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Monocacy River Bridge dedication

Leeanne Leary
MSMU Class of 2017

Nearly thirteen years ago on November 29, 2004, Army SPC Erik W. Hayes was killed in action when an Improvised Explosive Device detonated in Al Miqadiyah, Iraq.

This past month he was honored on the border of Frederick and Carroll Counties when the Monocacy River Bridge was dedicated in his name.

On Saturday April 15th friends, families, and local organizations gathered to honor the sixth soldier from Maryland to die in the War on Terror. The dedication was hosted and overseen by the Monocacy Valley VFW Memorial Post 6918 in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration.

SPC Erik Hayes was born in Gettysburg, Pa., and grew up in Thurmont and Harney. He graduated high school in 1998 and held jobs ranging from electrical work to working on a dairy farm. Three years later, he joined the Army in pursuit of a college education and was stationed

at Ft. Benning, Ga., Germany, Bosnia, and Kosovo before his first and final deployment to Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Four of SPC Hayes’ comrades made the trip to speak at his dedication. They spoke about his humble nature, strong character, and his future goals and plans. SSG Tupaim spoke first about his time serving with Erik: “Erik is remembered for doing everything he was asked with honor and valor, without complaint, and with all the respect a man can give.” He continued, “We loved him for his easy way of speaking, his thoughtfulness, and his wisdom that reached far beyond his 24 years. If he were here today, he would smile his slow smile and say, ‘you guys didn’t have to do all this,’ but indeed we do, we must.”

SGT Daniel Hopson, Erik’s Section Leader in Iraq, spoke just before Erik’s parents. SGT Hopson was with Erik on the day of his death and on the truck with Erik when the IED detonated. He re-



State Delegate William Folden presents a copy of the sign to Erik’s parents, Douglas Hayes of Harney and Deborah Reckley of Thurmont.

members sitting with Erik on his last day: “That day I sat on an Iraqi rooftop with Erik and I asked him if he could be anywhere in the world right then, where would he be. He responded that all he wanted to do was go home and take care of his brother.” Brotherhood was key to Erik and he let everyone around him know, telling SGT Hopson that day that he too was his brother in arms. SGT Hopson finished, “I just want you all to know that we loved Erik, he was loved.”

This bridge dedication was spearheaded by Army Veteran and State Delegate William Folden. As his

first bill in office, Delegate Folden spoke about Erik and this dedication in comparison to his own son. Erik’s dedication bill originated through a trip that Folden took with his 10-year-old son.

“I want to make sure that Maryland is doing its part in honoring these heroes.” He said, “This was not and is not a feel-good bill. This bill has meaning, this bill is about honoring them every day.” Folden added about his own experience in the Army, “A lot of us just want to forget, honestly, but you can’t forget those who laid down the ultimate sacrifice at the altar of freedom.”

Racino stumbles coming out of gate

The \$300 million proposed Mason-Dixon Downs casino/racetrack continues to falter as the Freedom Township Planning Commission chose to table the decision regarding a requested text amendment to the zoning ordinance at their April 5 meeting. This is local businessman David LeVan’s third attempt at placing a casino in Freedom Township. This time, LeVan is proposing the facility be placed on Emmitsburg Road, less than a mile from U.S. Route 15 and the Maryland line.

The casino/racetrack combo, aka ‘racino,’ license is the only casino license left in Pennsylvania. The proposed racino would consist of a Standardbred harness racetrack partnered with a casino that will house at least 1,500 slot machines, several eateries and a hotel.

The application to the Horse Racing Commission for the harness racing license is due June 14. As LeVan stated, the harness racing license is conditional, meaning that he needs to be approved for the horseracing license before he can apply for a casino license. As one of the Planning Commission member stated, “We’re early in a very long process.”

LeVan believes that Mason-Dixon Downs will be the highest value and offer the best use of the

parcel of land for Freedom Township and Adams County. He also firmly believes it will create hundreds of jobs for locals in the county and will have a high economic impact on Gettysburg. Those who support the racino agree with LeVan in believing that it will provide more jobs for locals, even high paying jobs, and will bring more visitors to the area who will, in turn, support businesses in Gettysburg.

The 700-acre property is currently zoned mixed-use district but does not allow for casinos. The zoning also has restrictions to the building size that would conflict with LeVan’s proposed casino. Robert Sharrah, of Sharrah Design Group, the Professional Land Surveyor working on this project, proposed several design commitments to ensure the facility maintain the rural ambiance include: a 65 foot maximum building height, placing all buildings 500 feet from the Main Road to ensure decreased visibility of the facility; placement of the main entrance 3,000 feet from US Route 15; the stipulation that no new homes will be built on the property. Sharrah said a secondary entrance, located on Bullfrog Road, will be used exclusively by horsemen and maintenance vehicles, the general patron will not be permitted to enter from Bullfrog Road.



David LeVan stands on the site of the proposed Mason-Dixon Downs, less than a mile from U.S. Route 15. Photo courtesy of Vanessa Pellechio, Gettysburg Times.

As part of the proposed racino, LeVan also mentioned that there would be no grandstand and no stable facilities. Horses in each race will be shipped into the track prior to the race and then sent home after their race(s) are complete. LeVan stated that the non-horse boarding facilities are “on par” with modern casinos/race tracks. Instead of viewing the race from a grandstand, viewers will observe the action from inside the casino,

on television monitors or from a viewing window.

When residents spoke in concern over the over-usage of Bullfrog Road, LeVan commented that he has yet to conduct a traffic study. Numerous residents are concerned that the roads, namely Bullfrog Road, are currently in no condition to support the amount of heavy traffic that would be expected with this type of facility, even if

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Letter from the Editor

In an amazing display of bureaucratic doublespeak, the Emmitsburg town staff failed to address any of the issues raised in our April article outlining the potential of upwards to \$1 million in losses faced by the town as a result of the contracts signed by Mayor Don Briggs to purchase all of the power produced from the solar farms located next to the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

The most troubling aspect of the town's failure to address the facts is that Mayor Briggs admitted in his column in the April Catocin Banner, for all intents and purposes, that our underlying numbers used in the determination of the long term losses faced by the town were, in fact, accurate.

During the presentation on Emmitsburg's comprehensive energy

plan, town staff refused to clarify, or even admit that Emmitsburg was in fact losing money from the sale of excess electricity.

When questioned by Commissioner Joe Ritz about the basis behind his note citing a \$1,300 'gap' in the difference between what the town was paying for excess electricity and what is was selling it back for, Briggs backtracked and latched onto a newly discovered, undisclosed "savings," and declared he was wrong. None of the Commissioners challenged the Mayor that the supposed 'savings' had nothing to do with the losses the town is incurring from the sale of excess electricity.

Other than Commissioner Joe Ritz, it appears that neither the Mayor, the town staff nor the other Commissioners have taken the time to understand

the implications of the issue raised by our report. When asked later, three of the Commissioners admitted they had no idea the town was losing money from the sale of excess electricity – I had to explain it to them personally for them to finally understand.

Even still, one did not understand why it was an issue, as: "according to the staff, the town was now getting their electricity for free from the sun." Really? Really?? Really??? Another responded with a curt: "It's done, what do you expect me to do about it now?"

There is an easy answer to that question. Do your fiduciary responsibility as a Commissioner! 1) Bring in an independent financial expert, like we did, and find out how bad the losses are going to be, and 2) figure out how Emmitsburg got hoodwinked into this bad deal and prevent it from happening again.

7th annual His Place car show

The His Place Car Show, sponsored by Bill Kuhn, III, of His Place, will hold its 7th annual event on May 6th on the grounds of the Mother Seton School. In case of rain, the event will be held the following weekend, on May 13th.

This event was originally established to raise funds for Mother Seton School, and in the past the event has additionally raised money for the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center. This year, all funds will be donated to Mother Seton School as well as Hospice Frederick County. The show, Kuhn said previously, "benefits everyone involved" by providing commercial enterprises with a means to adver-

tise their participation, and providing funds to hospice care and our local school.


On Saturday April 15, friends, families and local organizations gathered to honor the sixth soldier from Maryland to die in the War on Terror. The dedication was hosted and overseen by the Monocacy Valley VFW Memorial Post 6918 in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration.

Dozens of vehicles will be on display, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, covering a period of time from the antique to 70's, 80's, 90's, and 2,000's hotrods to all types of motorcycles. Rows of vehicles will be lined-up with their

hoods open for spectators and judges to get a good look inside the vehicle. The automobiles and trucks will present a dazzling array of colors from the solemn blacks and grays of the Depression Era to the gaudy bright colors of the Age of Hot Rods.

Also featured again this year will be music, as well as food, door prizes and raffles. The entry fee is \$15 at the door and \$12 if you choose to pre-register.

Dating back to the '60s itself, His Place was founded in 1969 by Bill Kuhn, Sr. After having been established a repair shop, the business soon became involved in the restoration of classic cars, especially



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Trail timeline announced

During the April 3 Town meeting, Commissioner, President, Tim O'Donnell updated the Board on the trail expansion for the town's multi-user trails, and provided a timeline for the next year and a half as the project continues to progress.

In May of 2016, Emmitsburg received a \$30,000 state grant, which was originally accepted to fund additional signage throughout the trail system, additional parking as well as the construction of another trail. However, the trail grant was later modified through the Trail Conservancy and State Highway Administration and the monies will now be entirely used for the construction of a 6th trail.

As a contingency of this grant, Emmitsburg will be responsible to verify

that the trail development and construction meets town codes – much in the same way it handles any contractor operating on Town property. While there will be a cost to the town to provide oversight, it will represent just a fraction of the overall cost of the planned expansion of the popular trail program. The grant also requires Trail Conservancy to match 20% of the grant, which the Conservancy does through its contribution of volunteer labor.

