to our worship any Sunday at 8am or 10:30 a.m. Come to our dinner and concert on the Hill on August 9th. Come to any of our event that someone might invite you to. We want to journey with you.

Our nation and the church are built on timeless principles that affirm that which is life giving and life affirming. Let us celebrate our nation and come be part of a church that affirms you and welcomes you on this journey we call life.

To learn more about Toms Creek United Methodist Church visit their website at www.tomscreekumc.org or better yet, join them for Sunday service!
The Nature and Folklore of July

July is now what our old poets loved to call 'sweet summer-time, when the leaves are green and long; for in such brief word-painting did they picture this pleasant season of the year; and, during this hot season, we ought while pursuing the ancient ballad lore, and wish we could recall the past, were it only to enjoy a week with Robin Hood and his merry men in the old forests: All under the green-wood tree.

W e feel the harness chafe in which we have hithero so willingly worked, amid the 'けて and the streets of the busy city, and pine to get away to some place where we can hear the murmur of the sea, or what is nearest the sound—the rustle of the summer leaves. We long to lie down beneath the low-bending, and high overhanging branches beside the stream, that runs dark and bright through shade and sunshine, and watch the blue dragon-flies sport above the blue forget-me-nots, that nod their ruffled heads to every breeze which ripples the water.

At every passing gust which ripples the fields, the corn now makes a husky whisper, and there are white spots on the long ears, which tell that it is fast ripening, and that bending reapers will soon be busy with their crooked sickles in the harvest-field. We now see amid the grass that is powdered with summer-dust, the most beautiful of all our wayside-flowers, the sweet-petalled, though but little larger than the bloom of the common chickweed, fairly dazzles the eye like a gem with its rich crimson petals. By the very rim of the cart-cut, and close by the dent of the horse's hoof on the brow of the hill, it blows, a thing of beauty, that has no peer in gar- den or green-house.

Country-people call this way-side beauty the poor man's weath-er-glass, and the shepherd's cluck, and it never errs in announcing the approach of rain, for long before we can discover any sign of the coming shower, we find its deep-dyed pet-al folded up in its green cup. As a time-keeper, it may be relied upon, always closing at noon, no matter how fine the day may be, and never opening again before seven on the following morning.

Often near to it, on the sunny-side of the hedge, may now be found the dull golden-coloured agimony, with its long spiked head up-coned with little flowers, the favourite 'tea' of the poor cottagers, and a thousand times more delicious than some of the rubbish sold as tea in low neighbour-hoods, for it makes a most refreshing beverage.

The fragrance, too, is too refreshing; only brace this elen- gant leaf between the fingers, and it throws out an aroma that can no more be forgotten than the smell of roses. The next favorite as a tea-making herb among our old country-women, is the wood bet-ony, now in bloom, and which forms a winding terrace of flowers, as the whole rise step above step, a pile of rosy-colored flowers, beauty ful to look upon in the sunshine.

Through long-leaves of unstrud- den flowers the golden-belted bees now go with a pleasant murmur ing, over sunny openings in the bowery underwood, which shrub and Bramble guard, and beneath

overhanging branches by the water-courses, where the foot of man cannot tread. Up lanes that lead nowhere, saving to green fields, and over which a wheel sel-dom passes, saving at hay-time, or during the garnering of harvest, they grow and run. Up the hill-sides they climb, over the fences, and into the old woods, where they play at hide-and-seek behind every bank and shaded hollow. Great trees throw their green arms over them, and make a shelter for their beauty under their shadows. From the faces of steep crags, inac cessible to man, they droop and wave in all their beauty; and in their bells the insects find a home, and at the golden entrances they play in the sunshine.

The childish voices that come floating on the air from the low, white-washed, village Sun-day-school, where they are singing some simple hymn, being before us His image, who said:—

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

We now see the pretty strawberries peep out, as the whorls rise step above step, a miniature mirror in bloom, and which now in bloom, and which can throw an aroma that can no more be forgotten than the smell of roses. The next favorite as a tea-making herb among our old country-women, is the wood bet-ony, now in bloom, and which forms a winding terrace of flowers, as the whole rise step above step, a pile of rosy-colored flowers, beauty ful to look upon in the sunshine.

Through long-leaves of unstrud- den flowers the golden-belted bees now go with a pleasant murmur ing, over sunny openings in the bowery underwood, which shrub and Bramble guard, and beneath

age, while overhead the melting clouds are hanging down, leading even the very birds to commit tres pass, for they cannot resist such a tempting banquet.

Sweet Summer has now attained her prime, and as the roses on her cheeks will never look more beautiful than they do now, nor will her sky-blue eyes ever beam with sweeter lustre. She has wreathed her sunny hair with the sweetest and fairest of flowers; and when they have faded, there will be no more found to make a frame of blossoms round her matchless countenance until the leaves of Autumn have fallen, white Winter awakened from his cold sleep, and the young Spring gone dancing away, holding up her green kerchief as she passes over the daisies.

As yet, there is no sign of decay around her, only a few birds are silent, but they have not yet departed, there are myriads of flowers in bloom, and great armies of insects hurrying along every way, as they go soundgonging through the warm and fragrant air. Bees and butterflies seemed not to leave a flowery nook unvisited in which there was room enough for her to hide. Bird called to bird in sweet confusion—from holly, hollows, open glades, and wooded knolls, as if to tell that she had passed this way and that, until their songs became mingled, and we could not tell from which quarter the voices came.

Towards the close of July, most of our birds are silent—even the wren and the wren are but rarely heard again till the end of August. Large flocks of young birds may now be seen flying together, and many think that they have been driven away by the old ones, so congruously for company, their assembling has nothing to do with migration, as it is the case with those that never leave us, as well as with others that will soon migrate. It is just possible that they may have become so numerous in the places where they were hatched as to find food scarce, so set out together in flocks, to seek their liv ing where fare is more plentiful.

Historical

July was originally the fifth month of the Roman year, and thence denominated Quintilis. In the Alban Calendar, it had a comple ment of thirty-six days. Romulus reduced it to thirty-one, and Numa to thirty days, and it stood thus for many centuries. At length, it was restored to thir ty-one days by Julius Caesar, who felt a personal interest in it as his natal month.

After the death of this great monarch of the calendar, Mark Antony changed the name to July, in honor of the family-name of Caesar. The month he selected for such honorary distinction, when the sun was generally most potent, the more effectu ally to denote that Julius was the emperor of the world, and there fore the appropriate leader of one-half of the year.

Our Saxon ancestors called July Hey Month, ‘because therein they usually mowed and made their hay-harvest; and also Mead Month, from the meads being then in their bloom.

To read more of Robert Chambers’ The Book of Days, visit Emmitsburg.net.
For the love of Mountain Laurel
Kara Ferraro
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Lazily pointed to me and asked, “What’s your favorite plant?”
Catching off guard, I hesitated, thinking of all the houseplants in my dining room before awkwardly mumbling, “Aloe!” The spiky, long arms of my aloe plants dominate the room. “What about mountain laurel?” Lizzy teasingly asked. It’s no secret... I love mountain laurel.

Many people who live in this area love mountain laurel because it is nontoxic to them. After all, this beautiful evergreen plant is abundant in Pennsylvania and has been designated as the state’s flower since 1933. When this particular symbol was debated in the 1930s, the Pennsylvania General Assembly was torn between which flower should represent the state that sent the Governor bills naming two different flowers: the mountain laurel and the pink azalea. Ultimately, then Governor GFord Pinchot (and, according to some anecdotes, his wife) selected the mountain laurel because it was “Green.”

One reason Pennsylvaniaians are as proud of the mountain laurel as other states are of their state flower, is that laurel is one of the many native Pennsylvania plants that play a significant role in Pennsylvania’s ecosystem. I encourage you to visit our website, StrawberryHill.org, to view our newsletter series on wildflowers and native plants, I invite you to join Strawberry Hill’s free monthly series, will allow park visitors to hike on our upcoming guided hike with Master Gardener, Heather Wight, on our upcoming guided hike.

If you are interested in learning more about mountain laurel and other native plants, I invite you to join Strawberry Hill board member and Adams County Master Gardener, Heather Wight, on our upcoming guided hike. This hike, which is a part of Strawberry Hill’s free monthly series, will allow park visitors to explore the flower and identify native plants found in and around Pennsylvania. The hike will depart from the Strawberry Hill pavilion at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 18. Registration is not required, but you can RSVP to this event and more on our Facebook page.

At this point in my research I found myself thinking, are the deer in my yard drowsy, nauseous, and walking around with severe abdominal pain? After all, I have observed deer dining on both the mountain laurel and rhododendron around my house. Some people declare mountain laurel poisonous, while others label it deer resistant. I will let you delve into this debate on your own, but the general understanding is that if deer are eating mountain laurel, food is scarce. Surprisingly, deer know when to stop eating so they do not suffer the side effects of poisoning.

In an article by Diane Dobrinski, published by Penn State College of Agriculture Sciences, “because these plants are consumed by deer only as a last resort, deer can actually promote the growth of these plants. By eating all the other plants, deer browsing eliminates the competition clearing the path for mountain laurel expansion.”

Expansions sounds great to a mountain laurel lover like myself. However, as with all good things in life and nature, balance is key. Ecological balance is important with any plant, not just mountain laurel or insect because it ensures survival, existence, and stability of the environment. At Strawberry Hill, our naturalist spends a good bit of time educating the public about the components of a healthy ecosystem. I encourage you to visit our website, StrawberryHill.org, to view our lineups of environmental education programs available to you and your group.

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Spring bird counts and what they tell us

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Folk interested in birds have many ways to express that interest but many of these activities, with access to vast databases, can be used at our fingertips. Some folks are casual observers or photographers of birds; others like attracting birds to their yards with food, water, or shelter; while more hard core bird enthusiasts or "birders" as they are called participate in more active bird watching pursuits. These can include trips to nearby or distant areas to look for birds or can include participation in various seasonal bird counts. Our total species count for the spring count is 145 higher than the last few years counts and the nearly 11,000 individuals is also a high over the past few years.

The 2019 Frederick County Spring Bird Count was held on Saturday, May 11th. Each year the club organizes a team of over 20 people that spread out throughout Frederick County to count birds in all the areas within the county, from rural areas to towns. Counts are a single day tally of the numbers of individuals of all species of birds from within a circular area with a 15-mile diameter.


In Maryland, birds have two statewide organizations which focus is birds. The National Audubon Society (NAS), which has been around for more than a century, is focused primarily on bird conservation and advocacy. And you have five active chapters of NAS in Maryland in the District of Columbia, plus a wide state wide organization. The local chapter is the Audubon Society of Central Maryland, which includes all of Frederick County and portions of Carroll, Howard, and Montgomery counties. The chapter supports two 100+ acre sanctuaries in eastern Frederick County with seasonal fundraisers, including bird seed sales and a native plant sale. The chapter board meets irregularly to conduct business. The Maryland Ornithological Society or MOS, which was first started in 1945, seeks to promote the study and enjoyment of birds. Many chapters of the MOS occur primarily at the county level. In Frederick County, the Frederick Bird Club is the active local chapter of the MOS. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. between September and May for talks on birds and other areas of natural history.

The 2019 count next December will mark the 120th season of the Christmas Bird Count. Folks living right here in the northern part of the country may not realize that the Christmas Bird Count has occurred in their backyard so to speak for over 60 years! The Catoctin Mountain Christmas Bird Count was started in 1950 by John Richards, a professor of Physics at the Mount. Counted just outside of Thurmont, Maryland, the count includes much of Northern Frederick County and a small piece of southern Adams County, Pennsylvania and western Carroll County, Maryland. The 66th Catoctin Mountain Christmas Count was held on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Considerable rain had fallen in the previous days causing the larger rivers to flood their banks, making driving and birding in some areas a challenge. Even so 65 species of birds were found on the day, slightly higher than the previous year. This total included 20 species not seen every year, such as Lapland longspur, rusty blackbird, purple finch, and eastern phoebe. One interesting species that has been recorded on the Frederick Christmas Count and Frederick County Midwinter Count is that the numbers of Carolina chickadees and tufted titmice are at historic lows. For the midwinter count, the tufted titmouse numbers were 64% below the previous 24 year average. The Carolina chickadee numbers were even more dismal, with a 71% drop over the 24 year average. Both of these species are considered quite common throughout the state so why did we see such an unprecedented decline over the preceding year? Some have speculated that it has to do with one of the worst nesting seasons in history during 2018.

Chickadees and titmice feed their young almost exclusively on inch worms, those little caterpillars that emerge about the time the first leaves begin to open on the trees in late winter or early spring. Normally, these birds time their breeding activity to coincide with leaf-out to take advantage of the abundance of inch worms to feed their young. As late winter and early spring of 2018 was cold and rainy, leaf-out was somewhat later than usual, and produced an exceptionally poor food supply for caterpillars. Therefore, it was a perfect storm for chickadees and titmice, with bad timing to begin with and a poor year for the production of inch worms. This likely meant that very few young chickadees and titmice survived to fledging last year. Survival of small songbirds in general is relatively low, so without the recruitment of young in 2018 and with the normal mortality rate of adults from predation, disease, etc., by December and January these populations saw a dramatic decline. Hopefully, this year’s nesting season will be more successful and we will see a bounce back in chickadee and titmouse numbers on next year’s counts.

So why do we intrepid birders leave their homes every year to feed their feathered friends? Well, apart from the obvious, we understand how bird populations and distributions are doing over time and to see how these have changed with changes in land use and climate. Long term data sets, such as the Audubon Bird Count are ideal for showing these changes. One example is the chickadee and titmouse declines observed this year. Another example observed over a longer time frame is of a formerly common wintering sparrow in our area, the American tree sparrow. This species has been declining in the Piedmont region by 4.63% per year over the past several decades. At the other extreme, the black-vulture, one of our primary scavenging birds of prey species in our area, has been increasing by 6.73% per year over that same time. This species was not even observed on the Catoctin Christmas Count until 1976, but is now seen every year and in increasing numbers. What becomes apparent from looking more deeply into the Christmas count data is that with average temperatures generally increasing over the past several decades, a species like the American tree sparrow is no longer migrating as far south in winter as it once did. This species breeds near the treeline in far northern Canada and Alaska and generally winters across most of the northern US south to North Carolina and Tennessee in the east. However, the greatest increase in the percentage of wintering American tree sparrows (3.66% per year) is for birds in the boreal taiga plains of north central Canada, suggesting that these birds may be remaining farther north rather than migrating to our area.

Sadly, these counts have also noted the extirpation of some of our former bird species, such as the northern bobwhite. This small eastern chicken-like species was once a common sight in the rural farmland of Frederick County. However, with changes in farming practices in the 1960s and 1970s, including the removal of hedgerows between fields, these birds no longer are found in the county or even within the region. They have never been recorded on the Frederick Midwinter Count and the last bobwhite was observed on the Catoctin Christmas Count in 1983.

While it can sometimes be an uncomfortable day in the field, it is nevertheless interesting to see what species are still within the various patches of habitat within the county or circle. And knowing that the data help to explain observed changes in winter distribution or population sizes and may some day help to guide conservation practices, makes it all the more rewarding. If you are interested in knowing more about the birds in Frederick County, consider joining the Frederick Bird Club or Audubon Society of Central Maryland. You can find out more about the Frederick Bird Club by visiting the website at www.frederickbirdclub.org. You can find out more about the Audubon Society of Central Maryland and Audubon Maryland/DC by visiting the website at https://www.centralmdaudubon.org/.
The Noble Gases

Michael Rosenthal

This is the International Year of the Periodic Table of the Elements, so I thought it might be interesting to explore the properties of the elements described as The Noble Gases. The Noble Gases were named such because of their low chemical reactivity, which is due to a completed outer shell of electrons. They consist of the elements Helium, Neon, Argon, Krypton, Xenon, and Radon. Because of this completed outer electron shell, the noble gases are not very chemically reactive, and they also have special physical properties. The first chemical compound of a noble gas to be synthesized was Xenon Hexafluoroplatinum, Xe(PtF6), synthesized in 1962. These elements do however serve special purposes, including the use of helium to achieve very low temperature in the laboratory, neon in illumination in signage, and argon for producing an inert atmosphere in laboratory environments, krypton in photography, and xenon in propelling spacecraft.

An atom of helium consists of 2 protons and 2 electrons. It is a colorless, tasteless, non-toxic gas, and it is the first Noble Gas, as they are called, due to a completed outer shell, which is due to a completed outer shell of electrons. They consist of the elements Helium, Neon, Argon, Krypton, Xenon, and Radon. Because of this completed outer electron shell, the noble gases are not entirely noble! Xenon and Krypton can form stable chemical compounds. This was first observed in 1961 by the sun's corona, or the outer layer of the sun. The earliest large scale usage of a noble gas was to fill airships; it was referred to as a lifting gas because of its lighter-than-air quality. The first helium filled airship was the U.S. Navy's C-7, which flew from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Bulling Field in Washington, D.C. on December 1, 1921. In 1925 the United States government set up the National Helium Reserve in Amarillo, Texas. In 1926 the United States National Helium Reserve accounted for 30% of the world's helium. The noble gases, as we said, have completed an electron shell and are thus very difficult to get to react to form compounds. Only Xenon and Krypton form stable chemical compounds, and only in quantities of a few milligrams or slightly more. Helium can be liquefied only if cooled to -459.6 degrees Fahrenheit. When I was growing up seeing helium-filled balloons, the Goodyear Blimps in the sky (I think they may still be around!), filled from helium tanks. I also remember seeing people inhale helium from helium tanks for amusement and having their voices change in pitch to a very high level. Airships were safe when filled with helium because of its extremely low chemical reactivity and non-combustibility, unlike hydrogen, which is flammable and highly explosive. The Airship Hindenberg disaster of 1937 in Lakehurst, New Jersey, was illustrated by the dangers of filling an airship with hydrogen. Liquid helium is used in the cooling of superconducting magnets because of its very low temperature. In 1903 in Duster, Kansas, an oil drilling operation produced a gas geyser that would not burn. The occupying gas was captured by a geologist and taken to the University of Kansas, where it was found to contain helium. This discovery eventually enabled the United States to become the world's leading supplier of helium. During World War I the United States Navy sponsored the construction of helium plants to supply military airships in time of war and to supply commercial airships in peacetime. In 1925 the Helium Act banned the export of helium. This is why the German air ship Hindenberg was forced to use the highly explosive and flammable hydrogen gas as a lifting gas. By 1959 a billion cubic meters of helium gas was collected and put in reserve, but financial issues caused the United States government to eventually phase out the reserve and sell the helium in it. For many years the United States produced more than 90% of the commercially usable helium, but plants in other parts of the world have since taken up the task.

Noble Gas chemistry is still alive and well. In 1962 the chemist Neil Bartlett synthesized the first noble gas compound, Xe(PtF6) by mixing Xenon with platinum hexafluoride. Compounds of the noble gases are not easy to make, because their completed outer electron shell is bonded firmly to the nucleus of the atom, and thus requires extremes such as massive magnets, low temperature, or high pressure to make these electrons budge from their stable position in the atom. It is a whole different kind of synthetic chemistry! You can’t pick up a newspaper today, watch television, or roam the Internet without seeing stories about the moves to give women the professional recognition that had been denied to them in the past. An aspect of that which is relevant to my experience is that of women scientists on chemistry faculties. When I was an undergrad in the 1960’s I met a man at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1957-1961, there were only a few women chemistry majors. In my graduate years at the University of Illinois in 1961-1965, there were a few women students in the chemistry graduate program, and to the credit of that great university, they were treated with respect. However, there was not a single woman on the U of I Chemistry Department faculty at that time. The world is facing a critical helium shortage, which threatens much more than the party-balloon industry. A non-renewable resource, the looming helium shortage is actually the government’s fault, as it is selling off the U.S. reserves at below-market rates, encouraging wasteful uses on the gas. We have written previously about the problem due to discarded plastics. The Council of the European Union (EU) enacted a single-use plastic ban on May 21 in Brussels, with the goal of reducing maritime litter. Plastic cotton swab sticks, cutlery, balloons, straws, drink straws, and sticks for balloons will need to be made of more sustainable materials by 2021. Single-use plastic drink containers will be obliged to help cover cleanup costs and to promote awareness of litter and waste management options. Individual countries of the EU will have two years to transpose the legislation into their national laws.

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REAL SCIENCE
Reflections on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11

Jack Deatherage

When John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth in 1962, I was seven years old. That school year my second grade teacher got our class started on creating personal scrapbooks. As I recall, Glenn and NASA were my books’ focus. I watched the mission launch on the TV. Later, I watched the grumpy, satellite relayed “at sea” recovery of the space capsule. I filled pages of the scrapbook with newspaper clippings of the events.

The scrapbook is lost, along with memories, though I do recall visiting The Franklin Institute, a science museum in Philadelphia, during the school year 1962-63. The museum had a Mercury or Gemini capsule on display. Classmate, Barry Galtz and I stood in awe of the contraption, marveling how a dozen grown men could be cramped into such a tiny space. I think that may have been the moment I lost interest in the space program. I was sure I’d never fit in one of those things and view Earth from it.

When Commander Armstrong became the first human to set foot on Luna in July of 1969, I wasn’t particularly enthralled by the event. I’d gotten my first tax paying job that summer and was more interested in how I could spend the money the government allowed me to keep than someone walking on the Moon. Yes, I watched the “...one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind” while urging Mom to call an ambulance. As I had a claw hammer near to hand and no desire to view the Moon landing was a non-event as I remember it fifty years later.

I have clearer memories of Apollo 13, launched in April of 1970, but only because I was bedridden with a leg swollen like a sausage due to an infection that took my temperature to 105°F for several days. I vividly recall Doc Cadle stopping by the house to inject me with penicillin while urging Mom to call an ambulance. As I had a claw hammer near to hand and no desire to be hospitalized, I suffered for two weeks at home before the ordeal ended. I eventually recall Doc Cadle stopping by the house to inject me with penicillin, as he was nearby to dump the edible totems over the next few decades. Unlike NASA, which has members who can actually focus on one task at a time, I tend to be scatter-brained, bubbled-headed, or just confused. As I am thinking-wise at any given moment. Consider the Emmitsburg Youth Garden I began building this year. I want kids to come to learn the myriad aspects of gardening, but my reason for starting this project was and is to have enough ground to grow tomatoes, and eventually, good garlic on! While I manage anything from joining the garden group and setting up their own gardens—well good for them! I’ll help as best I can, but being praised for trying to create a “community” garden is rather embarrassing when it is secondary to my purpose. Which brings to mind a lecture on bread building I agreed to give at the library.

I’d offered the same lecture some years ago, but withdrew the offer after being told I had to be sanctioned by some group with liability insurance and a certified kitchen. I planned to explain how to build bread without actually baking a loaf during the lecture. “I taught the younger Jack to read without a book. Teaching basic bread building without actually baking bread is even simpler.” When the topic came up again at the library I agreed to do a lecture. Why?

For selfish reasons, of course. I am going through one of my reduction phases. Having to stand before strangers explaining the building of as simple a bread as I can manage is going to take months of experimenting with cheap flour and a minimal number of other ingredients, as well as leaning the simplest of techniques, while still ending up with a flavorful product I’d actually eat. The last time I went to tech and cheap the Mad Bulgari- an was nearby to dump the edible totems on. The house bounds got to crunch the bread I didn’t dare present to the Mad One. This go-round, the apprentice at the tattoo shop has agreed to dispose of my experiments.

As word of the distant lecture began to spread, a note reached me: “Imagine the betterment of the community. Fresh bread in every kitchen. Eventually we can revitalise the once vigorous wheat industry. We will erect your statue in the town square where the fountain should’ve been. And schools across the nation will be announcing your name across the loud speaker. You will have multiple appearances on How- ard Stern. The producer of Com- edy Central will find his muse in you, catapulting them into the halo of fame with SNL. Wonder bread will have to change their name. All because of you and the once struggling library system. Finally people will begin to read again—virtually eliminating illiteracy.”

Sweet Mother of the god! I’m more of a Randian Objectivist then I thought!

“The moral purpose of a man’s life is the achievement of his own happiness. This does not mean that he is indifferent to all men, that human life is of no value to him and that he has no reason to help others in an emergency. But it does mean that he does not subordinate his life to the welfare of others, that he does not sacrifice himself to their needs, that the relief of their suffering is not his primary concern, that any help he gives is an exception, not a rule, an act of generosity, not of moral duty, that it is marginal and incidental—as disasters are marginal and incidental in the course of human existence—and that values, not disasters, are the goal, the first concern and the motive power of his life.” The Virtue of Self-利益 - Ayn Rand

Being praised for simply follow- ing my interests makes no sense to me at all.

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From its lift off, the landing on the moon, to its safe return to Earth, the Apollo 11 mission was, and still is, one of the most covered news stories ever broadcast on television. Over 400 million people watched as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, pictured above with Michael Collins — command module commander — took man’s first steps on the moon.
The summer shade garden

Mary Ann Ryan, Consumer Horticulture, Penn State Extension

As we enter mid-summer shade becomes so important to us as we move around in our outdoor space. Choosing the right plants for our shady area can be a challenge if we don’t know how to successfully design the space.

The biggest problem with shade is that there aren’t many plants that bloom. Focusing on the foliage, texture becomes the mainstay in a bloom. Focusing on the foliage, texture is that there aren’t many plants that move around in our outdoor space.

The summer shade garden

The biggest problem with shade becomes so important to us as we enter mid-summer, shade is that texture and leaf color really come into play for a beautiful garden. Here are some plants you may want to try for summer texture.

Wild columbine, Aquilegia canadensis, blooms in late spring and holds its leaves throughout much of the summer. The foliage reminds me of a bit of a big clover leaf. It reaches anywhere from 8” to 18” depending on the variety.

Wild Ginger, Asarum canadense, a great little ground cover that has dark green, heart shaped leaves that are absolutely stunning when they begin to cover an area. This plant likes moist, but well-drained, and can tolerate shade very well.

Keeping in mind the type of soil that is in your shade garden will help determine the types of plants. Epimedium, although not native, is a nice perennial for dry shade. Much information I find about this particular perennial suggests moist, well-drained soil, but my Epimedium x rubrum has grown wonderfully in a very, very dry shady spot where nothing else has grown. I’ve tried hosts and bleeding heart and nothing has been successful except the epimedium. This plant can grow as a ground cover, although quite slowly. There are many species and cultivars of this plant, the leaf and flower color are different on each. They have a heart shaped leaf, with a white, pink or dark rose color. The Epimedium x rubrum that I have has leaves with a reddish leaf margin. It’s a very pretty, delicate, and a welcome resident to a spot that nothing else will grow.

Lobelia cardinalis has a spiky, red flower that reaches as much as 3’ high. I love this plant! You’ll find hummingbirds and bees attracted to the flower spikes in the summer, which just adds to the beauty of the plant. In my experience, this particular plant does tend to move around a bit. It will reseed, and the mother plants may disappear; just something to be aware of if you choose this for your garden. There are many cultivars that have been introduced in the plant industry of this particular species, some with dark red flowers, some more delicate, others more vibrant, but all are an wonderful addition to a shade garden with moist soils, as it is naturally found along streams in dappled shade areas.

A plant group that I must mention is the Heucheras (coral bells). Our native species, Heuchera americana and Heuchera villosa, both have rounded leaves with scalloped edges. These are typically grown for the foliage, although the flower spikes, with small white, pink or red flowers, depending on the cultivar, are also a nice contrast to the americana. Lots of selections have been made of this pretty shade garden plant.

Two other plants I’d like to mention are Aster cordifolius and Aster divaricatus. These are both native aster warm partners of the shade garden. Aster cordifolius has blue/lavender flowers, can reach 30 – 36 inches (at least it does in my garden) and spreads very quickly. This one, although very pretty, can be difficult to control as it reseeds so readily. I’m frequently pulling in from locations that I don’t want it to be. I don’t regret planting it, however, would caution using this in a more controlled garden. It’s wonderful for a wilder, or natural garden type. It likes part shade, most locations, and...
Small Town Gardener

The war of the roses moves to grasses

Marianne Willburn

There is a war going on right now at Oldmeadow. There has been no bloodshed at this point, as it is of the peace-aggressive variety so common in marriages of a certain age; but as both parties are actively engaged, and there is a machine with three rotating blades at the center of the fray, it would be unsafe to completely rule out the possibility of escalation. The story begins with a mower. The couple had never cursed much for mowers. She had always landscaped lawns right out of their tiny properties, and they had never been that inclined to push a mower around on a Saturday afternoon even if she hadn’t.

But with the purchase of the ten acre property that the couple had always dreamed of, a zero-turn mower came into their lives. The land was both urban and wooded, and the man who had built the house forty years before and spent the subsequent years declaring, in a pastoral scene, among the brambles and overgrown thickets, kindly included the mower in the sale. He showed the man how to tune it, and gave him the original manual, and left him with the cryptic words: “You’re going to need this thing – Nature wants it back.” And they did. Fresh from a tiny suburban lot, they reveled in the freedom afforded them in the midst of this struggle twixt man and mower, the woman was building a garden. Except it wasn’t so much ‘a garden’ as it was ‘many gardens,’ and they suffered from an issue common to properties of any good size that they were disconnected from each other.