The current trail system consists of five trails of varying degrees of difficulty for both hikers and bikers. Volunteers help maintain these trails during trail cleaning days throughout the year. 1,453 volunteer hours have already been logged, at a state rate of

\$23/hour for a total of \$33,149 worth of volunteer time. These hours can actually be used as matching funds for the grant, if the town were to need to tap into this reserve, which at this point isn't necessary.

The period for vendor submission and review begins on June 1, and the Trail Conservancy will announce their choice for the trail contractor later in October. If all goes to plan, the trail construction can begin in June 2018, and be completed by August 2018.

In other news, town staff was informed on March 31 that the Main Street Square Revitalization project, which was slated to begin in April, would be delayed until May. State Highway Administration will be responsible for detour signage and

re-routing when construction does begin.

With the town pool out of commission for the summer, Commissioner Buckman was excited to report that Waynesboro has extended their pool hours and rates for Emmits-

burg residents. She has pre-arranged the agreement and if residents wish

to use the Waynesboro pool during this summer, they just need to indicate that they are residents of Emmitsburg, and the rates will be extended to them.



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FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

Hamiltonban stands ground on subdivision request

A Hamiltonban resident wishes to subdivide her seven-acre property located on Green Ridge Road in order to build an additional home on the property. This property has bounced back and forth between the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for the past few months, but during the April meeting the Board was tasked with voting on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

The property in question is zoned as Woodland Conservation District, and according to the current zoning ordinance, properties within this district are required to be a minimum of five acres. However, as the Township is currently revising the zoning ordinance, proposing to change the requirement of a lot less than five acres, the Township has approved a zoning variance for this property. This vari-

ance states that the property in question may be subdivided with a minimum lot area of three acres.

Once this variance was accepted, the Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve the subdivision permitting all conditions are met. These conditions included minor waivers and modifications to the Township SALDO, sewage planning approval on the secondary property and a final condition, which has been met with the most resistance; the requirement for a road maintenance agreement signed by all those who live on the lane, to be approved by the Township Solicitor.

The property's private lane lies in both Hamiltonban and Franklin Township, which slightly complicates the requirement for a road maintenance agreement. However, as part of the current ordinance,

a road maintenance agreement is required of a new subdivision. As Supervisor Chairman, Bob Gordon stated, "The Township would like to see this happen, but unfortunately the township has a lot of rules and regulations that it has to follow... sometimes they are not all nice." The property owner argued that Hamiltonban couldn't force anyone in Franklin Township to sign a maintenance agreement because they don't have this condition as part of their township ordinance. Township Solicitor Matthew Battersby disagreed.

Battersby noted that the road maintenance agreement is required because it is fundamentally a public safety concern; the Township needs to know that emergency vehicles can safely travel on the private lane. In fact, the fire department requested the road maintenance agreement to

be made a part of the ordinance. The property owner noted that there has never been an issue with keeping the road maintained; all those who reside on that private lane contribute in some form to the maintenance of the lane.

As Battersby noted, the Township is asking for another road maintenance agreement, even though the property owners have a maintenance agreement on their original deed, because the property is an additional subdivision from the original subdivision. The original deeds of the properties on that lane state that the Township has no obligation to care for the upkeep and maintenance of the private lane. The property owner also mentioned that she has already tried to submit a road maintenance agreement, but it hasn't been accepted by the Township. Battersby stat-

ed that the agreement needs to have language that will guarantee that the road be kept open and maintained by all those who reside on the lane, and the Township not be responsible for this maintenance. He even offered to draft the agreement, but his offer was turned down.

As Supervisor Coleen Reamer mentioned, there have been several other property owners that faced the same issues and hurdles, but did not go through the proper steps, or didn't wish to go through the proper steps, so they were denied the subdivision, but "everyone is under the same SALDO restrictions, so we have to treat everyone the same."

For now, the Township approved the subdivision as long as the three conditions are met, including the Solicitor's approval of a signed road maintenance agreement.

Carroll Valley drafts chicken ordinance

The Carroll Valley Planning Commission discussed the Chicken Ordinance during their April meeting. Back in October, the Borough Council requested the ordinance be reviewed by the Planning Commission, after talk of chickens became a hot topic during the meeting. This topic has been discussed several times in the past, and Borough Manager Dave Hazlett noted that there are residents that stand on both sides of the issue, and are very passionate about their views.

During the Planning Commission meeting, several members of the community came forward and

spoke in favor of having backyard chickens. No members attended the meeting who were not in favor of chickens, but Hazlett has received numerous calls indicating a near 50/50 split among residents. After hearing public comment, the Commission discussed the pros and cons for chickens in the Borough. Some pros were: resident's desire for self-reliance on eggs, meaning having the knowledge of where they come from and how the chickens that produce them are treated. Another plus side is if well kept, chickens aren't overly messy and don't produce too much of an odor. However, on

the flipside, chickens can be noisy, they can be smelly if not cared for properly, there are deed restrictions and some residents may not enjoy the sight of a chicken pen/coop in their neighbor's backyard.

As the current ordinance stands, residents must be living in an agriculturally zoned area in order to own livestock, which includes chickens and other poultry. If a resident lives outside the Agricultural District, in a residentially zoned area, and owns livestock or poultry, they are susceptible to a penalty. There is also a deed restriction on many properties in the Borough that do not allow

poultry. As the Planning Commission discussed, allowing chickens in lieu of this restriction may create distress within the community, potentially causing residents to take their neighbors to civil court if they were displeased with the presence of chickens on a neighboring property.

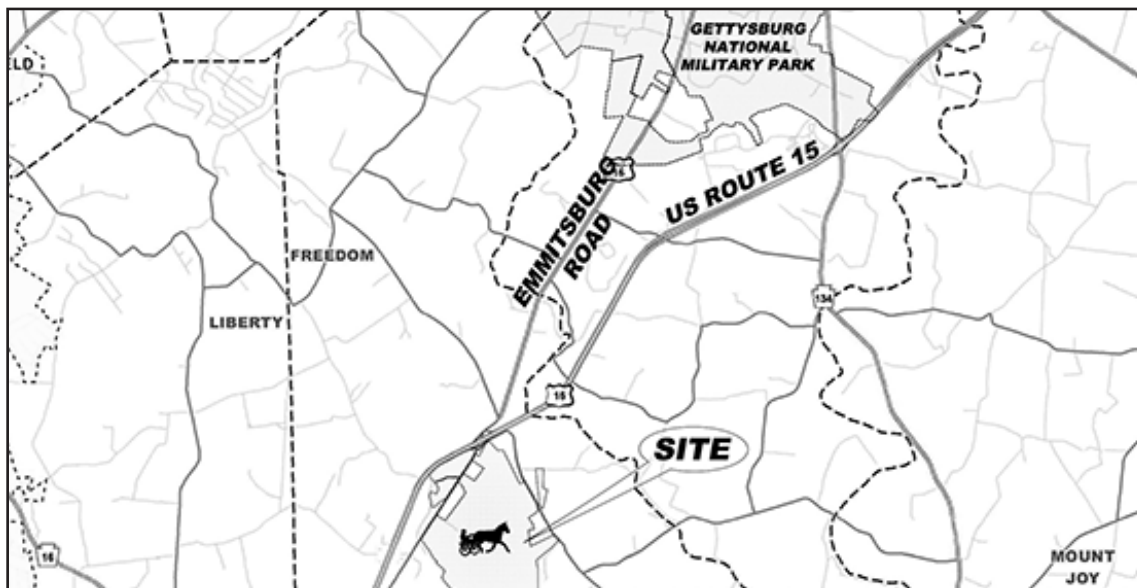
However, the Commission also mentioned that there are deed restrictions for items such

as clotheslines, sheds, and out-of-home businesses, but the Borough allows these on properties. How different would it be to allow chickens?

The Planning Commission voted to not allow chickens, but the vote failed. The Commission asked the Borough's Solicitor and Borough staff to draft an ordinance permitting the use of residential backyard chickens to be brought back to the next Planning Commission meeting in May.

Racino stumbles coming out of gate

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The proposed location for Mason-Dixon Downs is just north of the Maryland line on Old Emmitsburg Road. (Just North of Mt. Gate Liquors)

only horse trailers and maintenance vehicles are permitted in addition to local traffic that daily frequents the road. Locals want to know who will pay for the damage that will certainly occur. "Will it be the current taxpayers of Freedom Township or will the racino contribute?" one resident asked.

Another resident noted that "within the current zoning ordinance the language showcases the spirit of a small town, i.e. 'rural community'; this racino plan is not conducive to the initial vision of Freedom Town-

ship, it violates that spirit." Other residents expressed concern that property values in the area will decrease as a result of this casino, and some question the validity of higher paying jobs being created for locals. When asked about expected wages for those employed by the casino, LeVan responded that he "doesn't wish to speculate on that right now, as he has not conducted an economic study yet."

LeVan promised to voluntarily formalize an agreement with Freedom Township to ensure it receives

a portion of the casino's profits. LeVan is taking this action to counter a court decision that stuck a state mandated requirement that local jurisdictions receive casino slots gross terminal revenue. While some residents are wary of LeVan's promise, LeVan said he was a man of his word.

If the racino is approved by Freedom Township, and both the harness racing license and the gaming license are issued, LeVan hopes to start construction in Spring 2018, and have the entire facility completed by the summer of 2019.

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Roddy Road Bridge repair complete

The Roddy Road Covered Bridge repair is finally complete, almost a year after it was damaged during a boxcar accident. The Frederick County Divisions of Public Works and Parks and Recreation invited the public to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the repaired Roddy Road Covered Bridge and newly improved Roddy Road and Loy's Station on April 17 at the Roddy Park.

The bridge sustained severe structural damage back on June 16, 2016 when a box truck tried to squeeze through the small frame. Unfortunately, the truck wasn't able to make it through and instead caused serious damage to the historic Thurmont bridge. Signs located on both sides of the bridge clearly warn drivers of the height limit, so whether or not the

sign was misread or ignored is still undetermined.

This accident was the second time in a month that a truck managed to damage the bridge, but the most recent occurrence caused the bridge to undergo the most damage. After an extensive assessment, engineers found that five of the six main support posts for the covered bridge structure were damaged by the truck.

Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc., was hired to repair the Roddy Road Covered Bridge, and the construction team went to work last fall. Work included removing the covered bridge from its location so all damaged parts could be replaced. Once repaired, the bridge was set back in its original location over Owens Creek, and a beam was installed

across the top of the bridge preventing vehicles over a certain height from smashing into the bridge.

In addition to the repair work done on the bridge, park improvements were made to both Roddy Road and Loy's Station Parks. The improvements within these parks included new landscaping, park entrance signs, vaulted restrooms and walking trails.

At Roddy Road Park, additional enhancements were made including installing new entrance gates, guardrail and swing set equipment with safety surfacing, relocating Roddy Creek Road for better sight distance for covered bridge traffic and a pervious paved asphalt parking lot and trails. At Loy's Station Park, two picnic shelters were replaced with a new



Roddy Bridge and park were opened with great fanfare, and many thanks to Dean Fitzgerald for his great work in restoring the bridge.

larger picnic shelter, with LED lighting and electrical service, the parking lot was expanded and paved with pervious asphalt, and a new entrance gates were installed. A new pedestrian bridge to the island on Owens Creek has been constructed, and new play equipment, benches, a kiosk and guardrail were built.

Dean Fitzgerald, President/CEO

of Fitzgerald's Heavy Timber Construction, Inc. spoke during the ribbon cutting ceremony and mentioned that there are some future projects in the works, one of which is the installation of will be a pavilion at Roddy Park. No specific date was released yet, but residents can expect the pavilion to be installed sometime next year. More details on this project to follow.

Thurmont recognized for green efforts

Thurmont was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Thurmont achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least two dollars per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

In honor of Arbor Day, Thurmont's Green Team welcomed vol-

unteers to help plant fifty trees during the town's Arbor Day celebration. These fifty trees were planted in addition to the first planting that took place back in the fall when a dedicated group of volunteers stepped up to plant 25 trees throughout the Thurmont Community Park. These trees were planted in an effort to help offset the loss of trees that may occur due to the Emerald Ash Borer, which has

been devastating Ash trees throughout the East Coast.

In addition to being named a Tree City USA, Thurmont also received the PLANT Award (People Loving And Nurturing Trees). This was the first year that Thurmont received the Green Plant Award, in the past they have received the bronze and silver awards.

The Green Award is for sustained

programs that are organized and fully functional, and are funded and have full-time equivalent technical assistance. They have continuity, planning, support and a budget. This level of award is awarded to towns and cities that are recognized as Tree City USA and Colleges and Universities that are recognized as Tree Campus USA.

Thurmont will continue its green initiatives and hopefully continue being recognized for its efforts to help make the town a greener place.

Thurmont Shop 'n Sip

The town of Thurmont is happy to announce their upcoming Shop 'n Sip event planned for the 27th of this month. Formerly known as Shop Hop, this event will be another great opportunity to support local small businesses.

Thurmont has a strong history of encouraging the growth and popularity of its small business owners. Shop Hop, a venture started in 2015 by the lovely people at The Eyler Stables Flea Market, was a big hit with local shoppers. With discount coupons for participating businesses and a canned food collection for Catoctin High School's Backpacks for Food program, it brought a lot of good to businesses, consumers, and those in need.

Now it's back and better than ever! The first Shop 'n Sip event will bring as much good those before it. Businesses that took part in the Shop Hop, like

The Eyler Stables Flea Market, will be open and welcome to both new and regular customers.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. on May 27th. Businesses participating in the Shop 'n Sip include J. Rothrock Outfitters, Discount Fabrics USA, the Rebecca LaChance Studio, Thurmont Main Street Center, Wild Song Farm and many others! In speaking about the event, Virginia LaRoche emphasized how helpful this day can be for all your Mother's Day shopping, "Come stroll through the scenic Thurmont area while visiting our wineries and diverse shops. Just in time for your Mother's Day shopping!"

Beverages will be available throughout the day. Wine can be found the Springfield Manor Winery & Distillery as well as the Catoctin Breeze Vineyard & Winery. Soft drinks and water will also be avail-

able throughout what is sure to be a warm, beautiful day.

Best of all, there is an opportunity to take home a grand prize drawing just for participating in the event. Virginia explained the details, "Start at any one of the locations and pick up the event postcard. Visit each location and leave the completed postcard to be entered in a drawing for a fantastic gift basket valued at over \$500. Take in the scenic beauty of the area and enjoy the day!"

With so many opportunities to explore local businesses and areas of Thurmont that you may be unfamiliar with, and a chance to win a grand prize, why not stop by and take advantage of the day? The Thurmont Shop 'n Sip is scheduled for the 27th of this month, between 10:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is no cost for participating, but there is a possibility of finding something you love at one its many stores as well as a potential grand prize. Come on down!



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May 1917

May 4

Soda Fountain

C. J. Rowe & Co. has installed a new soda fountain that will dispense ice cream soda - all flavors - delicious sundaes, Coca-Cola and many special beverages.

Military Drill at Mount St. Mary's

The student body at Mount St. Mary's held a military drill prior to the ballgame on Saturday. For the past week the men have been drilling faithfully under the supervision of Messers. Cashman, Burns, and Corbett. These men had military training at Plattsburgh last summer.

Struck And Killed By Autocar

Mrs. Catherine Klienman, of Fairfield, 80 years old, was run down and killed last week by an automobile while on her way to visit a sick friend. She became confused brushing the street and, it is said, stepped in the path of an automobile driven by J. E. Sheetz.

Spies Arrested

Two young men, believed to be spies, having flashlights, skeleton keys and a bottle of unknown liquid in their pockets, were arrested while trying to enter a coal shed at the Gettysburg Electric Co. plant.

May 11

War Briefs

Several young men from Emmitsburg left the district this week and enlisted in the army now forming to fight the Huns in Europe. Mr. Harry Beam, accompanied by an expert buyer, was in Emmitsburg buying horses for the fifth Maryland Regiment, this week. The Emmitsburg Red Cross auxiliary is very busy in its commendable work for the soldiers at the front. Weekly meetings are held in the public school auditorium. A great many articles for hostile purposes have already been finished.

During the week, the flags of the allies have been displayed with the American flag on many buildings in town. The British, French and Belgian flags are grouped above the entrance to the reformed church and on the coping

of the Emmitsburg Savings Bank, and the French tricolor flies from the Annan building on the square.

Mr. Miles Houston, son of Mrs. Sophia Rowe, left yesterday for Plattsburgh, to join the sergeant's officer class. Out of the 2000 applicants, Mrs. Rowe reports, only 250 passed the mental and physical examination.

Tramp Dies

Lewis Denson, a tramp, became seriously ill and died from exposure on Saturday morning and was buried at the expense of the town on Sunday morning. Denson fell asleep along the creek, at Tramp's Roost on Friday.

Annan Re-elected Burgess

The annual election for Burgess, to serve one year, and one Commissioner, to serve three years, was held in the Firemen's Hall on Monday. As there was only one ticket in the field, the vote was not heavy; the balloting was merely complementary. Burgess Jon Stewart Annan and Commissioner William Morrison were re-elected.

James Helman Dies

After an illness of four months, Mr. James Helman died at his residence here on Wednesday afternoon in his 79th year. He was born in Emmitsburg, October 4, 1839, and resided here during his entire life. He engaged in a mercantile business, which he conducted up to the time of his death. For many months he was a ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hellman belonged to the older regime and price of friendship of the many who, one by one, entered before him. He was a kindly man and a firm friend, and among his kindred he was dutiful, considerate, faithful and affectionate far beyond the common standards.

It was Mr. Helman's delight to delve into all records, to search all, talk of and write about the folklore of Emmitsburg in its vicinity. Much of the early tradition of the District has been kept alive because of this happy trade. Facts and fancy are interestingly woven together in the History of Emmitsburg published by Mr. Helman several years ago.

May 18

Forest Fire Near Catocin

About 10 o'clock Tuesday morning a fire broke out on the Catocin Furnace property. For a time, the large McPherson residence was threatened. The homes of James Leatherman, Charles Castle and Vernon Smith were saved from destruction by united efforts of the forces fighting the fire. F. W. Fraley, the Forest Warden, stated that the fire extended from Lewistown to Catocin Furnace, a distance of about three miles. Upwards of 50 men were engaged in fighting the fire, which is now under control.

Store and Elevator Burned at Loys

Fire of unknown origin burned the store and warehouse and also the elevator of Samuel Ransburg, at Low's station several miles from Thurmont, at an early hour Wednesday morning. Mr. Ransburg only recently took possession of the store there. The fire started around one in the morning, in the store and the warehouse adjoining and also connected with the post office, which was likewise destroyed. Both the store building and elevator building are a total wreck. The elevator building contained farm implements, coal bins, etc. The residence that was near the store was saved. The store contained several thousand dollars worth of stock, groceries etc. The total loss is estimated at \$5000, and is covered by insurance. The property was known as the Stimmel property and is located between Thurmont and Bruceville.