With an unlimited budget, this would of course not have been an issue. Fully landscaped parks would have led visitors from the pergola garden to the sunny serpentine bed through to the woodland garden. 300 yards away and the visitor would have been none the wiser that he had been led. But as it was, vast swaths of open space separated such jewels from each other and many a visitor was lost halfway to the graces of woodland trilliums by the easier promise of donuts on the deck. It wouldn’t stop mowing.

Saturated turf being no friend to wildlife, the man found himself having to watch the grass grow higher between mowing, and as his machine continued to break down, he found himself less inclined to care. The woman, delighted by the subsequent appearance of thousands of violets and daylilies on the scene, followed by a contingent of ornithogalum and clover, approved nightly and was the wiser. With the man would finally realize the energy to swear over his machine in the barn and once again bring the landscape into some sort of order. And then the second of the three events occurred.

The woman went to England. In her capacity as a guide for a garden club, she led a band of fellow gardeners through great English gardens in the late spring. But when she returned, having visited both traditional and contemporary gardens alike, it was not dreams of roses and drip lines that occupied her thoughts. It was the idea of using the mower as a plougher – as a way of connecting cultivated spaces through natural, bulb-filled meadows and adding another aspect of ‘garden’ to the ones she was already building.

Things had been changing in the UK and Europe – even Hyde Park couldn’t resist climbing on board the meadow train. Though the woman knew that the process could be complicated, she was enchanted by this new paradigm, and moreover, saw it as a solution to their issues. But would they agree?

Though he quite justifiably worried about having the equipment to fell the grasses et al. at the end of the season, the man who had already stored an inordinate amount of honey in their boxes, and rightly put it down to the clover and dandelions that had been allowed to bloom for weeks.

The man loved honey. So the woman mowed her paths, trimmed an outline around areas of woods to discourage the rooting tips of multiflora and brambles, and looked forward to the season ahead. But the third and final event was to change everything.

The old mower breathed its last. Father’s Day was on the horizon, and the couple, aware that mowing of one sort or another would be an ever-present aspect of their lives, decided to invest in a rugged, new machine. The machine was delivered, the man turned it on, and within minutes, all of the early morning conversations over coffee and eggs vanished in a storm of rotating blades and blood-pumping horsepower.

The War of the Grases began. And thus we find them. She mows pathways. He mows everything. Each claiming the space where one or the other of them is away. Neither of them saying a word about it.

When she was to ponder the issue in hardware stores later, the woman realized that she had in fact given a Jaguar to a man who had driven a Corolla all his life, and then given a Jaguar to a man who had never cared much for mowing, and left him with the cryptic words, “You’re going to need this thing – Nature wants it back.”
How is it July already?

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

Yes, Dad, I know all about the passing of time and the science behind how the days and months work, but I just don’t know how 2019 is already half over. Is it a symptom of getting older? Does the speed of time somehow increase as a person’s existence on the planet increases?

I mean do you remember how LONG third grade seemed to last? Seriously. The elementary school day just seemed to drag. Maybe that’s because as kids we always wanted it to be summer so we could play badminton and ride bikes.

Sadly, as adults, our days are filled with way more responsibilities that seem to make time go by in a blink.

Is getting older the true and only perpetual motion machine? That’s definitely one for my pop and me to debate the next time I stop over to mom and dad’s house. I’ll put it on the list.

I do enjoy the long days right now. I love that it’s light out almost to 9 p.m. I also get a kick out of the fireworks. Those bright spurts of light high in the sky always used to fascinate me. I used to think that if I was that far away it would be even more dramatic.

I’ve talked to a lot of people who have found success with something called a Thundershirt for dogs. I know it sounds slightly medieval, but it’s actually a shirt of sorts that wraps tightly around a dog and gives him a sense of comfort through his anxiety. The concept is like that of swaddling a baby – having something that wraps securely around their middle can help some dogs feel more safe and protected. Keep in mind, as just like everything in life, it has helped some pups, but had little to no effect on others, so it depends on each individual canine as to its effectiveness.

Some folks have found that during the Fourth of July, those animals feel most secure in the bathroom – usually that part of the house has no windows, so they won’t be able to see the flashes of fireworks and it may make the booms a bit less shocking as well.

Your best bet, regardless of how you help your dog or cat through the fireworks display is to make sure they have identification on them – collars and tags and all. That way, on the off chance that something strange happens and they do get out, their chances of getting back are a little better.

If you are having a barbecue or some other celebration at the house where company is coming, please don’t forget your pets. If your four-legged friends aren’t good around company, please don’t force the issue. The same goes for children. If your dog or cat doesn’t do well with the small humans, keep them separated – it’s best for everyone concerned.

Remember that human food and adult beverages are absolutely not good for our pets. If your dog or cat can’t have alcohol, please don’t let them have any form of human alcohol. Insect repellant for humans should also be kept away from our pets. Fly-fishing is still one of my favorite hobbies, but don’t let your pets’ noses get distracted with smells. Insect repellent can cause health issues with our pets.

Now she has really come out of her shell and loves to have company. If you think Buttercup might be the one for you, please stop out to the shelter to meet her!

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Katie came into the shelter because her owner could not longer care for her. She is 8 years old and declawed in her front paws. Look at that intense expression! This girl is living in our treatment room because she needs some time to adjust to shelter life, but don’t let her hiss fool you. She’s quite an active guy. He can also get quite loud when he is excited, so apartment living may not be the best for Deon. He loves attention, but that boogey nose can get distracted with smells. Deon does know sit, but sometimes he gets confused and will lie down instead. Because he has no past with children, an age restriction may apply, so be sure to discuss this with shelter staff.

Do you have the right place for Deon?

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Buttercup was returned to the shelter after living in an adopted home for 2 years. It took her a little bit to adjust to shelter life, so we gave her space in one of the back offices. Now she has really come out of her shell and loves to have company. If you think Buttercup might be the one for you, please stop out to the shelter to meet her!

Before humans did, 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 treats which I loved so much.
- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which soaked 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 are 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.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.

— Author Unknown

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Do you have the right place for Deon?
Treadmill and Herbie

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A horse’s situation in life is completely determined by his owner. It’s not enough to have a kind and caring owner, but also one who is financially secure and willing to spend money on the horse after he is “no longer useful.” I have had the pleasure of working with two incredibly sweet and sensitive grey Irish Sport Horses. Both were purpose bred and evented through preliminary (3’7”) level. These two horses both met with good endings. They spent their last years with excellent care and treatments, and when their quality of life deteriorated, I humanely euthanized them surrounded by people who loved them.

However they each had very different paths before ending up in their loving homes.

Treadmill was a very well bred Irish Sport Horse who sold for a lot of money as a youngster. He then went on to have a successful career as an event horse. While I don’t know too many other details about his life, I do know that he ended up at New Holland auction and was being purchased at slaughter prices. Luckily it was not the meat man, but instead a draft horse rescue that bought him and brought him to his new home.

It was at the rescue that I met him and they were able to take him back and look up his bloodlines and competition record. He was far from looking like an expensive competition horse when I saw him. He was nervous on fences and acted like he’d been spurred into jumping from long spots. The horse trainer at the auction house instead sold him privately. Herbie had a sweet and kind nature and would likely have found homes with people, but instead sold him privately. Herbie had a sweet and kind nature and would likely have found homes with people, but instead sold him privately. Herbie lived by many volunteers and lived happily for over a year before the melanomas caused him to colic and the decision was made to euthanize him.

The second grey Irish Sport Horse also evented through preliminary although not very successfully. He started refusing to jump for his owner and she decided to sell him. She did not sell him at auction but instead sold him privately. Herbie had a sweet and kind nature and could trigger episodes and the horse went into respiratory distress.

While there are medications to treat this, it is best to try and avoid the things that trigger episodes. In Herbie’s case, the dust and mold on hay was one of the main triggers. Even hay that looked and smelled like it was excellent quality could trigger an episode. As anyone can imagine it is very difficult to manage a horse that can’t eat hay. At the time there weren’t a lot of commercially available hay steamers like there are now. There was commercially available bagged hay that had been treated to remove dust and mold spores. Herbie lived on that and high quality grain. He also received nebulizer treatments and oral medications whenever he would have a flare up. In spite of that, his jumping days were over. However, he was not sold and instead took up a career as a dressage horse. He thrived in dressage.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is similar to human asthma. Certain things can trigger episodes and the horse will go into respiratory distress.

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While dressage is usually dominated by warmbloods, Herbie was very skilled and could hold his own in competition even against the flashy moving warmbloods. There is no rule that says horses can only get one disease. Just as Herbie’s respiratory issues were being well controlled and he was competing successfully in the dressage world, he developed navicular disease. This was managed with joint injections and he continued to compete in the dressage arena for another few years. He slowly started showing his age and was eventually retired from the dressage arena too. Again, even though he was “broken”, he was not sold. He was lightly used as a trail horse and when he was no longer sound enough to go out on the trails, he was retired but still well cared for in the field for over 6 more years.

As most older horses do, he developed Cushings disease and arthritis. Fortunately for him he belonged to owners that could not only afford to keep a retired horse, they could also afford the medications and special feed that Herbie required. Even with the medications, Herbie eventually became too lame to be comfortable walking around in the field and his run in stall, and was humanely euthanized. Luckily both of these horses came to good ends with kind and loving homes. When buying a young horse it is easy to envision all the fun one can have riding and competing. However, when acquiring a horse it is equally important to ask yourself if you can afford to take care of them when they get old and sick. It’s not just the vet bills that add up but the farrier, and daily cost of feeding or horse boarding. Horses can live for many years after they can no longer be ridden. Rescues are frequently at maximum capacity and can’t take every unwanted horse. It is important to have a retirement plan for your horse so that he doesn’t end up being starved in an overgrazed field or at risk of being bought by the meat man at an auction.

To read other articles by Kimberly Brokaw, visit the Authors section of Emmitsburg.net.
The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show will be held at Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, on September 6, 7 and 8.

Entry of exhibits will take place on Thursday evening, September 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Friday, September 6th, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the new gymnasium and in the agriculture department area. The show will open to the public at 6 p.m.

On Friday night at 7 p.m., the 2019-2020 Catoctin FFA Chapter Ambassador will be announced. This year’s program will honor the 100th anniversary of the Edwin C. Creeger, Jr. American Legion Post 168 of Thurmont and Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 of Emmitsburg; and also the 50th anniversary of the Seton Center in Emmitsburg.

The American Legion organization was founded in 1919 by veterans returning from Europe after World War I and was later chartered as an official American patriotic society and carry on the tradition to support veterans, families and community. The Legion continues to volunteer in patriotic service of mutual help to our veterans and has touched virtually every facet of American life, and to this day they carry on the objective to serve the community, state and nation. There will be six persons from the American and Emmitsburg Legion honored during the Friday night program.

The Linda Elower Studio of Dance will also be honored for their 50th anniversary during their programs on Saturday afternoon.

The baked goods auction will begin immediately following the program and the grand champion cake, pie and bread will be sold at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, September 7, the show opens at 9 - 10 p.m. Activities include a Market Goat, Beef, Sheep and Swine Fitting & Showing contest from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ag Center at the school. The Pet Show will be held at 10:30 a.m. outside the front of the school. The petting zoo, farm animals and pony rides will also be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The Thurmont Grange will serve their Roast Turkey and Country Ham dinner in the school cafeteria from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday night. Prices are $14 for adults and $15 for carryouts.

The Linda Elower Studio of Dance will feature entertainment on Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. The Thurmont Gateway Spurs Bass Ensemble will perform in the auditorium at 7 p.m. and Richard Lee Trosell, will perform at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be no admissions charged for the entertainment.

The 45th annual Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep & Swine sale will begin at 6:30 p.m. for exhibitor awards and the sale will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ag Center area on Saturday night.

Activities begin on Sunday, September 8th at 9 a.m. with the Goat Show, followed by the Dairy Show. The decorated animal contest will begin at noon. Also at noon, the Catoctin FFA Alumni Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held in the cafeteria. Prices are $10 for adults and $11 for carryouts.

The Log Sawing Contest will begin at 12:30 p.m. under the show tent in the Ag Center area, with categories consisting of women’s team, men’s team, men and women’s team, and a children’s division. A pedal tractor contest for kids will be held on Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Ag Center area, and the 40th annual Robert Kaas horseshoe pitching contest will begin at 1 p.m. The Catoctin Mountain Boys will provide live musical entertainment from 1-3 p.m. in the auditorium.

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The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, the Maryland State Grange and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board.
Ralph M. Serpe
Adams County Community Foundation

The Adams County Community Foundation was created to promote and facilitate charitable giving and to build a permanent endowment for this community. While our community grantmaking is focused on Adams County, charitable funds created by donors may make grants anywhere around the world.

That endowment, what we call The Fund for Adams County, allows people to give to our county for generations. But how, exactly?

Most people are familiar with an annual fundraising model. You make a gift to an annual campaign; your gift is combined with other donor gifts and then the entire amount is granted to nonprofits. The community raises the money each year and grants it out each year.

With the Fund for Adams County endowment, people still give to the fund once, or each year, but instead of granting it all at once, we deposit those gifts in a fund and invest that fund for the long-term. Then, each year, we grant about 5% of the fund to nonprofits who are working to make Adams County better. Over time, with new gifts and investment income, the endowment grows and the amount we grant each year from the fund grows. Eventually, our community can invest more through grants each year then we would have raised with an annual campaign.

However, in order to make that endowment math work, we need your name. Adding your name to our community’s charitable honor roll by making a gift to the Fund for Adams County endowment inspires others to do the same.

Consider establishing your own charitable fund with the Adams County Community Foundation to support the causes you care about. You can establish it now or through your estate. You can trust the Community Foundation to provide meaningful guidance today and ongoing care for generations to come.

Creating your own fund is simple. First, give it a name. Your fund name can create a legacy, honor a loved one or reflect your passion. Second, give it a purpose. What matters most to you? We can design a fund that will achieve your charitable goals.

Since our founding, thousands of people have supported the Community Foundation and hundreds have created their own fund to support their charitable goals. Several donors, including Tom & Himmel Metz, Jack & Bobbie Phillips, John & Kim Phillips, Fred & Rita Diehl, Donald & Mildred Hetshy, M.C. Jones, Charles Ritter, Jiri & Elle Sheen, George & Roberta Wood Thomas & Roberta Henninger and Ben Franklin (yes, that Ben Franklin) have created their own Funds for Adams County which provides the money the Community Foundation generates each year to make Adams County better.

When you’re ready to give back and add your name to the list of community foundation donors who support Adams County through the Fund for Adams County, contact us. It’s our way of providing you with a little bit of immortality for your generosity.

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Water safety this summer

Kelsey Shupe
Frederick Memorial Hospital

Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the U.S.—and it only takes a moment for a child or weak swimmer to lose control and make a mistake that could cost their life. That’s why it’s important to stay safe in the water.