May 25

Conditions of the Street

Insomuch as we cannot have oiled streets this year, as the oil is needed for the war effort, we can certainly improve prison conditions. Perhaps the most effective thing to do is to scrape the streets regularly after heavy rains, sweep them thoroughly, hard away the dirt and then sprinkle. Any reasonable appeal made to the people of Emmitsburg usually meets with instant and wholehearted response. If the town has the scraping and hauling done they will find everyone willing to do the rest. Of course oil is preferable; each use means comfort, time saved and money well invested, but if we are to be denied this, the half loaf principle is better than nothing. Without some sort of

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Emmitsburg Savings Bank

regular attention to the streets to route the summer the dust from Taurus cars alone will make life unbearable.

War Briefs

The registration for the selective draft will be held at the regular polling places in Emmitsburg, Precinct 1, at Mr. Lawrence's house; precinct 2, at Mr. Mullin's house. The registers in Precinct 1, R. Charles Hope and William Colliflower, Precinct 2, James Carrigan and James Harbaugh.

Six young men from Emmitsburg are now in the service. The last to enlist were Messrs. Alexander Cauliflower, and Charles Sharrer but were rejected on account of physical disability. Frank Bouey and Quincy Topper had been accepted and are now underway to the southern border.

A large flag was raised on the public school building, on Frederick Street, on Monday morning following a patriotic demonstration given by the pupils of the school.

Recruiting in Emmitsburg

On Tuesday, May 29, between the hours of four and 8 p.m., recruiting officers will be in Emmitsburg. Company A (Frederick County) needs 50

men. Those who enlist will remain in this company throughout their term of service. Under the draft Emmitsburg unions will be scattered. Many will prefer to volunteer rather than be drafted. This opportunity will be offered only on Tuesday, May 29. "It is no reflection upon any man to be chosen under the draft," but it is reasonable for men to desire to serve with her friends. Men from Emmitsburg that enlist on Tuesday will be with the home organization.

College Offers Plant to Government

Recently, the president and Council of Mount St. Mary's College formally offered its entire equipment to the president for such uses as the government might deem serviceable during the war. Official acknowledgment by the president of this gracious, practical act of patriotism has been received by the college authorities, but up to the present time there has been no indication of what plans the government may have in the matter.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

County Council President Bud Otis

“Congressman, I know you have a big heart. There is no powerful lobby group to help the poor. You are our guy. Of the \$25M in cuts that could be coming, \$17M directly affects that community. So, we need an advocate, someone to stand up and let them know in Washington that they are hurting real people, defenseless people that can't help themselves. Glad you are willing to tackle what needs to be done here. Thank you.”

On April 11th, I was fortunate to be part of a roundtable discussion put together by County Executive Jan Gardner which included 6th District Congressman John K. Delaney, Kelly Russell, President Pro-Tem Frederick City Alderman, and top leaders of our departments and local agencies most directly affected by potential federal budget cuts to community service programs. The above quote

was my comment to Congressman Delaney towards the end of the dialog.

Congressman Delaney was eloquent in his praise of those in attendance for the human services work they do every day, and straight forward in his determination to fight for these programs. Budget reviews include numbers on spreadsheets, but these programs have real human beings behind those numbers on a page. He said saving these programs was “a moral thing to do... and involves much more political courage.” The faith aspect was briefly noted in the context of preserving and enhancing people's dignity.

This is very personal to me. I have a strong passion to support people who are in circumstances that may be beyond their control and are suffering as a result. Those who may be directly affected by the budget

cuts are the most vulnerable, those with no lobbying voice in DC. They are the teenage single mothers who are working as many hours as possible, going to school and trying to provide a safe and healthy life for themselves and their infant children. The opioid epidemic in our society is exacerbated by these circumstances. Count among those people who are unemployed and homeless. You get the picture.

The services provided in Frederick County are tremendous. We receive some state and federal monies to keep them operating and serving those in need. The loss of the federal funding may significantly impact these services and it is my heartfelt hope that this doesn't happen.

We just participated in the Community Partnership Grant Awards meeting at Winchester Hall with Council VP M.C. Keegan-Ayer headed by County Executive Jan Gardner. It was a real honor to read out some of the names of the organizations who will be receiving these grants to continue and expand non-profit services in our great county.

Under the last Board of County Commissioners, the

budget for these community partnership grants were incrementally reduced over the four years to zero. In the inaugural year of Charter Government, a \$250,000 grants program was reinstated. Last year's budget allocated \$500,000 and this year's budget has an additional \$250,000 with a onetime \$75,000 infusion for a total of \$825,000. It is very nice to see the priorities of the county supporting those who need the help the most. Among the recipients were: SHIP (Student Homeless Initiative Partnership of Frederick County), Second Chances Garage, Inc., the Religious Coalition, Frederick Community Action Agency, Heartly House and many others. For a complete list, please see: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/communitypartnershipgrants.

On another topic, Councilman Tony Chmelik's Event Venues Bill 17-05 was withdrawn by him at our legislative meeting on April 18th citing concerns from the public and the need to rework this Bill. I reviewed all the emails I received and some people offered ideas for amendments:

- Show 3 years prior to application gross AG income of at least \$25k annually
- Site plan required – adequate parking, lighting, entertainment and noise considerations
- Farmer be 3rd generation operator of farm or been farmer for 40 years
- Earned 85% total net income from farming over past 10 years
- Minimum 400 acre farm
- All facilities built to commercial grade codes
- Events must take place inside permanent structure
- OR – 1% of farm is dedicated to event venue, translated into 500 acre farm using 5 acres for venue

After listening to the public at our hearings, visiting homes in target areas, speaking to many people and digesting the emails, it is my belief that this legislation for changes in agriculture land zoning is not needed in Frederick County. I appreciate Council Member Chmelik taking the initiative to pull his Bill, as it would have been hard for me to support it as presented.

On a separate note, CM Chmelik and I are both on a newly formed work group appointed by CE Gardner to determine under what conditions promotional and educational events should be allowed at wineries, breweries and distilleries. Other members include: CE Gardner; Steve Horn, Director of Planning and Permitting; Katie Albaugh, AG Economic Development Specialist; Lisa Gaver, of the Frederick County Farm Bureau; Tom Mullineaux, of the AG Business Council; Kevin Atticks, of the Brewers Association of MD; and wine/brewery owners Tom Barse and Howard Wilson. The goal is to develop policy and criteria and propose any needed legislation. This is not a work group to study event venues in the AG zone, as CE Gardner is quoted, “I have no interest or intent in appointing a task force for that purpose.” I'm looking forward to further discussions through our work on this group.

It is very nice to see that Council Members may disagree on legislation, and can still work together on a work group. It is all about what is in the best interests of Frederick County.

I ran on the platform of “I share your values.” It is with pride that I serve all Frederick County residents and every day it is more apparent that we live in a generous and welcoming community.

Please share your thoughts with me at any time, 301-600-1101 or BOtis@frederickcountymd.gov Together we will continue to preserve the beauty of our county – both its heart and heritage.

After a protracted cold season, we are in the midst of beautiful weather. My wife Rose and I hope you enjoy it as much as we do! Thank you.

I am writing to follow up on my earlier concern about the inaccuracies in the April column written by Councilman Delauter which claim that ... “Our County Executive has issued a letter to this company to cease operations since they are not in the correct zoning.”

The facts of the matter are that this business has NOT been shut down or asked to cease operations.

Bussard Brothers is a landscaping and mulch business located at the end of Green Valley Road near Baldwin Road in the New Market area. A courtesy warning violation was sent to the business/property owners as the result of an illegal expansion of the business across the road to a property they also own. This is the result of

a complaint received by the county. Mr. and Mrs. Bussard met with county staff to discuss options to come into compliance, which could involve a lot of options including moving to a large site (something they suggested).

Since Spring and Summer is a busy time for mulch and landscaping, no steps will be taken to limit this operation at this time. Staff will meet with them in the Fall to further evaluate options to come into compliance. They have options at their current location and the County Office of Economic Development has offered to assist them if they want to choose an alternative option of moving to a new location.

Jan Gardner
County Executive

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Executive Jan Gardner

With the input of thousands of citizens, I have shaped a fiscally responsible budget that reflects our community values and priorities. The budget provides funding to ensure top-notch education for our children; an investment in police, fire, corrections and 9-1-1 communications to keep our community safe; and services that create an enviable quality of life in which to live and grow our businesses.

The proposed budget plans for our growing senior population, supports a strong and vibrant economy and job creation, and invests wisely and strategically in our future prosperity. With no change in the tax rate, the budget ensures that we live within our means, protects taxpayers, and demonstrates good stewardship of limited county dollars.

Financial Highlight:

Frederick County taxpayers expect and deserve fiscal responsibility. The proposed budget protects taxpayers in three ways. First, there are no tax increases. Second, the budget takes steps to save taxpayer's money and reduce our debt payments. Third, the budget restores reserves tapped by the prior administration.

No Tax Increase - This budget includes absolutely no increase to tax rates. I am committed to making sure Frederick County lives within its means.

Saving Money - I am also proud to be saving taxpayers significant money.

As a result of our three AAA bond ratings, achieved a year ago and affirmed this spring, we have refinanced some of the county bond debt and annual debt service payments have decreased by \$2 million. Taxpayers will save a whopping \$4.6 million on bonds that were recently financed to lower interest rates. This is real money and real savings to taxpayers.