**Make Water Safety a Priority**

According to the American Red Cross, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death among children age 14 or younger. And for every child who dies from drowning, another 5 receive emergency care for nonfatal swimming injuries.

Drowning is a preventable cause of death. It’s the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in the U.S.—and it only takes a moment for a child or weak swimmer to lose control and make a mistake that could cost their life. That’s why it’s important to stay safe in the water.

**Health Notes**

- **Always take a buddy with you when you swim.** Tell a friend, parent, or trustworthy adult before you go into the water. Parents and adults—maintain constant supervision of your children.
- **Avoid alcohol when swimming.**
- **Consider age-appropriate Red Cross swimming classes to ensure your family knows how to swim.**
- **Drink plenty of water, even if you’re not thirsty.** You’ll be surprised how dehydrated you become in the heat, even when you’re in the water.
- **If you get caught in a current, don’t panic or try to fight it.** Float with it, or swim parallel to the shore.
- **If you’re swimming in a public body of water like a lake or a beach, make sure a lifeguard is present at all times.**
- **Install barriers and use safety covers on your home pool or hot tub, especially with young children or non-swimmers in the house.** Many children who drown in home pools were only out of sight for less than five minutes and in the care of both parents.
- **Learn CPR and other rescue techniques so you’re prepared in case of an emergency.**
- **Make sure you’re comfortable with the body of water you’re swimming in.** More strength is needed to swim in a lake or a river where there are currents. Never dive into an area you’re unfamiliar with, as you never know how deep or shallow it can be.
- **Never push or jump on others.**
- **Protect your skin, especially during peak sunlight hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), by wearing sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.** Reapply every two hours, especially if you’ve been in and out of the water.
- **Stay out of the water, unless you know how to swim.**
- **Eager to learn? Swim lessons and water safety classes aren’t just for kids! They’re available to all ages.”**

**Keep Kids Safe This Summer**

Although there are dangers when a person of any age swims, children and babies face the highest risk of all and need the most supervision. We recommend designating a “water watcher” who will pay close attention to all swimmers. Follow these precautions to keep your child safe around water:

- **Always have a fire extinguisher and emergency contacts (including names and numbers) nearby.**
- **Don’t allow your child to play around drains or suction fittings.**
- **Don’t assume that a river or a lake isn’t dangerous. Both can have undertows or be deeper than you think.**
- **Don’t assume that lifeguards can see everything.** Keep an eye on your child, even when a lifeguard is on duty.
- **Find age-appropriate swimming lessons for your child, but know the drowning safety precautions you apply to children who know how to swim.** Lessons do not make your child “drown-proof.”
- **Learn CPR, and always remain within arm’s length of your child, providing “touch supervision.”**
- **Make sure your child is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on a boat, and never consume alcohol if you’re the one operating a boat.**
- **Never leave your child alone in or near the water.** For most children, the majority of their swimming will take place in a pool. While the water may be rougher in the ocean, it’s important to remain careful when swimming in a pool as well.

**Home Swimming & Pool Safety**

Each year, millions escape the summer heat by swimming and relaxing in their backyard pool or a friend or neighbor’s pool. Unfortunately, many people often disregard useful swimming pool safety tips, which could prevent hundreds of injuries and drowning accidents. Check out these tips on enjoying the pool safely all summer long:

- **Children should always be supervised.** Stay close to children at all times when in or around a swimming pool.
- **Ensure all family members know how to swim and understand proper swimming pool safety.**
- **Establish pool safety rules with your family and enforce them: no diving, no running, and swim with a buddy, for example.**
- **Keep your swimming pool or hot tub clean by maintaining appropriate chemical levels, circulation, and filtration.**
- **Practice pool emergencies and how to handle them with CPR and other aquatic safety techniques through the Red Cross.**
- **Secure your pool with appropriate barriers at least 4-feet tall and include a self-latching and lockable gate.** For added safety, install a pool alarm that triggers each time the gate opens.

For more information on staying safe in or around the water this summer, check out the American Red Cross for more tips and training courses, or contact one of our doctors today.
The South Mountain Fair is right around the corner!

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The South Mountain Fair is right around the corner! According to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, there are more than 3,200 fairs held in North America every year, but for Adams County, the most important one is the Annual South Mountain Fair. Historically the fair began in 1922 and continued each year until 1930, when it was again cancelled, this time due to a polio epidemic, then World War II, according to the South Mountain Fair website, listed at the end of this article. Exhibits, apart from the livestock, will be judged during the morning of July 30, with fairgrounds officially opening that evening.

Last year’s fair was a little disappointing, with attendance for the week slightly over 7,500 and about 2,700 exhibits and animals were judged. Irvin recounted that last year, “It was very wet most of the week. Most nights there was heavy rain starting around 8 p.m. or so. Friday it rained the entire night. Saturday it was very hot and humid but it was sunny. There was very low attendance some days due to the weather. As always, we are really hoping for a nice clear week with low humidity. We’ve got a really great group of volunteers who spend countless hours setting up the main exhibit building and display the hundreds of exhibits that are entered in the fair. Even when the number of entries is lower the volunteers make the displays look great.”

Irvin also mentioned that the organization of this year’s fair is going well so far. Most of the commercial vendors will be returning and quite a few new vendors will also be coming on board. As always there will be a variety of food vendors and most of the crowd favorites will be coming back again this year. Exhibit registrations are starting to arrive but with another wet spring that Adams County has experienced, the fair’s organization team is worried that there will be fewer vegetable, fruit and floral exhibits. However, as Irvin stated, there isn’t much that can be done about the weather, everyone can only hope for the best. All in all everyone is looking forward to another successful fair.

For more information and a complete schedule, visit www.southmountainfair.com or like us on Facebook.

**South Mountain Fair Information**

97th Annual Fair - July 28 - August 3

Admission: $7.00 — Under 36” Tall — Free!

Unlimited carnival rides are included in the admission! Children under 36 inches tall ride FREE!

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

Located along I-70, Atensville, PA • Phone 717.677.9663

Website: www.southmountainfair.com

Anyone using a free admission pass can purchase a carnival ride wristband at the gate for a small fee.

**DAILY ACTIVITIES:**

**Thursday, August 1**

4:50 p.m. – PARADE OF ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT

7 p.m. – ELLY COOK – Audition – FREE

10 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Close

**Friday, August 2**

4 p.m. – Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open

5-10 p.m. – Carnival Rides Open

5 p.m. – 4-HFFA Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Judging, Show Arena

5 p.m. – 4-HFFA Dairy Beef Finished Steer Judging, Show Arena

5 p.m. – 4-HFFA Steer Judging, Show Arena

6-9 p.m. – MECHANICAL BULL RIDE – $5

9:30 p.m. – CHANSAV CARNIVAL SHOW

7 p.m. – Open Beef Judging, Show Arena

8 p.m. – CHANSAV CARNIVAL SHOW

9:30 p.m. – FIREWORKS DISPLAY – Visible from the fairgrounds

10 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Close

**Saturday, August 3**

1 p.m. – Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open

1-10 p.m. – Carnival Rides Open (with afternoon break for dinner)

4 p.m. – 4-HFFA Livestock Sale – (Steer, Dairy Beef, Sheep, Pork, Rabbits, Swine)

4:50 p.m. – PARADE OF ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT

7 p.m. – ELLY COOK – Audition – FREE

10 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Close (ONLY ЛЖШОВКЪ МЯ ВЛ МЕРИОД)

**Route 234, Adams County, 1 Mile West of Atensville, 8 Miles West of Gettysburg**

**Sunday, July 28**

1 p.m. – South Mountain Fair Rabbit and Carry Show

2-4 p.m. – Registration of Open Exhibits (See 4-H Schedule)

**Monday, July 29**

4-8 p.m. – Registration of Open Exhibits

**Tuesday, July 30 **

6 a.m. – Poultry Judging

4 p.m. – Fair Opens

4 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Open

5-10 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-HFFA Market Goat Judging, Show Arena

7:30 p.m. – FOOD AUCTION in the Auditorium – Benefit a local charity

10 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Close

**Wednesday, July 31**

3 p.m. – Open Goat Judging, Show Arena

4 p.m. – Sheep Judging, Show Arena

4 p.m. – Fair Opens

5-10 p.m. – Carnival Rides Open

6 p.m. – 4-HFFA Market Goat Judging, Show Arena

7 p.m. – 4-HFFA Market Steer Judging, Show Arena

7:30 p.m. – DRAFT HORSE PULLING COMPETITION, Rear Arena

7 p.m. – BATTLE OF THE BANDS, Auditorium

10 p.m. – Exhibit Buildings Close

**South Mountain Fair**

Emmitsburg

The annual event picked up once it was cancelled because of a drought. It resumed in 1948 and has been held every year since then.

Admission for the fair is $7 for adults and is free for all children under 36” in height. All entertainment and carnival rides are included in the admission price and children under 36” in height may ride the carnival rides for free. Parking is provided to the public for free. Those interested in entering exhibits may enter on July 28 or 29, please consult the South Mountain Fair Premium book, which can be found on the South Mountain Fair website, listed at the end of this article. Exhibits, apart from the livestock, will be judged during the morning of July 30, with fairgrounds officially opening that evening.

Livestock exhibitions scheduled to be held during the fair include swine and poultry competitions on July 30, goat and sheep competitions on July 31, beef, calf and steer competitions on August 1, and dairy cattle competitions on August 2. The annual junior livestock sale will be held on the last day of the fair, August 3, at 4 p.m.

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German Assembly Set to Ratify Peace Treaty

The Germans expect to ratify the peace treaty according to a note sent to the Allies. The note also requested that the Allied food blockade be raised when the treaty is ratified, and that German war prisoners will be released at the same time. The German National Assembly will deal with the treaty of peace between the Allies and Germany on Saturday and a majority for the ratification of the treaty without first referring the matter to the government.

Meanwhile the Prime Minister of Romania has left Paris for Bucharest to submit to his government the text of the treaty regarding that country. "It is no secret," said the Romanian Prime Minister, "that Romania claims concerning Transylvania are not satisfied by the treaty." Public opinion in Romania and Transylvania is such that the Prime Minister considers it impossible to take upon himself the responsibility for signing the treaty without first referring the matter to the government.

An agreement between France and Great Britain concerning the division of the former German African possessions of the Cameroons and Togoland will soon receive the approval of the two governments. Elsewhere, mediation of the Allied representatives has resulted in an armistice between the Estonians and the Germans. It provides that all German troops shall leave Riga and that the German evacuate Lithuania at the earliest possible moment.

Ex-Kaiser to Face Trial Before London Tribunal

"The former German Empire will soon be placed on trial," announced Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons. The Premier declared that the tribunal which would try the former Emperor would sit in London. German officers who had committed appalling acts the Premiers added, would also be placed on trial.

The Allies appear to be firm in the conviction, which is held by military officers and representatives in Germany who are charged with atrocities if the former Emperor is exempted. A list of those officials and officers was sent to him by the German government soon.

Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former German Emperor, has told the German monthly that he plans to assist the King in bringing to light the truth regarding the war and its consequences. In his message, Prince Henry says that after his conversation with King George in July, 1914, he returned to Berlin and was with the Emperor until mobilization began.

I can testify that the Kaiser and his counselors endeavored by every means to aver the war and dissipate mankind. I am ready to refute the plan of trying to bring to light the truth regarding the war and its consequences.

However, the former Emperor, who remains in exile in Holland, outside the reach of the Allies, has decided to stay in Holland until the end of the summer and perhaps, until the conclusion of the treaty, possibly be made the subject of some kind of a treaty any longer than is absolutely necessary. The new Council of Four seems to think it can rush the question of trying the Kaiser through within a few weeks, but most observers consider this doubtful.

Even from the financial clauses, which were approved in London Monday, money is still being revised continually. At the present time it has apparently been decided that the Austrian Empire's war debt must be borne entirely by Hungary and Austria. However, of the Empire's debt, which alone reached some 9 billion crowns, or $12 billion, the liberated peoples, who constitute two thirds of the empire's former population, will be required to assume 20%, while the remaining 80% will be left to Hungary and Austria, the present population of which is about one third of the Empire's former population. The only liberty the liberated peoples will be entirely exempt from are separation charges, which must all be shouldered by Hungary and Austria. Britain and the United States are apparently demanding a share of Austria's Navy. France is demanding money and ships; Italy, money, ships and railways; Serbia, the same, while Romania demands iron, coal and reparations.

Indeed everyone is asking for something where there is apparently very little available for anybody.
"It is the duty of property people to give up all riches and all that is superficial. Changes in the system of taxation will be speedily submitted to the national assembly, in this reform will represent the completion of the whole work."

"One of the first requirements relative to the restoration of liberty is the establishment of orderly finances. I will have to deal with suggestions for the declaration of general bankruptcy. My highest aim is to establish justice in the entire taxation system. The income from capital must be tax much more heavily than the income from work. An inheritance tax and a heavy tax levy on property will be the initial steps that will be taken."

**July 24**

U.S. War Debt Exceeds $23 Billion

The war debt of the United States amounted to $23.3 billion according to statistics submitted to the congressional appropriations committee by the Secretary of the Treasury.

"The total cost of the war up to June 30, last, was $30 billion, of which $9.2 billion was met by taxes and other revenues other than borrowed money. By rigid economy and the continued application of a comprehensive program of taxation, the Secretary told the committee "no further issues of bonds or other revenues other than borrowed money. "

"So large a part of the war expenditure has been provided for out of taxes," said the Secretary, "and out of the issue of bonds or notes already sold, and so small part is unfunded that I can confidently expect that the government will be able not only to meet it's further temporary requirements for the decreasing scale of expenditures, but of raising of an indebt-ness bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, or less, but also to find as many other items as may be desirable to tax, by the issuance of short-tenor notes, in moderate amounts, as convenient intervals, we market conditions are favorable and upon terms convenient to the government."

**July 31**

President Says Terms Are Severe But Can Be Fulfilled

In an address to the American people on the occasion of the signing of the peace treaty President Wilson, said, "My fellow countrymen the Treaty of Peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in the full and sincere execution of its terms, it will finish the charter for new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany but it is severe only because great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do, and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms."

"And it is much more than a Treaty of Peace with Germany. It liberates great peoples who have never before been able to find a war to liberty. It ends, once and for all, an old and intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the peoples of great empires to serve their ambition for power and dominion. It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league, in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining right and justice. It makes international law a reality supported by imperative sanctions."

"It does away with the right of conquest. It rejects the policy of annexation and substitutes a new order under which backward nations-populations which have not yet come to political consciousness and who are ready for independence but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance – shall no more be subjugated to the domination and exploitation of a stronger nation, but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the helpful systems of governments which undertake to be responsible to the opinion of mankind in the execution of their tasks by accepting the direction of the League of Nations."

"It recognizes the inalienable rights of nationality, the rights of minorities, the sanctity of religious belief and practices. It lays the basis for conventions which shall free the commercial intercourse other world from unjust and vexations restrictions and for every sort of international cooperation that will serve to cleanse the life of the world and facilitate its common action in beneficent service of every kind. It further guarantees rights such as were never given, or even contemplated, for the fair treatment at the daily task of the world."

"It is for this reason that I have spoken of it as a charter for new order of affairs. There is ground here for deep satisfaction, universal reassurance and confident hope."

**German Printing Paper Money**

With Germany growing poorer every day and private notes becoming less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing less and less negotiable, 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Historical significance

During the Community Day festivities, the town unveiled three new wayside signs. The long-term goal for this project is to create a historic walking tour for visitors and even residents of the town.

The purpose of creating these signs is to provide a basic overview and orientation of Frederick's founding and development. Additionally, designers wanted to show how Emmitsburg is, was and continues to be a nexus of commercial transportation and historical activity.

Funding obtained from Maryland Heritage asked that the signs give emphasis to the magical sounds of its tier fountain that for 40 plus years pumped in it, to photos of the three new wayside signs. The newly erected Doughboy statue was the centerpiece of Memorial Day celebrations in Emmitsburg for years.

Emmitsburg unveils three historical wayside signs

The three new signs include the development and history of town square, with multiple pictures showing its development over the years, from its sleepy beginning with a small wood cut hand pump in it, to photos of the three-tier fountain that for 40 plus years graced the center of the square.

It is thought that Emmitsburg’s first settlers dug the well in 1780 or earlier, or at least 1786, when the town was laid out. This was the custom at the time, to dig a well in the square when a town was laid out. There, the people of all classes and colors slaked their thirst; from this well some of the families around the Square obtained their water, not having wells on their properties; here the boys drank from the spout just like a boy can drink; passing teams were watered here daily; cows were watered also. It has been said any boy that has drunk from this well will never lose his desire to return to his old home.

The northwest side of the square is anchored by the mirrored homes of the Annan Brothers. Lot number 9, on which they sat, was sold by the town’s founder, William Emerit in 1786 to James Hughes who built a brick house, within which he set aside a large room as a chapel where Catholics are permitted by the custom at the time, to dig a well in it, to photos of the three new wayside signs. The newly erected Doughboy statue was the centerpiece of Memorial Day celebrations in Emmitsburg for years.

Of course, no sign would be complete without a discussion of the fountain that once graced the center of the Square. While the fountain is long gone, if you desire to get an idea what it looked like, all you need to do is drive to 7th and Market Streets in Frederick where its identical twin not only still stands, but still works! On July 3, 1885, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town, the fountain was officially turned over to the Corporation of Emmitsburg as the property of the citizens. For the next 43 years, the fountain exceeded Samuel Morse’s, the Emmitsburg Chronicle’s Editor, and chief advocate for the fountain, prediction that it would be an “ornament to the town, and a gratification to all who may behold it.” The fountain plays an integral part in countless oral histories, from little boys who lost teeth when they crashed their bikes into it, to starry-eyed lovers who passed away blissful hours listening to the magical sounds of its falling water. The current plaque, recounting the role of Emmitsburg in the Civil War, which now stands on South Seton Street next to the post office, was originally placed next to the fountain.

Unfortunately, the fountain’s location at the center of this very important crossroads, so ideally suited for serving equarian traffic, would be its downfall in the age of the automobile. At first, with the speed limit set at 5-miles per hour within the town, the infrequent car passing through the town could easily maneuver around the fountain. But as the number of cars grew, so too did traffic in the square. To help alleviate growing congestion, the square around the fountain was paved with concrete by the state, but this only delayed the inevitable.

The economic boom of the 1920s brought with it an explosion in the number of automobiles and trucks plying the roads, and a concurrent rise in the frequency of...
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To make matters worse, the original proponents of the fountain, who for years had delighted in the upkeep of the fountain and the surrounding area, were dying off and with their passing, this sentimental structure had received scant attention with the result that what was once the pride of the community had deteriorated into a simple sterile concrete slab.

The end for the fountain came quickly. At 2 a.m., Sunday morning, July 24, 1927, a five passenger Chrysler car smashed into the fountain all but destroying the cement basin of the fountain. For three weeks the wounded fountain waited its fate. Fee came to its defense. On August 9, 1927, the town council passed a motion “to sell and remove the fountain.”

During the battle of Gettysburg, it served as headquarters for Union troops while in Emmitsburg. There was a sharp skirmish fought near the Tavern, then known as the Hoffman Tavern, on July 5. 70 Union men were taken prisoner along with some much-needed supplies, such as medical items, that would be used for the wounded Confederate sold- diers who fought at Gettysburg. Among those captured was Emmitsburg native Major Oli- ver Horner, an officer in Cole’s Cavalry. Horner was taken over the mountain but during the first night, he made his escape and came back to Emmitsburg finding his horses had been saved to them by Harry Hoffman.

Over the years, Black’s Tavern had many names, including The Old Farmer’s Inn, The Hoffman Hotel, The National Hotel, the Hotel Slagle, and of course its current name – the Emmitt House. The town has applied for a FY2020 MHA grant to add four more wayside exhibits in 2019 – 2020. The location of these is still to be determined, but the Town would like to have an exhibit on the Great Fire, and histori- cal buildings used by the Vigilant Hose Company, Chronicle Press and Carriage House Inn.

1920s postcard depicting Emmitsburg's idyllic Square.

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20190720 National Park Service programs for the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

Jason Martz
Gettysburg National Park

Gettysburg National Mili- tary Park will commemo- rate the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with Park Ranger and Licensed Battlefield Guide programs throughout the three-day bat- tle anniversary from July 1-3. These programs include Real Time programs that provide a brief overview of key battle- field moments, in-depth Battle Walks that explore specific phases of the battle over a 2 to 3 hour hike, and special evening programs as well. Additionally, children of all ages are encour- aged to attend one of the many family activities during the anniversary.

The anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg is a special time for our staff and our vis- itors. We’re able to explore the stories surrounding the soldiers who fought over this hallowed Cemetery, and the men and women guarding around the same dates and times as the actual battle,” said Acting Superintendent Kristina Heister. “It’s a privilege to make these connections with the public.”

There will also be special Living History programs on Saturday, June 29 with the Lib- erty Rifles living history group. They will be on-hand at the John Slyder farm, portraying the 15th Alabama infantry reg- iment, for a Real Time pro- gram at 9 a.m. and they will participate in an immersive Battle Walk at 30 p.m.

Please note that this spe- cial July 1-3 Battle Anniver- sary program schedule replaces the regularly scheduled sum- mer programs. The program schedule is subject to change and is weather dependent. Water, headgear, sun protection, insect repellent, and sturdy footwear are highly recommended. All programs are free of charge.

The full July 1-3 Battle Anniversary schedule can be found on our website at: www.nps.gov/gett. Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associ- ated with the Battle of Gettys- burg and the Soldiers’ National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the con- text of American history. For a complete listing of all of the free summer ranger programs, please visit www.nps.gov/gett, or pick up the Today in the Park planning guide available at the information desk inside Gettysburg National Mili- tary Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg.

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Once a week I would go on and see an announcement. I started out slowly. I probably dating myself with that idea of having to be invited to be on. I am so glad I was introduced to it years ago when you start thinking about a single app that I love, as long as you go into it with the right mindset. The app in question is Pinterest.

I absolutely love Pinterest. I was introduced to it years ago when you would have to be invited to be on. I am so glad I was introduced to it years ago. It is really easy to find five minutes to pin 20 or 30 things that you love. Unfortunately finding the time to go back and read the articles, make the recipes, or create the crafts isn’t always as easy: I know deep in my heart that my home school English folder is some great ideas for doing book reports that aren’t boring, but I will be shocked if I find the time to digital through my folder to find them. On the other hand, I was getting ready to head to a home school fair to look at math curriculum (since we were considering switching from our current choice) and I was able to go to the “home school math” folder and search for my pins on different curriculum choices. There they were all in one place.

I guess my point is, it can be therapeutic just to pin items into your assigned folders and some times that is enough. When I have even 5 or 10 minutes I will pop open the app and see if there are any suggestions on my main screen that would fit into one of my already created folders or into a newly created one. As I pin items that interest me, new ideas and suggestions will show up on the main screen. However, it can also be extremely helpful to go back to your pins when you have a dilemma you need a solution for. I have officially picked my new math curriculum and I honestly say that Pinterest was instrumental in making the decision.

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Celebrate Our independence with corn

Kay Hollabaugh
Hollabaugh Brothers’ Farmers’ Market

Summer is certainly a month to celebrate with picnics and all the good food associated with picnics. For us at Hollabaugh Bros., summer is a month to harvest! We are now picking blueberries, apricots, black raspberries, early peaches, early summer vegetables and hopefully sweet corn soon! It wasn’t until our son returned from PSU with a degree in Horticulture that we began planting vegetables. They have quickly become a favorite – and a staple – at our farm market. Local folks are quick to seek us out when they know that the “picking is good!” And this year! So far it has been very good. We’ve been able to bypass some of the nasty storms around us (fingers crossed – we have a long way to go), but have been fortunate to get adequate – and sometimes too much – rainfall.

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Baked Corn

Ingredients
1 Box Fresh Corn
2 Eggs, Lightly beaten
2 T. Flour
2 T. Sugar
1 C. Milk
Salt & Pepper to Taste
1/2 C. Butter – cut in tubs to put over the top

Cooking Instructions
Mix corn, eggs, flour, sugar, milk, salt and pepper. Put into a buttered casserole. Add butter to top and bake in 300 degree oven for one hour.

Corn Casserole

Ingredients
1 1/2 C. Butter
1/2 C. Sugar
2 Eggs
1 C. Sour Cream
1 1/2 C. Milk
1 Can (15 oz.) Whole Kernel Corn (You can substitute with 2 cups of fresh corn)
1 Can (14.7 oz.) Cream-Style Corn

Cooking Instructions
In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream. Gradually add corn bread mix alternately with milk. Fold in corn. Pour into a greased 3 quart casserole dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until middle is set and lightly browned.

How to Freeze Corn - 9 am to 9 pm – Canning Peaches – 7 to 8:30 pm – Adult Cooking Class – 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: $15/child. Registration required.

July 4 – Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 until 3. Register on-line. July 13-14 – Blueberry Festival from noon until 4:30. Cost is free. No registration required. Live music, special ice cream treats, u-pick blueberries, blueberry baked goods.

Events at Hollabaugh Brothers in July
Every Wednesday Morning at 9 and again at 10:30 – Learn Grow – Cost is $7 first child, $6 each additional child in a family. No registration required. Most appropriate for ages 3 to 7. Adventures, Experiments and Other Exploits – Every Thursday at 10. Last 1.5 hours. Cost is $15/child. Registration IS required.

July 4 – Family Cooking Class – Christmas Cookies in July – 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: $4 per child; no registration is required.

July 19 – Kids’ Night: Summer Celebration – 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is $4 per child; no registration is required.

July 21 – Paint A-Long Event: Pineapple Pleasure – 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is $55 which includes supplies and a light refreshment.

July 25 – Adult Cooking Class – Canning Peaches – 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $30. Registration required.

For more information visit www.Hollabaughbros.com
Family Storytime – Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and every Thursday at 2 p.m. Listen to stories, ask questions, and participate in hands-on activities and discover what it takes to be a bee astronomer. STEM Monday (Grades K-5) – Mondays, July 1 & 15, 4 – 5 p.m. – LEOGO! WeDo, 7/15: Engineering. Imaginarium (Ages 0-11) – Thursday, July 11, 18, 25, 10 – noon. Explore and learn as a family.

DIY Galaxy Tee (Grades 6-12) – Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. Create a story, ask questions, and take pictures with the Census Bureau.

Employment Opportunities – Tuesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 1 – 2 p.m. Lab volunteers will be available to help. Formats accepted: mini DV tapes, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, photos, slides, and negatives. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Department of Education.

An Introduction to Taiko: The Art of Japanese Drumming (Grades K-6) – Thursday, July 18, 1 p.m. 

An Introduction to Martial Arts with Thurmont Martial Arts (Grades 4-7) – Friday, July 26, 1 p.m., learn some basic moves in this introductory lesson.

Open Memory Lab – Sunday, July 28, 2 p.m. Local drummer, Mark H. Rooney, will present a blend of full-body drumming based in the Japanese tradition.

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The Board of Education of Frederick County (BOE) is excited to announce the new Office of the Ombuds which will be fully operational by early July 2019. Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) is one of four Maryland school systems (Baltimore City, Howard, and Montgomery County) that offers an ombuds office. In November 2018, the BOE approved Policy 107, the Office of the Ombuds, with a focus of relevant, accurate, timely, transparent responses and services at the highest level of customer service, and attentiveness to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to address issues or concerns. With this in mind, the BOE hired its first Ombuds, Sabrina Nail, to serve as a diverse population and growing community for the best possible outcome. The Ombuds are well-regarded and expanding the community by listening to and understanding concerns, providing information about FCPS resources and guiding you to navigate the process for the best possible outcome. The Ombuds does not replace other policies tools to resolve problems and conflicts, but rather supplements those tools, provides resources, and fosters collaboration. In doing so, the Office of the Ombuds will promote a culture committed to thriving partnerships, open avenues of communication, and provide continuous improvement with the BOE and wider community. The Office of the Ombuds will recommend possible strategies to the BOE to improve the effectiveness of FCPS educational outcomes and organizational efficiency.

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Way Off Broadway Youth Theatre

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Sophomore Year
One small step to secure

Harry Scherer
MSMU Class of 2022

A giant leap. That is exactly what the lunar landing was. I can still remember learning about it as a small child. There were picture books about the planets, and the moon always had an American flag sticking out of it. Curiously enough, I only remember the name of Neil Armstrong, though there were two astronauts at the time: Armstrong and another man named Buzz Aldrin.

In 1969, Apollo 11 flew out the first two people ever to set foot on the moon. While in itself, the action was momentous. It also signaled for the end of the Space Race. The Space Race is a 14-year competition between the Soviet Union and the United States. It was basically a race to see who would dominate space first.

At the same time, the Cold War, a rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, was at its peak. The Cold War was a conflict of ideologies and political systems between the Western powers (led by the United States) and the Eastern powers (led by the Soviet Union)

During a time when country loyalty was not only dry patriotism, but an all-time high, America desperately needed a win against the Soviets. As a result of this, President John F. Kennedy introduced a proposal that stated, “before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth, America had the capability to do that.”