Savings From Retaining Citizens And Montevue: Due to the legal settlement and retention of Citizens and Montevue as county facilities, the county avoids paying out \$7.5 million that would have been required to complete the sale of these state-of-the-art facilities. The taxpayers would have had to pay \$7.5 million to sell since the bad deal put together by the prior administration sold these building for less than the money owed on the mortgage to build them. These dollars can now be more wisely allocated to core county services like education and public safety.

Restoring Reserves - I am slowly restoring reserve funds that were tapped by the prior administration for ongoing expenses. The prior administration spent more money than they had in their last year in office to provide raises for county employees out of the reserve funds. This created a structural deficit because one-time reserve funds were used for an ongoing expense – salaries. I fixed the structural deficit I inherited in the first year of my term and have righted the fiscal ship in county government.

Budget Accomplishments:

This year, the public helped to define budget priorities through an online survey. Over 2,000 participants weighed in, consistently naming education and public safety as their top two priorities.

The budget accomplishes the following:

Education - Provides a record amount of funding to education including funding mandated Maintenance of Effort in response to growing enrollment plus an addition \$10 million to meet the commitment for the second year phase-in of a new sustainable pay scale for teachers and staff. It is my intention that this investment in public education be used to provide the best teachers and staff in our classrooms, and to make sure our children have access to the programs and materials they need to be well prepared for work or higher education.

Public Safety - One of the fundamental responsibilities of local government is to ensure the safety of its citizens. The proposed budget provides 8 corrections officers and 4 sheriff's deputies – the top priorities of the Sheriff, as well as 12 firefighters and 8 emergency call center (9-1-1) staff, in addition to training and equipment to meet growing call volume to keep our community safe. The Sheriff's office is working hard to cover a declining presence of state police and to address the drug epidemic.

Seniors - Advances key recommendations of the Seniors First initiative. The senior population in Frederick County is expected to grow twice as fast as the State of Maryland and twice as fast as the country over the next decade. The budget includes continued support for our Meals on Wheels program, in-home health aides, and navigation to connect seniors to resources.

Citizens and Montevue are once again keeping the county's promise to our seniors by providing subsidized assisted living to the indigent elderly under a financially self-supporting and sustainable operating model. No general fund tax dollars are being used to support the operation of Citizens and Montevue. Revenue from Citizens is covering the expense associated with providing assisted living for 29 indigent elderly residents from Frederick County. Citizens and Montevue are operating with no taxpayer subsidy.

Employees - Provides all employees in county government with a 2% cost-of-living salary improvement.

Fiscal Responsibility - Tax rates are held steady. The County's AAA bond rating has allowed us to complete more capital projects for the same money so we can build schools, roads, libraries, fire stations, and parks. At the same time, we are paying off old debt. In fact, 40% of our existing debt will be paid off in the next five years.

Sustainability - Elevates the Office of Sustainability to help the county go green and stay green!

The proposed budget provides a plan for moving Frederick County forward in a sustainable manner. County revenues continue to grow modestly, reflecting steady growth and a stronger economy. In the past two years, our businesses have added almost 4,400 new jobs, topping 100,000 jobs in the county for the first time; unemployment has fallen below 4%; and economic output or Gross Domestic Product has exceeded \$11 billion.

The county continues to follow conservative budget and debt affordability models. Coupled with our AAA bond rating, we are in excellent financial shape. We are restoring reserves that had been tapped in previous years. And we are ensuring residents in municipalities are not paying for duplicative services through our tax equity payments. Thoughtful choices and fiscal prudence puts us on a path to prosperity.

The budget invests strategically and wisely in education, public safety, people, and services. It affords a high quality of life for Frederick County residents through the provision of services of our libraries, parks, health department, transit, and other county agencies.

Working together, county government provides effective and efficient services and ensures Frederick County remains the best place in the country to live, work, and raise a family. The budget establishes a blueprint for the future of Frederick County, acknowledging our rich history and ensuring our bright future.

Imagination and Education

Justin M. Kiska

Once upon a time, children and teens did not want to spend all of their time playing games on their smart phones and tablets. They did not sit in front of a computer screen or television for hours on end. They would come home from school, throw their backpacks in the door and meet up with their friends to play. Do you remember what that was like? Playing with your friends? Sometimes it would be cops and robbers, other times a space adventure, or a princess tea

party. Not into the "role playing" kind of things? OK, then what about playing with your G.I. Joes or Barbies or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles?

However you and your friends entertained yourselves before the "Age of the i-Phone," they all had one thing in common . . . Imagination. For just a little while, you became that police officer trying to catch your next door neighbor who was one of the most notorious bank robbers around. Those Barbies all came to life and lived out whatever story you could think of.

Now, it's about hit points and collecting the most coins or how many pieces

of candy one can crush. Imagination is in danger.

Luckily, there is a place where imagination still thrives and is always encouraged. At the theatre.

Live theatre is one of the oldest forms of entertainment, but few ever really understand its importance in education.

Once upon a time, schools used to take students on field trips to see live stage shows. There are some schools that still do, and they should be congratulated and thanked. Sadly though, most schools have ended these types of outings, not realizing the sort of education with which they are depriving their students.

What kind of education can a child

receive from seeing a live stage show? It all depends on who you ask.

Some will say children learn valuable social skills like what it's like to be in a crowd out in public and how to behave. Others say seeing a live stage show broadens a child's view of the world, far beyond a television screen. When anyone, adult or child, is sitting in an audience, in the same room with the actors – only feet away, they are right there with them in whatever world has been created on that stage. They are a part of something; they are transported to another place and another time. Imagination reigns. Anything is possible.

What about the facts? How can we know what sort of impact theatre has on a child's education? We turn to the experts who have studied this very issue, specifically a study by a team led by Professor Jay P. Greene. Through their research, they found children who attend a live stage production are at an advantage for learning academic content; they

have increased tolerance for having been exposed to a broader, more diverse world; and have an improved ability to recognize what other people are thinking and feeling.

If those are the results of a child who simply saw a stage show, imagine what they would be like if that child was in a stage show. The good news is, you don't have to imagine, there is firsthand knowledge of this. It has been shown time and time again that children involved in theatre programs have less behavioral problems in school, tend to have better grades, are more social, and more confident in themselves.

Live theatre is a good thing. There's a reason it has survived throughout the ages. Not only can it take people away and out of their lives for a few hours, forgetting any stress and strain, but it can also teach. It can certainly teach far more than any video game.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

There are a number of important dates in May. The Adams County Chiefs of Police Association will host Adams County Fallen Officers Memorial Service on Friday, May 5th at 10 a.m. at the Adams County 9-1-1 Center. May 14th is Mother's Day – a day we should all remember those “mom moments” that made us who we are today. Remember to exercise your right to vote on May 16. Voting starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m.,

This year all voting will take place in the new Borough building. What this means is that those voters (Carroll Valley District #2) who in the past went to Ski Liberty to vote now will go to the new Borough building to vote. Those voters who voted at the old Borough building will continue to vote at the new Borough building. Carroll Valley District #2 voters will enter the main entrance to vote in the Conference Room. Carroll Valley District #1 voters will enter the side entrance of the building (on the Library side when facing the building) and vote in the Meeting Room. To see who is running, go to www.adamscounty.us and under Announcements click Election Resources 2017 to review the candidate list.

Please come out and vote. Armed Forces Day is May 20th and Fairfield Fire & EMS is holding their EMS Open House on

May 21st from 1 to 4 pm. Memorial Day is May 29th. On Tuesday evening, May 30th, Carroll Valley Borough partnering with the Adams County Library will be holding an Open House from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Some of the activities of the evening will include the unveiling of the Dedication Plaque, recognizing the official opening of the library and holding tours of the Borough Offices and the Police Department. Light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendar to attend.

On April 15th, 150 people attended the Breakfast with Easter Bunny event held at the Fairfield Fire House. Thank you, Cole Brooks, Pat Feeser, Steve Fitez, Brad and Mike Hartdagen, Chuck Haynes, Adam Jacobs, David Metz, Diana Ratliff, Larry Schneider, Chuck Schussler, Brad Shughart, Kevan Taylor, and Colby Wivel. With over 300 participants and 5,000 stuffed eggs to be picked, the 2017 Carroll Valley Easter Egg Hunt, also held on April 15th, was a tremendous success! Many thanks go to those involved and they were Gayle Marthers, Tim, Sarah, Rachel and Amber Skoczen, Bruce Carr, Brenda Cole-santi, Steve, Amanda and Jayden Bell; Chief Hileman, Lauren Clark, Bridget Heffernan, Susan Perotti, April Huster, Jamie Phillips, Jayden Campbell, Bridget Munsee, Dave,

Noah and Josh Hazlett, Abby He-benton, Hunter Paulus, Char-lee Marthers, Tyler Pyles, Jim and Morgan Jarrell of Jarrell Studios. At the time of this writing, the April 22nd Fishing Derby has not been held. I am sure it will be great and it will be reported in the June issue. To see the pictures taken thus far, go to ronspictures.net and select the appropriate gallery.

As the weather warms up more people, young and old, will be bicycling and walking on our trails. This might be a good time to take a look at our Pennsylvania laws regarding both. In Chapter 35, Section 3510 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes book, there is a law that requires all bicyclists age 12 and under to wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet every time they ride their bicycle. As a matter of fact, it is recommended that all bicyclists wear a safety helmet when riding a bicycle. Please note that a bicycle is considered a vehicle and therefore when riding on a roadway must be operated in the same direction as required of other vehicles on the roadway. All bicyclists are required to use hand arm signals while on the road. Section 3507 mandates

that bicyclists, who ride after dark, install reflective devices or lights on their bicycle. We know that pedestrians have the “right of way”.