In its foundation, the reason for the race wasn’t just to show that the United States was superior, even if its actuality that had not been entirely true. And when challenged by the Soviet’s to prove their adequacy in space, the United States had to step up to the plate. At the same time, the two countries were in the middle of the Cold War. The Cold War was a conflict between the two superpowers of the world, the United States and the Soviet Union. The Cold War was fought by both countries through proxy wars, economic sanctions, and propaganda. The Cold War lasted from 1947 to 1991.

Twice, the Soviets beat America. The first loss was Sputnik, the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth. It was launched on October 4, 1957 and caused fear that the Soviets would eventually be able to launch ballistic missiles into space. The second loss was when the Soviets were successful in sending the first person to orbit space in a spacecraft. Her name was Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin.

The reaction to form the body as a fighting force would likely be seen as a response to the emerging threats from adversarial powers. In June 2018, Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, the head of U.S. Cyber Command, also a vital and much-needed win for man to the moon, what can we not do?” Now, the question has shifted to “man to the moon and returning, the rest of the world has done the same. We fail to recognize that just because we have stopped, it does not mean that the same cannot be done by others. This anniversary let us remember that we have every capability and opportunity to become the leaders of the world. The Space Race was just a glimpse into how great we can be when we push beyond our boundaries and reach towards our greatest potential.

As President Kennedy stated in his “Urgent National Needs” speech on May 25, 1961, “…it will not be one man going to the Moon... but it will be an entire nation. For all of us must work to put him there.” In this same way, we must all strive towards this goal. We should all work together, unite, and realize that what makes America great again is its ability to come together, support one another, and achieve its goals.

This 50th anniversary, let us take a giant leap in the right direction. We are America. The country that has led the world forward, time and time again. We are America. The country that spearheaded discovery and creation with the understanding that leading the way into the future is one way we would become the best again. We are America. We produced the first man on the moon. And our discoveries will not end there.

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LEAP FOR MANKIND - JULY 20, 1969

Senior Year
Looking to the future

Morgan Rooney
MSMU Class of 2020

I would be surprised if every child who was able did not lay on the grass and watch the moon. You could see the sky at some point. It is beautiful to lay down in the grass and stare in awe at all the stars and galaxies that are visible to the naked eye. I remember when I was a young kid and my dad bought me my very first telescope. I was overjoyed and we spent many hours looking up at the stars and the moon. I even remember commenting on the surface of the moon, thinking that it looked like the Death Star that I had recently seen in Star Wars just a few days prior. The moon seemed so far away. I can imagine for a child of an earlier generation, going to see the moon was only something to daydream about, or maybe even write a fiction story about. For newer generations, this dream seems so much more realistic.

On July 20, 1969, man reached a milestone that one could only dream of prior. Millions of Americans remember hearing the words that the Eagle had landed. America had truly done it. America landed on the moon. Not only did we win the Cold War, but we defeated the USSR, and all the other countries in awe as Neil Armstrong took mankind’s very first steps on the moon.

The Graduate
Keep leaping, America
Shea Rowell
MSMU Class of 2019

On July 20, 1969, the United States accomplished the impossible; they sent a team of astronauts to the moon, and two men, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, walked on its dusty, cratered surface for the first time in history. The lunar landing was the event of the decade—some may say the century, and it was America’s way to prove her power to the world and to herself during the Cold War, a time of national fear and doubt. The strange truth is that the event which was once considered impossible is now taken for granted. My peers and I were raised in a scientific world for which walking on the moon was just a “first step.” The National Space Program has moved further than the moon probing Mars, and the images of stars in the various stages of their formation, piecing together a model of our galaxy and others. The universe is not merely the stars we have imagined in 1969, and our exploration has given us knowledge of our universe and our place in it.

The fifty-year-old memories, stored in my mind, of watching the original broadcast with Walter Cronkite, I could see the reaction of the newswoman which was not much different from what my grandmother described. They looked excited, overjoyed, and most of all, filled with anticipation. I’m sure that godliness that the men expressed was not exclusive to them but spread throughout the entire nation. During this time, the future was going to be in space, which was now in our grasp.

Now, however, there definitely seems to have been a shift. When I think about the future, I honestly don’t know what to think. Will it be a world taken over by AI (even more than it already has been)? Will the space program abandon its mission to land on the moon that we will no longer be able to thrive in? Will space exploration continue to the point that we create our own “sci-fi films”?

I know it isn’t always fair to compare different parts of a timeline because of the advantages and disadvantages. I know that I am very privileged because of where I was born and the time I was born but I wish that everyone else was able to experience this “in today” also has its drawbacks. We live in a time where we can have all the information in the palm of our hands in a matter of seconds. It is easy for me, myself, to forget about the things that I was like in the past. It is all in a device I keep in my pocket where I have immediate access to every type of knowledge. When I take a step and look at the world I’m living in, I realize that it truly is being taken over by this information that can be used however you see fit. This has its drawbacks too, as certain people become a walking zombie that cannot spend a moment away from their phone. I like to think that I am not like this but I know I definitely plead guilty in certain situations. It seemed like we live in a different world now based on what I have been told by the older generations. Some things have improved, others have changed for the worse. It wouldn’t be fair to choose one side over the other when there are so many things to consider.

We have all of this information at the push of a button, but at this time, it is obvious that we are not pursuing this travel to expand outside our own world. We aren’t currently prepared to find our way back to the moon or elsewhere. Our hearts and minds are not looking ahead to a future in outer space, or perhaps it is the country in this case. The dream that we all had at one time seems to be dwindling as we get older. Maybe I try to think with more realistic goals in mind, but often I forget the importance of aiming high. Aiming beyond our very own atmosphere and into space. I believe we still have potential in space, even if it doesn’t seem like we are headed in that direction.

The moon landing was an important win for our country and it certainly wasn’t our last.

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The most iconic photos taken of the 1969 Moon landing was Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, saluting the American flag he had just planted on the lunar surface.
Valerie McPhail  
MSU class of 2015

When I think of the beach, Miami comes to mind. A fashion city by its own standard – The Webster on Collins Avenue, Designer Rene Ruiz, and Art Basel Art Fair – are building the beach oasis into a trendy patron of the arts. And yet, I measure the city for other reasons. The sweet smell of Cuban coffee each morning, toasted salty air saturated with homemade guava pastes, coconut pastries homemade from a local bakery, and bright yellow mangos for breakfast introduced me to a culture that lived with different interests.

Among such delights was the beach. South Beach was always the final destination, the time in between was occupied by trips to Condado Park, Key Biscayne, places that always existed by its own rhythm, a leisurely pace unknown to Biscayne, places that always existed by its nation; the time in between was occupied by different interests. Among such delights was the beach.

South Beach was always the final destination, the time in between was occupied by trips to Condado Park, Key Biscayne, places that always existed by its own rhythm, a leisurely pace unknown to Biscayne. And today continues to orchestrate a unique beat for clothing lines in chain stores such as Target, or your local pharmacy. - CVS is a supplier of its products. As someone who spent her early twenties dressed in sweatshirts for the beach, I found Sun Burn as a comfortable alternative to commercial sun protection products. I found my answer, a vegan, cruelty free, and paraben free product that smells like bananas and coconuts. It has released all fears and is a staple made for the beach to throw over the swimsuit, go for a run along the shore or for adventures out at sea. The style is offered in a variety of classic colors - black or grey are my instant picks.

Outdoor Voices and Teva Sandals

Teva Sandals are making a comeback. The Hurricane XLT2 Collaboration with athletic brand, Outdoor Voices. The label launched the classic sandal to a colorful, yet minimalist modern day form. According to Forbes, Outdoor Voices started as CEO and Founder Tyler Haney’s thesis project. She led her brand to influence a level as one of the Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2016 among like-successful entrepreneurs in Retailers and E-commerce. The footwear collaboration with American label Teva, active since 1984, kindles a united spirit for adventure. Close to fully selling out at the Outdoor Voices stores New York City Flagship, one of my favorite shops to visit in Soho Shopping District, I snagged the last female pair that was colorized by ocean shades of aqua, lavender, and lime. The collection is also offered in men’s sizing in a color scheme of ruby red, ultramarine and pearl. The strapping foot ware brand has made resurgence on the fashion scene this summer tied to a fresh minimalist style shared by Outdoor Voices. Take no more steps further to find your beach sandal this summer.

Net and Straw bags

Perhaps the embodiment of summer accessories comes packed in a straw bag. As typically the case with trends, last summer’s fling has resurfaced. Just as not in the same form as the fisherman net bag you could purchase on Amazon, or Ulla Johnson’s straw mini tote. Rather, this summer introduces brands to the scene such as Sensi Studio, Kooreloo, Sophie Anderson, and Mercedes Salazar, niche labels with high price that reinvent the wheel on how a beach bag is approached. These labels have each independently created a name with adding a fresh perspective to a classic staple. The net bag is a newer design to the fashion world, as they have been popularized as everyday bags – accompanying you everywhere from Trader Joes, the farmers market, or the park. Along with the trend that “saves your spot on the beach” — or even discussions on the beach towel that “saves your spot on the beach” — or even discussions on the beach towel that “saves your spot on the beach” – or even discussions on whether to pack a one piece or two-piece suit — will never cease in the ocean, the sweet spot in beachwear will also rise from a need for functionality.

The difference between summer fashion and beach fashion is a definitive line for necessity. As fashion forms out of trends and styles, beachwear has and will also rise from a need for functionality. As for long as beach-goers pack their swimsuits and towels for a dip in the ocean, the sweet spot in beachwear will be to find clothing that deviates the experience. Debates over beach towels or blankets utilized to mark our territory will never fade. The decision that will lead you to feel the best and most comfortable in your own skin is to be made. This rule shall never fade.
Brown’s Jewelry store to to close doors

A cornerstone at 9 Water Street and the epitome of true community customer service, Brown’s Jewelry and Gift Store, owner and operator by Mr. John W. Brown will officially close its doors at the end of the year after 40 years of business.

It is with a heavy heart that Brown and his daughter, Stacey Brown-Hobbs, have decided to give notice. “The internet has just killed small businesses. And I am one of those,” Brown said. Potential jewelry buyers are now one click away from getting that special gem for a loved one. They miss out on the full experience.

Brown’s Jewelry has always provided the most efficient and friendliest customer service. They have pre-selected jewelry for customers specially seeking last minute Christmas gifts for their wives or mothers. “In the 80s we had a microscope for a husband to present to his wife on Christmas morning. The shop has always put customer service at the top of the business model and many locals remember just how caring Brown has been for others and the community.

The townsmen have never been shy and his daughter, Stacey, are of the community and the support that they have always given to him and the store. “There are not many places you can go and have this kind of community support,” he said.

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With the store closing at the end of the year, Mr. Brown will sell the building and everything in the shop. The entire store is 40% off and will drop down to 50% off in September. Be sure to stop by Brown’s Jewelry Store located at 9 Water Street and experience the extraordinary customer service provided by Mr. Brown and the staff before the doors close for ever and Water Street sparkles a little less.

Exploring Gettysburg with National Park Rangers

Gettysburg National Military Park’s free summer interpretive program series offers a chance to learn about the people and places that made history during the Battle of Gettysburg. Hike the fields of Pickett’s Charge, explore the rocky summit of Little Round Top, reflect on the woods of the Gettysburg Address, and much more on these Ranger guided experiences. New offerings will appeal to first timer and repeat visitors alike.

African American History Hike: On Freedom’s Tenacious Edge - From their involvement with the Underground Railroad, to their experiences during the fighting and in aftermath, explore the impact of the battle upon Gettysburg’s African American community, and discover the fascinating lives of those who called this place home.

Then and Now, The Photographs of Devils Den - We will see our Then and Now web page to tell the story of the aftermath of the battle around Devils Den. Stand where the photographers stood when they captured their iconic pictures.

The Face of Battle: The Soldier’s Experience - Over 160,000 soldiers participated in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discover the story of just one, follow in his footsteps across the battlefield, and learn why he fought and what he encountered at Gettysburg. These programs take place in three different locations throughout the battlefield. McPherson Ridge, Spangler Spring, and the Wheatfield.

Mystery History Guest - Meet a ranger in historic costume portraying someone from 1863 Gettysburg. Hear their story, learn a new skill, or see their equipment. Afterwards, take up the challenge to follow in their footsteps in a self-guided Battlefield adventure. Perfect for families with children ages 5-12.

Cannonfire to Your Door! Join the Artillery - On July 3, 1863, over 200 Union and Confederate cannon opened fire in one of the largest artillery duels of the war. Become part of a gun crew as you discover the role artillery played during the Battle of Gettysburg. Rangers from Eisenhower National Historic Site will also offer special programs on Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower and their connection with Gettysburg.

Hike with Ike - Explores Gettysburg through the Eisenhower’s eyes. Learn about their long history with the town, from Ike’s first trip to Gettysburg to his and Mamie’s days as retired president and first lady.

Tourism to Gettysburg NMP creates $87.5 Million

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 992,025 visitors to Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site in 2018 spent $64 million in communities near the two parks. That spending supported 812 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of $87.5 million.

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Callamata Thomas and Egan Cormack of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows $20.2 billion of direct spending by visitors to all national parks in 2017. The NPS report is available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: https://www.nps.gov/support/social-science/vse.htm.

To learn more about national parks in Pennsylvania and how the National Park Service works with Pennsylvania communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/pennsylvania.
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The season will kick off in September – its Gettysburg debut with A Very Mountainfilm Festival. This international film festival features traditional and contemporary films that explore adventure, environment, and the human spirit. The festival takes place each year following the Telluride Mountainfilm Festival, held in Telluride, Colorado.

Way Off Broadway announces 2019/2020 season

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NASAl and Art? Who knew?

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A s the 50th year anniversary of the Moon Landing of Apollo 11 approaches, we as a society should reflect upon the advancements, as well as the future expansion of our capabilities scientifically and technologically over the years. As a young person having grown up in the American Education system post 2000, there are many things that are surprisingly left out of the curriculum that are quite unfortunate. One of the most important and the details behind the moon landing. Yes, I learned that it happened and I know the infamous names Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. However, in preparation for this article, I really wanted to learn more about the Apollo 13 space trip because we saw the movie in class one day.

Also, I would say that the medical art studies I was exposed to, or the emphasis on choosing between math and science verses arts. Nevertheless, the extensive art program NASA sponsored was nothing I had never heard of until digging around in preparation for this article. This goes to show just how detached from recent history young people are. The world is at our fingertips, but that is no use if its existence is unknown.

Furthermore, it has been shared with me recently that America can no longer put a man on the moon. This astonishes me. How is it that with all the technological and scientific advancements, we no longer can accomplish a feat where we had once been champions? With this newfound knowledge and even more disappointing in the education system, I decided I needed to do some more research on my own.

After a not so difficult google search, I learned from NASA’s official website that under James Webb’s time as NASA’s administrator came with a beautiful array of artistic work on the shuttle launches, astronauts, and more outer space inspired pieces. Under his leadership during the race to space, he created the NASA Art Program. The art program in NASA officially began in 1962. Much of the accomplishments that came out of this program were due to the first director of the Art Program James Dean. Having seen the value in artistic influence on society, NASA hired artists to create their experience of various events. They were paid $800 for their work. As time went on, the program soon expanded to music, poetry, and more.

The first project the Arts Program did was in the last Mercury launch in 1963 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The artists present were Peter Hurd, George W swelling, Paul Calle, Robert McCall, Robert Shore, Lamar Dodd and John McCoy. The artists were given an amazing backstory pass so that would not normally be open to the public. They were able to experience and witness the preparations for liftoff at the base. The exhibit showcasing the art from this experimental program opened at the National Gallery of Art in 1965. 70 works from 15 artists were on display for the world to see. The program was proving itself to be a success and that first exhibit was the jumping off point for many more to come.

Obviouslly the biggest event to happen for the program was the moon landing in 1969. The event and its lead up, artists were able to access more than one location and be exposed to more preparations and historical events. For example, we were able to go to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, be a part of the mission picking up the astronauts from the ocean, as well as seeing firsthand the going on’s at the Kennedy Space Center. There were many more artists involved including Andy Washol, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz, Ellen Levy, to name a few. In keeping with the trend of major differences from the last affair, artists were not given a lot of time to get their works together. This time they had only four months until November that same year.

The nearly 3,000 art pieces from this monumental time period in NASA’s history can be found in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. and NASA’s personal archives.

There was a full in the number of projects throughout the 1970’s and 80’s the coincided with the lack of missions NASA had. In the 1990’s Bert Uthok took the reins of the NASA Art Program and guided the artistic direction toward film and photography. In addition Patti LaBelle produced “Way Up There,” a Grammy nominated song for the lost Colombia astronaut crew.

As expected, the program has even more artists involved including Andy Washo, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz, Ellen Levy, to name a few. Having such an esteemed institution value the works of artists truly spreads the message of importance in the artwork they produce. It is a shame the world has come away from this by pushing STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) and pushing aside art. NASA’s embrace of the wide range of styles, mediums, and interpretations should be a model for other science based institutions to create a bridge between historic scientific breakthroughs and events and the average citizen while also setting an example validating artistic career paths.

The information shared throughout this article could have been taught in a classroom for about 20 minutes along with a slide show and its exposure could have touched the lives of countless children. But unfortunately it is not. These disconnected with artistry and how it can aid society and can live peacefully with science is not on the schedule these days. Which begs the question, why? There must be some correlation with the terrible state the education system is in, disrespect for artistry and its importance.

The world is changing, but is it for the better? I suppose this question is subjective in the present, but one day history will look at the early 21st century and judge us with a critical eye.
Smoke on the Mountain
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Totem Pole Playhouse

Totem Pole Playhouse, America’s summer theatre, located in Caledonia State Park between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, PA has announced the return of Smoke on the Mountain one of the best-loved and most audience-requested musica l in the 69-year history of the venerable Playhouse. The hugely popular Bluegrass Gospel stage musical was first presented during the 1997 season and was so successful it returned again the next year in 1998. The show will feature the same score of well-known bluegrass-inspired Gospel standards as the production 22 years ago but with a new set designed by Totem Pole’s veteran scenic designer, James Fouchard, costumes designed by Gettysburg College’s Costume Designer and Theatre Arts Adjunct Instructor, Juli Beuhler, and lighting designed by Jeremy Mayo. David Caldwell, who appeared in the cast of the original 1997 Totem Pole production is directing, musical directing and staging the 2019 version. Caldwell directed last season’s productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Mamma Mia!, the latter of which broke Totem Pole’s all-time box office record with over $300,000.00 in ticket sales. Caldwell also has the distinction of having directed over 30 productions of Smoke on the Mountain across the U.S. The seven person cast features local physician, Ken Griggs, from Chambersburg Imaging. Griggs, who recently moved to the area, was approached by Totem Pole’s Producing Artistic Director, Rowan Joseph, to join the cast of professional actors from New York and around the country to portray the role of uncle ‘Stanley Sanders.’

Madison Hagler, who played ‘Naphtali’ one of the 12 brothers in Totem Pole’s production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat last season, returns in the role of ‘Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe,’ pastor of the fictional Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where the play takes place. Playing the rest of the Sanders Family Singers are New York based actors, Julia Hoffmann and Caleb Adams, as the twins ‘Denise and Dennis Sanders,’ Malka Wallick as their sister, ‘June Sanders,’ and Alison Rose Munn as Ma ‘ Vera Sanders.’ Kansas City based actor, Michael Amoroso, plays the family’s patriarch, ‘Burl Sanders.’ Smoke on the Mountain tells the story of a Saturday Night Gospel Sing at a country church in North Carolina’s Smoky Mountains in 1938. The show features 24 rousing bluegrass songs played and sung by the Sanders Family, a traveling group making its return to performing after a five-year hiatus. Pastor Oglethorpe, the young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, has enlisted the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into “the modern world.” Between songs, each family member “witnesses” - telling the story about an important event in their life. Songs include “No Tears in Heaven,” “Wonderful Time Up There,” “I’m Taking A Flight,” and “I’ll Fly Away.”

As with all Totem Pole’s productions the first three performances are half-price previews with tickets $25.00 and seating general admission. Additionally, this summer, Totem Pole instituted a new “Date Night Special” with patrons offered 50% off a second pair of tickets when they purchase one pair at full-price. The production opens this Sunday at 2pm with the audience invited to greet the cast and enjoy some summer refreshments after the show as part of admission. Tickets, gift certificates and a variety of subscriptions packages are on sale now by calling the Totem Pole Playhouse Box Office Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 717-352-2164.
Summer training commences
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Summer vacation, while mostly a period of exciting trips and relaxation, is the prime time for Catoctin High School’s fall athletes to condition. After school, this group of kids had a jump start on prepar ing for the upcoming season.

Sports pertaining to running have especially encouraged training throughout the summer. Specifically, runners fresh out of track and field are determined to keep up on their fitness for the approaching cross country season. Whether training as a group or individually, runners like senior Emma Strickland, and junior Kellie Romert, make sure they are not underprepared for the new season.

Kevin Dorsey, who participated in three State Championships as a Cougar, will be the new head coach for the boys’ cross country team. In fact, most of his non- sport experience coaching youth soccer, and knowledge gained from having coached some of the high school’s soccer program, has had organized training for months. Just as they have done in past years, coaches Robert Phelan and Kevin Smith have taken it upon themselves to provide training to both new recruits and returning players.

Since May, the two have been holding mandatory after-school prac tices open to anyone interested in high school soccer. There, new stu dents were able to receive some guidance as to how they should prepare for their freshman year of fall athletics. The transitioning freshmen were also able to meet upperclassmen already familiar with the soccer program.

Although Coach Phelan is taking a year off from coaching, he still utilizes after-school training as an opportunity to offer counsel to newer players. Even though he breaks from coaching the game, he is still very present and active within the program and plans to continue being as future months.

Smith, who was the assistant coach to Phelan throughout the previous year, will be taking over as head coach for the upcoming season. Additionally, the boys will have a new assistant coach as well. Kevin Felichko, a father of one of the soon-to-be sophomores on the team, will be joining Smith as an assistant coach for the boys’ team. Both of the newer coaches and Phelan have hopes to expand the soccer program as much as possible. “We’re aiming to bring back the junior varsity program this season,” Phelan con veyed, “that will really help with player development and growth of the soccer program in the school.” Their wishes to attract a larger crowd to the soccer fields will hopefully result in a future of winning seasons for the boys.

The coaches have not only been giving the players opportunities for summer training, but also chances to improve their skill with a ball. This year’s camp, which took place in the last week of June, was the second Catoctin soccer camp that was organized by Challenger Sports. The organization sends elite coaches from a variety of international countries to Catoctin so that campers can get the most out of the week-long event. For both returning and incoming players, the camp was a great opportunity to further develop soccer skills, especially since the instructors have so much experience with the sport.

Not only is the camp beneficial to players’ abilities, but it also strengthens and builds relationships with their future teammates. To the coaches, this factor is just as important as fitness and skill level. The relationships and posi tions between both soccer teams are what make the program the strongest, even on days when the teams may be disappointed by the outcome of a game. The energy within the athletes constantly stays high, and the smiles never seem to disappear.

Like the boys’ team, the girls’ soccer program has also been without a junior varsity team for the past couple of years. Knowing this, Phelan has also made it a priority to attract more girls to the sport. Even though he has not had a chance for the boys’ team, his involvement with the girls’ team is no less than it is with the boys. In fact, most of his non-mandatory practices are co-ed, so that both teams can adapt to higher levels of competition. Additionally, the scrim maes he holds at the end of practices allow both teams to get used to game-like situations.

On days when Phelan, Smith, or Felichko cannot hold training, the girls’ head coach, Megan Olsen, will organize group conditioning sessions. Olsen, an alumna from Catoctin High School herself, will have been the head coach for two years in a row after this season. Her personal expe rience as a soccer player has lead her to continue her soccer career into her adult life and coach the team she once played for. Also, her personal love for running and fitness keeps the girls on their toes and gives the team a physical advantage over teams whose stamina is not as advanced.

Just like the boys’ team, the girls’ soccer program has also had some changes in coaching. In need of an assistant coach, the school hired Dave Zentz to help Olsen in training the team. As a father of two girls on the soccer team, Zentz is already very familiar with the program, and eager to provide his input on the team’s strategy. Like Olsen, he is also a big advocate for personal fit ness, and will see to it that the girls are prepared for the continuous weeks of competition. He has also had lots of experience coaching youth soccer, and even coached some of the high schoolers when they were younger. Zentz is expected to be a great addition to the coaching staff, and the girls look for ward to having him contribute his ideas to the team.

Having gone completely defeated for the past two years in a row, the girls’ soccer team’s main goal is to take some victories from their opponents. With two years of rebuilding behind them, they intend to put all of their hard work to use and have a strong season. Either way, the girls look forward to enjoying the sport they love the most. Additionally, the boys’ team has also gone the last season without a win, and in return has spent the past year working to correct their weaknesses. Along with their intentions to build a junior var sity team, the boys aspire to win at least a few games, and take to the fields ready to challenge their competition.

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Exercise to build your checking account

Renee Lehman

In the May article discussing the concept of Inborn Qi (Savings Account) and Acquired Qi (Checking Account), Grand Master Nan Lu was quoted, “If you break a human law, you go to jail. If you break a Natural Law, you go to the hospital.” If we don’t follow Natural Law, and we deplete our energetic reserves, then we are more likely to feel worn out and get sick.

Your energy, or Qi (pronounced chee), is the Universal life force that gives all things life. Qi runs through everything in nature. It poors and enslaves us and makes each one of us unique.

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You cannot be increased throughout your life. Once it is gone your life has reached its end. Some individuals are born with a huge allocation of Inborn Qi while others were born with a small allocation of Inborn Qi. Another way of saying this is that some people are born with a large candle and others with a small candle. Still, even if you do not have much Inherited Qi, you can create a healthy, joyful, and peaceful life. How, you ask? By building the amount of Acquired Qi. Acquired Qi is the Qi that you develop and build upon on a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly basis through the quality of your lifestyle habits. You can increase your Acquired Qi throughout your entire lifespan!

Most people recognize that it is important to exercise to maintain good health, but they may not know the best forms of exercise to build their Acquired Qi.

Many forms of modern exercise, i.e., running and any intense exercise programs, really waste more Qi than they build. These forms of exercise create health and well-being, but they may not move correctly, it will fall over. The cow will likely get hurt. The cow always seems to land safely on its feet. You see, TCM states that strength comes from the tendons and not the muscles. Be like a cat that is strong, agile, and flexible. Don’t be like a cow, which has huge muscles, but little real strength.

Another thing to consider is not over-exercise. What do I mean by that? Consider the following example. Can you see yourself in this example?

You have a stressful job, and after working, you go to the gym and further push your body. You are already tired, and you are already low in energy. However, you think you need to exercise to stay fit. So, what do you do? You force your body, you push it. Because the body needs to survive, it will push this way. But where does the energy come from? You go to your body’s Inborn Qi (Savings Account) and withdraw the energy out of this Account to finish the exercise. After exercising, you may say, “I feel a release of stress!” That may be true because you just released a lot of stress from your body. However, on the energetic level, you just used up valuable Qi and if you don’t allow the body to rest, your Qi will become more unbalanced.

If you continue to push and push, your body will give you signs that it is out of balance. You may develop pains, sports injuries or exhaustion. These signs are your body’s way of saying, “Hey, I need a rest, I need healing, don’t push!” But often we don’t listen. We continue to push the body. Rather than overworking your body, and withdrawing from your Qi Accounts, consider how you can “exercise” in a way that is more in harmony with Natural Law. Wouldn’t it make sense to do the things that actually increase the Universal Life Force (Life-giving and Life-enhancing Qi)? What types of exercises can make energy deposits into your Qi Accounts?

The exercises should be water-like, soft and not hard (think about the fact that our bodies are close to 70% water). By doing exercises like this you will be acting in harmony with Natural Law. Go for a walk in nature. Begin a meditation practice. Try non-competitive swimming. Begin a healing meditative exercise practice like Yoga, Taiji or Qigong. Meditation has been shown to create positive changes in the areas of the brain linked with emotion. It also increases immune function and blood flow, decreases blood pressure, and generally lowers heart rate. Qigong incorporates gentle movements that stretch your body’s ligaments and muscles and help your Qi to move more smoothly throughout your body. When your Qi flows freely and smoothly, you become healthier and more balanced.

Taiji and Qigong forms of movement are slow (if not stationary), peaceful and resonate with the water-like frequency of the body. These forms of exercise create health from the inside out.

All of these “exercises” will heal the body and the mind, so that you reach a healthy level of stress-relief and find your unique state of balance.

As Grand Master Lu has said: “It’s interesting that well-trained athletes can have exceptional difficulty holding the most basic Qigong postures for more than a few minutes. What’s going on when this happens? It is the quantity and quality of internal energy that is lacking. From the TCM perspective, Qi is the origin of true strength and power as well as genuine health—body, mind, and spirit.”

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Being sedentary affects your health

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I have written about the importance of an active lifestyle in almost every article because it is so essential to a long, healthy way of life. Changing seasons and weather can affect how we feel. When the time changes and it gets dark early we tend to sit watching TV more. During the summer when it stays daylight later it is easier to get more exercise.