But what are your responsibilities/duties regarding walking on our trails? Well, Section 3544 states that where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway. Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway. Bottom-line, please follow these laws. They are for you and your family's safety on the road. For us drivers, slow down when in the Valley. Watch out for the unexpected whether it comes from people walking, jogging or bicycling on our beautiful trails.

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) will be offered this summer in southwest Adams County, specifically in Carroll Valley. This SFP is recognized worldwide as a

premier preventative program for children 10-14 and emphasizes having fun with parents while building skills to navigate the teen years. The program runs for seven weeks, once a week from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting June 15 through July 27 and will be held at the Borough Park Pavilion. This program is free as well as providing free child care to family members under 10 and a free meal will be provided to enhance the family time together as well. Families receive a \$25-dollar gift certificate the second week and another \$25 upon graduating as well as various incentives along the way. Registration forms can be found at the Borough office or you can call Karen Breighner at 717-338-0300. Strengthening Families is a program of the Center For Youth and Community Development. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to have fun and learn with your family!

The May Borough meetings are: Planning Commission (Monday – May 1st); Borough Council (Tuesday – May 9th); and Parks & Recreation Committee (Wednesday – May 24th). The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day. If you have any questions, contact me at MayorRonHarris@comcast.net or 301-606-2021.

Liberty Township Supervisor candidate Vincent Gee

My name is Vincent Gee and I would like your vote in the May 16th Primary Election. Now, let me tell you about myself and why I would make a good Township Supervisor.

My family and I moved to Liberty Township in 2013. I spent much of my youth growing up in the Catocin Mountains and the woodlands around Thurmont. It was during this time that I learned to appreciate nature and country-style living. Later in life, when my wife and I were gifted with an opportunity to move into the country, we jumped at it and landed in Liberty.

If elected, I will to use my many years of professional and technological experience to assist the township. I am currently a Vice President in the Information Technology department at B. F. Saul Company. Prior, I worked as a technology consultant for several start-up Internet companies. In total, I have 20 years of experience handling

emergencies, planning, managing and working with teams. My greatest strength is my ability to bring people together to solve problems.

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Marty Qually

Spring is here! With the Spring comes a cornucopia of events in Adams County. I thought this column would be a great place to showcase some of the wonders we find in our own community. From musical events to plays, community fundraisers to business sponsored entertainment, every weekend in May has something happening that shouldn't be missed. Many of these events may seem to simply be fun or entertaining, but in truth they represent subtle signs of an improving economic environment in our County. When someone attends a concert, play, or fundraiser, they don't just spend money on the event, they eat at local restaurants or visit local shops. Just as May is when we start seeing the beauty around us come into bloom, so too do we notice the beauty of our community start to blossom. In looking at my calendar and with a little help from the Destination Gettysburg website, I came up with a small sampling of fun community events for the Month of May.

May 5th First Fridays in Gettysburg - Years ago the Gettysburg Area Merchants Association (GARMA) began celebrating every first Friday of the month as a way to encourage tourists and locals to frequent downtown Gettysburg. First Friday celebrations began in the late 80's as a way to refocus consumer energy back into down-

towns. In Gettysburg it has evolved into a tradition where merchants offer special discounts, bring live music into their stores or onto the sidewalks, and art galleries invite customers to meet the artists. If not in May, take the time to attend First Friday's in Gettysburg sometime this year. You will not be disappointed. Check out the GARMA website for more information, www.gettysburgretailmerchants.com/first-friday.html.

May 13th Adams County SPCA Loyalty Walk - This month is National Volunteer month and I can think of no better way to celebrate it than by joining a great group of volunteers raise money to help abused and neglected animals. The Adams County SPCA sponsors this annual event held at the Gettysburg Middle School on May 13th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Check out their website for more details. www.adamscountyspca.org. This year the walk is bitter sweet for Elizabeth and I, as our 11 1/2 year old Great Dane recently passed away. Dolly was a rescue dog, who had been abandoned at a young age. When Dolly was rescued she was so skinny that the veterinarians couldn't even tell her gender. Elizabeth and I gave her a loving home and, while she has been a part of my life for only 5 years, I miss her every day. Every day the staff and volunteers at the SPCA see this story repeated over and over. Take the time to support

this cause and show people that for every idiot willing to abuse and neglect an animal, Adams County has two residents willing to give them a good home.

May 14th Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra - When some of us think classical music, we think classic rock. My wife likes both classic rock and classical music. I am not nearly as cultured as my wife, but when she asks me to attend a Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra event, I am more than happy to go. On May 14th at 4:00 we will be attending a concert at the Gettysburg Seminary chapel. My advice to anyone not familiar with the Lutheran Theological Seminary campus is that you make an afternoon trip of it. Prior to the concert, take time to visit the Seminary Ridge museum, especially now before tourist season really begins. After the concert take some time on the campus walking

trail. For more information about the concert series check out www.gettysburgchamberorchestra.com.

May 26th to 28th Driving Mrs. Daisy at the Totem Pole Playhouse - Last but not least is a great stage hiding on the edge of our County nestled in Michaux forest near Caledonia State Park. I have to admit (for full transparency), like many locals, I have never been to a play at the Totem Pole Playhouse. I recently went to a play at the Gettysburg Community Theatre in Gettysburg and was very impressed. It changed my preconceived notions about community theatre. It had the added bonus that with our community being as small as it is, I get to bump into local actors at the grocery store and tell them what a great job they did. I have heard only good things about the Totem Pole and it's about time I pay them a visit. Check out what they have to offer

year round at www.totempoleplayhouse.org.

My point in all of this, is twofold. First, we need to take the time to experience the community around us. Second, it is important to not see each of these events as separate dates and times on a calendar, but instead view them as ongoing linkages between our tourism economy and our community. I only listed a few events in May, there are so many more. With each event listed above there are local businesses that depend on local support. We cannot assume that visitors alone supply all of the income for these businesses. We have our part to play in supporting local events. The great part is that in so doing, we also help to build our community. We live in a great place, take the time to enjoy our community.

As always if you have any concerns about County government or issues facing your community, feel free to give me a call at 717-339-6514 or email me at martyqually@gmail.com.

From candidate Walter Barlow

I have been a part of Liberty Township since 1972, and my family has owned farms in the Township as far back as 1860. I have been a PA EMT since 1985 serving the Adams County residents in the EMT services. I work in the community and have been the pastor of a church for sixteen years. I started working part

time for Liberty Township as a member of the road crew and took all the L-Tap classes to become a Road Scholar for the state of PA. I'm happy to work for the residents and get involved to help them fix any issues. I am available to any resident, any time, to hear what they have to say and vote on their behalf.

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11 Bunny Tr, Carroll Valley, PA - 0.63 ac., well drilled, public sewer at site, cul-de-sac, level, wooded. \$29,900				1875 Cold Springs Rd., Fairfield, PA - 9.59 ac., well required, perc appr., close to skiing & golf. Motivated sellers! Make offer! \$89,900			
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THE PASTOR'S DESK

A journey of a lifetime

Father Collin Poston
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/
Saint Anthony Parish

It is with great joy and gratitude that I come to serve at the appointment of Archbishop Lori as the new priest and pastor of St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes! In coming here to serve in Emmitsburg and Thurmont, I find that it is in many ways a "return home" for me – but one that I certainly never planned. The best plans are never the ones we plan, but are God's surprising, often astonishing ways! Thus begins my story.

Before arriving here, I served at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hagerstown, MD, where I served for eight good years as a pastor. I have served as a priest for almost 14 years now. I am truly a "native" of this local land, as I was born in Frederick, MD and then grew up in nearby Lewistown, MD just south of Thurmont. My faith journey actually began at a United Methodist Church there, where I was baptized and in very simple fashion first learned about Jesus, the Gospel and the Christian faith.

When I was a quiet little boy of about 10 years old, my good faithful and humble Methodist pastor at

the time pulled me aside after our service on Sunday morning, as people were talking and having fellowship. "Here," he said, "I want you to have this."

He handed me a small, wooden Jerusalem cross - only about the size of a quarter, but one that could be worn on a necklace. A "Jerusalem cross" is a unique cross, if you are not familiar with it, because it has one big cross in the center, with four "little" crosses around the edges of the center cross. What is interesting about it is that it is actually a very "Catholic" type of cross: because the one large cross represents the "one" Church founded by the Lord, and the little crosses represent the "universal" nature of the Church - that the Church and the Gospel in time has spread to the four corners of the world. My pastor had made a recent trip to the Holy Land - Jerusalem and the surrounding region and places where Jesus had lived, served and walked among us, eventually dying for us - and he particularly wanted to give this cross to me. He had picked up other more "standard", regular ones that he gave to the other youth that day; but he felt that I particularly should have this one. When he did this, it made me feel as though God had some form of a special plan for me. And: I

never, ever forgot it.

I was very touched by this at the time, but didn't think about the power of this little act of generosity: until I reflected on it later when I began to discern and contemplate becoming a priest. I now truly believe, seeing a bit through the lenses of faith and grace, that this little act of love from my pastor was God's creative way of planting a seed: a seed that would later develop into clear call from the Lord, and an answer.

In the summer of 1993, my best friends were a young Catholic couple, one of whom I worked with in Frederick. In a joyful, humble, respectful and friendly way, they began to invite me to masses, prayer services, Bible studies, and eventually I was invited to travel to Denver, CO, where Pope John Paul II was celebrating a huge youth event called "World Youth Day." There were over 400,000 people and pilgrims who attended this inspiring event - and I was one of them!