Sitting is the fastest way to lose energy, flexibility, strength and a sharp mind. Leading a sedentary lifestyle is an easy habit to develop but will take away your ability to live the life you enjoy very quickly. We all have to make adjustments in our workload and activity level as we get older but that doesn't mean sitting in your favorite chair all day watching TV. Getting a little more sleep and maybe taking a few more short breaks during the day is natural as we age. We find we cannot keep going as long or working as hard as we used to but definitely not sitting and watching the world go buy.

Retirement is a time to enjoy the hobbies we always wanted to do but did not have the time while working, enjoying more time with family and friends and just taking a little time for ourselves. Doing all the things I just mentioned can keep our bodies moving and healthy, even if we slow down just a bit. I realize sometimes health problems affect how much we can do and may slow us down faster than we anticipated. Even if you find yourself facing something you did not intend, try to find a way to keep motivated and do whatever you can to get some exercise. Moving will usually help you feel better and get back on your feet a little faster, even if you can only start slowly.

Getting older cannot be slowed down but feeling older definitely can. Regular exercise like walking, swimming, dancing and golfing will keep your muscles and bones in good shape. Going to the gym or meeting friends for an outing will keep you active in both body and mind. Seniors who participate in organized activities like going to the senior centers, playing cards, bowling or anything that gets you out of the house and involved with others seem to have more energy and feel younger.

Many people who sit at home and do not interact with others find themselves feeling depressed and losing the energy and mobility they used to have. The best advice I have ever heard for someone who is thinking about retiring is to make a plan for what you are going to do. Be sure to have a hobby or something that will keep you busy and engaged in life. I know it sounds great to have nothing to do and be able to just relax but I also know that a person can feel lost when they wake up one morning and have no job to go to. All of a sudden you feel you have no purpose and realize you don't know what to do now.

Everything I have been writing is not just geared toward seniors. Everybody, no matter what age needs to exercise and lead an active lifestyle in order to keep their health thriving. Children, teens, adults and seniors will all benefit from keeping busy and moving. The sooner you start moving the longer you will be able to live the active life you enjoy and be able to keep going with ease as you age.

For further information or any questions please call 717-334-6009.
The night sky of July

Professor Wayne Wooten

For July 2019, the new moon occurs on July 2nd. On the 3rd, the very young crescent lies below the planets Mars and Mercury in twilight, about 40 minutes after sunset. Use binoculars. The next evening the waxing crescent is to the upper left of the planets. Mars is fainter, to the right, and brighter Mercury to the left. The first quarter moon is on July 9th. The waxing gibbous moon is right of Jupi- ter on July 12, and to the left of it on July 13th. It is just to the right of Sat- urn on July 17th. The Hay Moon, is on July 16th, and gives a partial eclipse for observers on the other side of the world.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instru- ment to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoc- ulars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the sky. For July 2019, it will have a more extensive calen- dar, and list best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. There is also a video exploring the July sky from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: http://hubblestesite.com/explore/astro- nomy/sky_and Telescope.com has highlights at http://www.sky- and telescope.com/observing/astro- nomy-podcast/ for observing the sky each week of the month.

As I read the opening of this article, it occurred to me we always start with the different phases of the moon. But as we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon, I thought it would be fitting to run the photo taken by Jim Lovell of a ‘earthrise’ as seen from the moon. “The Earth from here is a grand oasis in the vastness of space.” – Jim Lovell, Apollo 8 astronaut

In July, Mercury, Venus, and Mars are all to close to the sun for conven- ience viewing, but the outer giants Jupiter and Saturn are at their best. Jupiter is well placed for evening observers in Ophiuchus. It was at opposition on June 5th, and is now well up in the SE as twilight falls. Any small scope will also spot its four Gal- ilean moons. The Great Red Spot is undergoing great changes now, per- haps disappearing? It should also be spotted among its clouds at 100X under small scopes. But the most beautiful object in the sky is Saturn, which came to opposi- tion in Sagittarius on July 9th. It is now quite as open as a last year. Look closely for its large moon Titan, and also per- haps for smaller moons Dione, Rhea, and Tethys. Download the program Stellarium at www.stellarium.org and you can zoom in on the planets to find the layout of the moons of Jupi- ter and Saturn at any moment. If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion is in the SW. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper’s handle, we “arc” SE to bright orange Arc- tus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much more powerful in its energy, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller gal- axy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky.

In the SW is the lovely Red Pleiades, marking the edge of the Milky Way. Use your binoculars to pick up many clusters in this rich region of our own Cygnus spiral arm rising now in the east.

Order bulbs now for fall planting, to get the best selection of variet- ies. Lots of spring-blooming bulbs are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and especially daffodils, which are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and especially daffodils, which are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and especially daffodils, which are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and especially daffodils, which are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocuses, and especially daffodils, which are deer-resistant.

To the east, Hercules is well up, and with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visi- ble in binoces. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from Carl Sagan’s novel and movie, “Con- tact”), rises in the NE as twilight deep- ens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. At the opposite end of the parallagma of Lyra is M-57, the Ring Nebula. Northeast of Lyra is Cygnus, the Swan, flying down the Milky Way. In bright star Deneb, at the top of the “northern cross” is one of the lumi- naries of the Galaxy, about 50,000 times more luminous than our Sun and around 3,000 light years distant. Under dark skies, note the “Great Rift”, a dark nebula in front of our solar system as we revolve around the core of the Milky Way in the Galactic Year of 250 million of our own years. To the south, Antares is well up as a setting sun in Scorpius. It lies in Aquila the Eagle, and is much closer than Deneb, it lies within about 13 light years of our Sun. Use your binoculars to pick up many clusters in this rich region of our own Cygnus spiral arm rising now in the east.

To the southwest, Spica is well up as a setting sun in Virgo, the “spice” because of the appearance of young bright stars. The bright star is Spica, which shows a binocular view of Mira, the variable star, which is the largest star in the sky, with a span of over 1,000 light years distant. To the east, Hercules is well up, and with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visi- ble in binoces. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from
Back up personal data

Aydin Steinaubach
Jester’s Computer

Most people recognize the importance of backing up important data like Pictures, documents, videos etc. Imagine that you could restore all of your data only to find that your bookmarks, saved passwords, address book and emails are all gone? Read on to find out what additional data you might want to manually preserve for later.

Web Browser Bookmarks/Favorites

If you’re like me, you’ve created a slew of folders and bookmarks within your browser to help you find specific websites page for later. If you’re using Internet explorer your bookmarks are stored in a folder called “Favorites” in your user folder. To navigate to this folder you would go to your file explorer, then to your C: drive, users and finally your Favorites folder. Other web browsers store their bookmarks within your AppData folder which is hidden by default (for a good reason) and we would recommend accessing that folder to backup your bookmarks, you can do so more safely from within the browser itself.

Google Chrome users can export their bookmarks by opening the browser and either by pressing Control+Shift+B, typing chrome://bookmarks in the address bar or, by clicking on the bookcase icon in the top right of the screen (just below the X to close the program). Placing your mouse over the “Bookmarks” option will produce a flyout menu where you can then select “Bookmark Manager”. From here, on the page itself click the 3 dots in the top right (not the 3 dots you clicked previously) and choose export bookmarks. This will open a save dialog box where you can choose where to save a copy of your bookmarks.

Firefox users can export their bookmarks by opening the browser and either by pressing Control-Shift+B, or by clicking the bookcase icon in the top right of the screen (just below the minimize button). Then click on “bookmarks” and then “Show all bookmarks” at the bottom of that menu. Right-click will open and you can then click on import and backup. Here you have the option for both backup and export bookmarks to HTML. Choosing backup will give you the option to save an HTML file which includes all of your Firefox data including settings, bookmarks and passwords. Choosing export bookmarks to HTML will allow you to save just a backup of your bookmarks.

Before opening Edge and click on the three horizontal dots and then click on settings. Scrollling down will reveal an option under Accounts called “device sync settings”. Going here will provide you with the power to choose what data is stored and what data syncs between devices.

Address Books

If you access your email by going to a website in a web browser, or by using an app that is specific to your email service (for example, Gmail, Yahoo!, Mail, etc) any contacts that you save or email will automatically be saved to your account and will be accessible any time you login. If you’re using an application such as Outlook, Windows Live mail, or Thunderbird your address book will not be retained even if you are using an IMAP account. The steps to backup your address book can vary depending on the program you are using. Typically, once you are in your address book, you will see an option to export your address book somewhere within the same screen. If you don’t want to potentially re-create your address book you should determine the best method of saving a copy of that data manually.

Emails – Most people are using the IMAP protocol to access their email. IMAP simply means that any data that you are seeing on your device, is located on the server. If you are still using the POP protocol your email is being saved on your device and, unless settings are set to keep a copy of emails on the server, your emails will be lost if you don’t have them saved elsewhere. There are different methods of saving your emails for different programs, if you are concerned that you might lose your emails in the event your device crashes, you should determine the best option to retain that information.

If you have questions about the suggestions made above, or if you would like technical support you can contact us at Jester’s Computer Services at 717-642-6611 or customerservice@jesterscomputers.com. Online we can be found at www.jesterscomputers.com.
UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4
Gettysburg's 4th of July Community Concert & Fireworks. Gettysburg College and its community partners are pleased to again present the 4th of July Patriotic Pops Concert and Fireworks, a fun and interactive family-friendly event. Ticket sale starts July 1 and will perform a concert featuring popular American tunes and marchers at 8:30pm. Immediately following the musical performance at 9:30pm, guests will have a front row view of the fireworks display sponsored by Destination Gettysburg. The concert stage will be located at Memorial Field on the campus of Gettysburg College.

Liberty Mt. Resort's Music On the Mountain - featuring D-Bo & special Independence Day celebration with fireworks. Enjoy free outdoor concerts at the base of the mountain, plus food from the Alpine BBQ and craft beers from a local brewing company! For more information call 717-642-8282 or visit www.libertymountainresort.com.

July 5, 6 & 7
Annual Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment. The smoke and flame of full scale artillery fire, the explosions and smell of black powder, smoke rings rising in the air, the districtounding of thunderous hooves and the martial clacks of mounted cold steel sabers will always be a highlight for both re-enactors and visitors at the annual Gettysburg Civil War Reenactment. Besides these popular battles, there will be field demonstrations, live mortar fire, a living history village, medical demonstration area and two large living history tents with continuous programs all day. For more information visit www.gettysburgreenactment.com.

July 6
Join the park as we commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy with military and civilian living history encampments. There will be hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Gain an understanding of historic small arms and light field artillery by attending firing demonstrations. For more information visit www.nps.gov/mono.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For more information visit www.setonshrine.org.

July 7
Music Gettysburg presents Internationale Festival Faculty Performance. For more information visit www.musicgettysburg.org or call 717-334-5212.

July 10

July 12
Strawberry Hill: Nature of the Battlefield - join Strawberry Hill naturalist for our popular “Animal Ambassadors” program. Knowledgeable staff will teach about our Ambassadors, both native to Pennsylvania and non-native, including turtles, snakes, and a barred owl! Nature of the Battlefield is part of the summer campfire series at the Gettysburg National Military Park, hosted at the Pitzer Woods Amphitheater. To learn more about Strawberry Hill and the programs we offer, visit www.StrawberryHill.org or call 717-642-5840.

July 13

Frederick County Master Gardeners seminar: Materials will be provided. UME Office, 330 Montevue Lane, (off Rosemont Avenue), Frederick. The Sonnen Shrine presents Frederick Symphony Orchestra Camerata Concert. We welcome everyone to join us to hear this talented group perform in our Basilica. For more information visit www.sonnenshrine.org.

July 13 & 14
Hollabaugh Brother’s 64th Anniversary Blueberry Festival. Will be featuring fresh blueberries and samples galore, delicious homemade blueberry baked goods, blueberry ice cream, special deals on produce, Pick-You-Own Blueberries, fun field activities and loads of yummy samples from our local vendors. While you’re here, check out our retail farm market offering fresh fruits, vegetables, gift items, homemade baked goods, ice cream, local foods and artisan goods, fruit gift baskets and more. I hope to see you there! For more information call 717-677-8412 or visit www.hollabaughbro.com.

July 17
UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18
Adams County Master Gardeners’s Garden Chats in the Trial Garden area at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Chats last about an hour. For more information call 717-334-6271.

Music, Gettysburg’s presents King’s Brass. For more information visit www.musicgettysburg.org or call 717-339-1354.

July 20
The 19th Annual Adams County Irish Festival will be held at Moose Park in Straban Township about 3½ miles east of Gettysburg. Musical entertainment features The Gothard Sisters and Barleyjuice with Irish-town Road, Irish Blessing and The Darby Beat rounding out the slate. There will also be performances by the Coyle School of Irish Dance plus all children’s shows. The Festival is presented by Adams County Ancient Order of Hibernians and benefits the Hibernian Hunger Project to assist local hunger-relief organizations. Moose Park of Gettysburg, 100 Moose Road, Gettysburg. For more information visit www.adamscountyirishfestival.org.

Gettysburg National Park’s 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landings at the Eisenhower farm. In recognition of President Eisenhower signing the act creating NASA, special family activities will focus on NASA and outer space. The Westminster Astronomical Society will be on site with astronomy and space displays, daytime solar viewing activities, and will offer a scale model solar system walk. A special junior ranger “Space Explorer” book developed by the National Park Service and NASA will be available to explore beyond Earth. For more information call 717-338-4423 or visit www.nps.gov/eise.

Strawberry Hill’s Nature Bingo Hike. Join Education Coordinator, Lizzy, for a family-friendly nature bingo hike! All participants will receive a bingo card to fill in as we hike the Nature Trail and Quarry Trail. For more information call 717-632-5840 or visit www.strawberryhill.org.

Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge’s Peach Festival at Mt. Tabor Park.

July 20 & 21
Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival - Vintage baseball teams from around the country will gather in Gettysburg to compete in a different kind of baseball tournament. The games will be played just as they were in 1863 - following the rules and wearing the uniforms from the 19th century. The weekend kicks off Friday night with a kids clinic and all clubs match at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park. During the all clubs match, spectators are encouraged to join in and try their hand at the game! 22 club teams from around the country will play in 22 games throughout Saturday and Sunday. Stroll down Strasburg Ave-nue, learning about different aspects of 19th century baseball. Step back in time and enjoy a relaxing weekend watching 19th century baseball. For more information call 410-967-7482 or visit gettysburgbaseballfestival.com.

July 24

July 28
Annual Old-Fashioned CornFest at the Historic Round Barn! You’ll find all your traditional CornFest favorites like our own-grown sweet corn roasted in the husk over an apple-wood fire, our pulled pork made from a secret family recipe, BBQ Chicken and our delicious own-grown peaches grilled to perfection and placed on a mound of ice cream. For more information call 717-339-1984 or visit www.roundbarnfarm.com.


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