Amazed, inspired, and most blessed: this was something that had a life-changing impact on me. Being in the presence of so many young people who were on fire for their faith in the Lord, love of the Catholic Church and her teachings, and an admiration for the Pope, the successor of St. Peter, I was overjoyed and impressed! My favorite memory from Denver was what the aforementioned Jerusalem Cross represents that I there discovered in lived, real-time experience: attending a Catholic mass with so many thousands of people from all around the world - Europe, Australia, Mexico, South America, Africa, Asia, as well as so many from the USA - showed the universal nature of the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic church. At the mass that the pope offered on the final day of the event, what was so beautiful was that even though we all spoke different languages and were from many different cultures and walks of life, we were all united in the same prayer at mass, the same Eucharist and memorial, as the Body of Christ on earth! I'll always remember this.

So after this, and much prayer, and study of the Catholic faith and



her teachings, I felt called to become a member of the Catholic faith. After becoming Catholic by receiving Confirmation and my First Communion at the Easter Vigil in 1994, I would eventually begin serving in a parish in Hagerstown and I came to love it. I also got to know several very good young seminarians and great priests. They inspired me to want to do what they did! And this "love" never faded or went away!

I would eventually come to the seminary the locals know as "the Mount" - Mount St. Mary's Seminary - in the fall of 1996! This later culminated in ordination to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore on May 24, 2003, and then the celebration of my first priestly mass the very next day at the outdoor altar of the Grotto of Lourdes - on the hill just above St. Anthony's where I now serve! And I have enjoyed a most rich, blessed priestly life ever since: as the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun!"

So, that is a "taste" of my story, one "chapter" in the book of life. I

am a firm believer that things don't happen by accident: and also, that our friends in Heaven, the saints, intercede for us with our "friends" on earth - the Church, you and me! - and sometimes have a little (or perhaps not so little!) part in our journey. It isn't an accident that I am here with you: and Mary, "Our Lady", smiles now that I come back "home" to a parish named after her in Thurmont, to the Mount again, and that I am reunited with family and friends here! The great thing - one of many things! - about God is that He can use anything and anyone for His purposes: whether a once-simple, shy young boy from Lewistown, MD who would become a priest - and a simple cross given to him by his pastor. All glory be to Him!

To learn more about Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/St. Anthony Parish, visit them online at www.emmitsburg.net/sasolmcl/ or better yet, join them for Sunday service at 9 a.m. at St. Anthony or 7:30 a.m. at Mount Carmel.

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Whipping Vagrants



PARISH STOCKS.

May 5

Three centuries ago, the flagellation of vagrants and similar characters for slight offences was carried to a cruel extent. Owing to the dissolution of the monasteries, where the poor had chiefly found relief, a vast number of infirm and unemployed persons were suddenly thrown on the country without any legitimate means of support.

These destitute persons were naturally led to wander from place to place, seeking subsistence from the casual alms of any benevolent persons they might chance to meet. Their roving and precarious life soon produced its natural fruits, and these again produced severe measures of repression. By an act passed in 22 Henry VIII, vagrants were to be 'carried to some market town or other place, and there tied to the end of a cart naked, and beaten with whips throughout such market town or other place, 'til the body should be bloody by reason of such whipping.'

The punishment was afterwards slightly mitigated; for by a statute passed in the 39th of Elizabeth's reign, vagrants were only to be stripped naked from the middle upwards, and whipped till the body should be bloody.' Still, vagrancy not only continued, but increased, so that several benches of magistrates issued special orders for the apprehension and punishment of vagrants found in their respective districts.

Thus, in the quarter sessions at Wycomb, in Bucks, held on the 5th of May, 1698, an order was passed directing all constables and other parish officers to search for vagrants, &c.; 'and all such persons which they shall apprehend in any such search, or shall take begging, wandering, or misconducting themselves, the said constables, headboroughs, or tything-men, being assisted with some of the other parishioners, shall cause to be whipped naked from the middle upwards, and be openly whipped 'til the bodies shall be bloody.'

Men and women were whipped promiscuously 'til the close of the last century. Male and female rogues were whipped at a charge of 4d. each for the whip's-man. In 1680 there is a charge of 4d. "for whipping a wench." In 1742, 1s. "for whipping John Williams, and

exposing Joyce Powell." In 1759, "for whipping Elizabeth Bradbury, 2s. 6d." probably including the cost of the hire of the cart, which was usually charged 1s. 6d. Separately.

Whipping, however, was not always executed at the 'cat's tail.' It was, indeed, so ordered in a statute of Henry VIII; but by act passed in the 39th of Elizabeth it was not required, and about this time (1596), whipping-posts came into use.

On May 5th, 1713, the corporation of Doncaster ordered 'a whipping-post to be set up at the stocks at Butcher Cross, for punishing vagrants and sturdy beggars.' The stocks were often so constructed as to serve both for stocks and whipping-post. The posts, which supported the stocks being made sufficiently high, were furnished near the top with iron clasps to fasten around the wrists of the offender, and hold him securely during the infliction of the punishment. Sometimes a single post was made to serve both purposes; clasps being provided near the top for the wrists, when used as a whipping-post, and similar clasps below for the ankles when used as stocks, in which case the culprit sat on a bench behind the post, so that his legs when fastened to the post were in a horizontal position.

Stocks and whipping-posts of this description still exist in many places, and persons are still living who have been subjected to both kinds of punishment for which they were designed. Latterly, under the influence, we may suppose, of growing humanity, the whipping part of the apparatus was dispensed with, and the stocks left alone. The weary knife-grinder of Canning, we may remember, only talks of being put in the stocks for a vagrant.

The stocks was a simple arrangement for exposing a culprit on a bench, confined by having his ankles laid fast in holes under a movable board. Each parish had one, usually close to the churchyard, but sometimes in more solitary places.

There is an amusing story told of Lord Camden, when a barrister, having been fastened up in the stocks on the top of a hill, in order to gratify an idle curiosity on the subject. Being left there by the absent-minded friend who had locked him in, he found it impossible

to procure his liberation for the greater part of a day. On his entreating a chance traveler to release him, the man shook his head, and passed on, remarking that of course he was not put there for nothing. Now-a-days, the stocks are in most places removed as an unpopular object; or we see little more than a stump of them left. The whipping of female vagrants was expressly forbidden by a statute of 1791.

Oatmeal — its former use in England:

Edward Richardson, owner of an estate in Lancashire, directed, in 1784, that for fifty years after his death there should be, on Ascension Day, a distribution of oatmeal amongst the poor in his neighbourhood.

The sarcastic definition of oats by Johnson, in his Dictionary—"A grain which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people," has been the subject of much remark. It is, however, worthy of notice that, when the great lexicographer launched this sneer at Caledonia, England herself was not a century advanced

from a very popular use of oatmeal.

Markham, in his English Housewife, 1653, speaks of oatmeal as a viand in regular family use in England. After giving directions how it should be prepared, he says the uses and virtues of the several kinds are beyond all reckoning. There is, first, the small ground meal, used in thickening pottage of meat or of milk, as well as both thick and thin gruel, 'of whose goodness it is needless to speak, in that it is frequent with every experience.' Then there are oat-cakes, thick and thin, 'very pleasant in taste, and much esteemed.' And the same meal may be mixed with blood, and the liver of sheep, calf, or pig; thus making 'that pudding which is called haggas, or haggus, of whose goodness it is in vain to boast, because there is hardly to be found a man that does not affect them.'

It is certainly somewhat surprising thus to find that the haggis of Scotland, which is understood now-a-days to be barely compatible with an Englishman remaining at table, was a dish which nearly every man in England affected in the time of the Commonwealth. More than this, Markham goes on to describe a food called wash-brew, made of the very small oatmeal by frequent steeping of it, and then boiling it into a jelly,

to be eaten with honey, wine, milk, or ale, according to taste. 'I have,' says he, 'seen them of sickly and dainty stomachs which have eaten great quantities thereof, beyond the proportion of ordinary meats.' The Scotsman can be at no loss to recognise, in this description, the sowens of his native land, a dish formerly prevalent among the peasantry, but now comparatively little known.

To illustrate Markham's remark as to the quantity of this mess that could be eaten, the writer may adduce a fact related to him by his grandmother, who was the wife of an extensive store-farmer in Peeblesshire, from 1768 to 1780. A new ploughman had been hired for the farm. On the first evening, coming home just after the sowens had been prepared, but when no person was present in the kitchen, he began with one of the cogs or bowls, went on to another, and in a little time had dispatched the very last of the series; after which he coolly remarked to the maid, at that moment entering the house, 'Lass, I wish you would tomorrow night make my sowens all in one dish, and not in drippocks and drappocks that way!'

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COMMENTARY

Words From Winterbilt

Are we there yet?

We have had some changes with our new President some of which were expected and some not. Every time we elect a new President we expect changes and sometimes the changes we expect - do not happen. The election occurs and the government just keeps moving in the same direction, so we always ask why? The obvious but often overlooked reason why changes do not occur as fast as promised, is centered in the fact of how and why our government was created. We have a democracy with three branches of government and it was created to replace the rule of a king. It was intentionally not designed to be operated by a dictator or an individual that believes he/she is a king. It is supposed to be operated like a bureaucracy.

While we focus on the president as if s/he has the power and authority to make the changes, the reality is that the president only represents one third of our government. The founding fathers created our government that by its very nature works slowly and literally prohibits any branch from having too much power. As an illustration of this, our new president started off very strong with executive orders as if the executive orders were written in stone and not questionable. Then - some of the executive orders were taken to the Judicial Branch, the courts. I did not find it strange or unexpected that when the courts ruled against the administration - that the courts were deemed "political".

If the courts had ruled with the administration - they would have been seen as doing their job.

Contrary to what some say, the government is working as it was designed, which includes all three separate branches. Some people are unhappy about this. We do have a segment in our society that seems to have an impatient side. It tells them that if they want something - they should have it now. That can work well, until the opposing party is in power. I think it is wise to remember what was once said about our democracy. "If you wake up one day and find that you have everything you want, then you no longer live in a democracy."

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

-William Arthur Ward

While the separations of powers enumerated within our Constitution may inhibit change, there are other factors that affect us. The largest being the congress. Politicians often say things to get elected, never really intending to make the changes after being elected. For over seven years one party voted over sixty times to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act and when the party was given the opportunity to effect change, it failed. Why? It is as simple as what the dog does when it catches the car! There was no plan. The rhetoric sounded good and I am sure that many party members believed it. But at the same time much of the rhetoric was

for the sole purpose of just being in opposition.

So, instead of expecting the president to make changes, maybe we should focus on the congress. It is the congress that submits bills, produces a budget and allocates the money for spending. When congress does not want to do its job, or possibly they see their job as obstructionist, we all lose because nothing gets done. I really should not say that we all lose, because there are some people that believe it is a good thing when congress does nothing. Of course, the segment of society that believes it can be good thing when congress does nothing - is an additional reason why changes don't occur.

Another issue for slow change is that just because the winner is inaugurated as president, all sides are still represented. The United States of America is a Republic. A Republic means that the government is a "public matter" in that the elected officials operate the government for the benefit of the public. That means all of the public, not just the winning party. The benefit of the public includes the rule of law that ensures the rights and privileges for all citizens. The government is prohibited from taking away the rights of anyone, which includes the people that voted in opposition. In essence, the rights of the minority are always protected. Our founding fathers created this form of government to protect us, the citizens, from monarchs, kings and individuals that think they should be a king. Since it has worked for two hundred and for-



ty years, I don't think it will change - and that is another reason why change is slow.

Our government is not unlike a business in that it takes resources, including people, to provide products or services. But while there are similarities, there are also differences. The government is very large and diverse. The government is working on thousands of projects, it employs millions of people including contractors and it is interconnected with state and local governments as well as foreign entities. Anything that large cannot change direction very fast and of course one of the promises was to reduce the size of the government. In theory a smaller government would be more efficient and then changes could happen faster.

"My goal is to cut government in half in twenty-five years, to get it down to the size where we can drown it in the bathtub."

-Grover Norquist

Conversely, when a politician tells you that reducing the size of govern-

ment is a priority, maybe you should ask them what services the government should provide. Then ask what resources are needed to provide those services. It does sound good that our government is too large and by reducing it we will save money. But before reducing the whole government, maybe we should be asking what services we have and what services we want, then what resources does it take to provide the services. The actual services would then be the starting point to determine the size. Of course, that would be like starting all over again. By the time we figured out what we want, it might be similar to our efforts to get rid of what some don't want; like the Affordable Health Care Act.

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."

-Thomas Jefferson.

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Common Cents

High and dry

Ralph Murphy

Cyber security breaches linked to Russian intelligence activities appear to have led to the removal of the American National Security adviser, General Michael Flynn just 24 days into the current administration's term. Conversations tied to electoral issues between Flynn and Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak were either misunderstood or misleading and Vice President Mike Pence may have helped force the ouster. At issue now is an assertive Russian business and political diaspora linked to organized crime with access to world finance centers. Russia lacks the wealth conventionally tied to those activity levels. The commodity merchant has to be reviewed to realistic power projection as the tech levels are just too primitive to suggest they could launch the attacks without foreign assistance.

Russia remains a monolith covering a contiguous area that stretches over a sixth of the world's land mass. The population however is very light at about 150 million people with the largest group of just over 38 million in the Central federal district that houses Moscow. This area is one of the smallest of the 8 federal districts, but is about twice the size of Germany with well un-

der half its 80 million population. Russian exports and activities linked to the internal market are highly oil and natural gas dependent at reportedly over three quarters of its export earnings. The bulk of these pipelines transport oil to the west.

While participating in the world oil cartel as one of the three top producers along with Saudi Arabia and the United States - Russia relies heavily on western, private sector contractors such as ExxonMobil and BP. This is because even that very rudimentary commodity extraction and provision seems beyond their internal capacity to produce it. They have state producers linked to the industry such as Rosneft and Gazprom, but these appear illusory as do other state firms. They lack the drive or savvy to produce at levels claimed without private sector backing. That backing, oddly enough comes mostly from American firms. The issue now is a break down in the world fossil fuel cartel and the link to the Russian political and intelligence-associated activities in the West as the nation is so dependent on these commodities.

What the Russians do have, however is a military machine that has been aided by the West since the World War II lend lease program helped them oust the German occupation forces. The mentality of the western Russians towards the various federal regions in the Central and

Northwest areas involves a proclivity towards weapons and personnel deployment that they overtly used in seizing Crimea and continue to do so with its occupation. They reportedly destabilized other regions with covert or unacknowledged series of actions as well. A group of mafia-like or syndicate-linked, paramilitary units may be linked to the GRU domestic military intelligence group as well as its foreign intelligence counterpart - the SVR that spun off from the Cold War KGB in about 1991.

With the attacks on Western Europe spiking in the last couple of years - Western institutions - especially major banks - have drawn down their Russian activities. In many cases they have simply closed down their operations since the internal market was so hostile. This has led other banks and affiliated producers or lenders to shutter their operations as well. Russia is reportedly having a very difficult time retaining what little foreign currency it has that has been derived from their own commodity production. Contractions have been severe with a deep recession in national income. They've "weathered" downturns of this type before, but this time it does appear it has come with a "service" export of both the GRU Special Forces and linked SVR. It is an almost mercenary export if the term can be used for a nation's military group. The group must have po-

litical backing in top tier, power centers but it's just not clear just where they are. Even how or why they support them because it is not a defensive force beyond propping up some bizarre minority interest at the expense of almost everyone else. GRU or Spetsnaz (Special Purpose Forces) - are trained to "seize, destroy, capture, exploit, recover or damage desired targets".

The Russian military retains conscription of men between the ages of 18 and 27. They are overtly active in the Middle East as well as Europe, but narcotics are a problem as are other criminal activities with an American defense Department report noting "high levels of criminal conduct at every level tied to trauma, social (often ethnic) and cultural mismatches or concerns". There is a direct link to the Russian mafia and that is reportedly involved in "trafficking weapons, extortion in commercial ventures, materiel theft, smuggling, corruption and contract murders". If that was just an internal problem it would be an esoteric concern for the west. But, again they do seem to have found western support. Perhaps even with the expectation that they can be used to fight other domestic problems. By whatever means they stay with political support and appear to become very problematic both on the streets and in the finance capitals of the wealthy host nations with their better-groomed SVR affiliates active there.

Awareness of a concern and its

roots afford a strong step forward towards redressing it. The Russian group seems ideologically conservative when tied to their political backer - Vladimir Putin. The United Russia party he leads is however, ideologically diverse and often described as a "catch all". United Russia's presence in the Duma or lower House of Parliament with 343 of the 450 seats actually is confusing. Seated United Russia parliamentarians need to show a regionally accepted, but forceful personality to qualify for placement. Once seated the ideological concern seems almost moot so long as they aren't radical leftists.

Russia's world role - as exemplified by the law violator's UN Security Council seat - is difficult to justify. Strength indicators such as money, population or its widely accepted culture are simply not there. Unfortunately, the only power projection they do have in abundance is military and that is routinely used. It wouldn't be externally without foreign aid and that has to be identified as to its source and objective - as the Russians aren't realistic world leaders. That, despite many years of misguided western aid - presenting them as viable in the role. Scrutiny and a more accurate portrayal of Russia's capabilities may lead to a more stable West amid demands for social inclusion that is more in line with their talent than with their ties.

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The American Mind

The last 100 days in review

William Hillman

As great as Trump's victory was, "draining the swamp", changing the political climate in Washington with hopes of placing the needs of Americans first, and pushing back against the interest of multinational corporations and Neo-Con/Neo-liberal desires to meddle in distant foreign countries, will be a herculean task.

The Trump White House has been nothing but chaotic. This should surprise no one. After all, we elected an outsider. As a friend of mine put it, "We are in Hi-jacked plane management. We all knew the plane was going down." Our choice was to rush the cockpit and hope that one of our guys makes it in. We did that, our guy made it into the cockpit and has control. Now we just have to pray he can figure out how to fly the plane."

Trump is going to have a very difficult time. He is opposed by the democrats who have vowed to obstruct, on principle, anything he does. The Democratic party has opened up their playbook from 2000 when George Bush won. Their plain

was to de-legitimize his presidency with slogans like "not my President". They tried to label him as a fascists and Racist, who would bring back the Klan. He was regularly liked to Hitler. Sound familiar? September 11th changed all that. The Democrats' could not counter the national unit that swept the country.

The republican leadership in the House and Senate, who should be his allies, have proved to be two-faced back stabbers, with the backbone of a jellyfish. They spend more time shadow boxing the white house then getting done the work of the people.

Then there is the media. When Trump first announced he would run for President, almost every news outlet believed that beating up on Trump and predicting his demise was a "no brainer". For the last two years they have done nothing but tell us he is a fool and is incapable of succeeding. Imagine a sportscaster staking his reputation on the Washington Generals losing to the Harlem Globe Trotters. Then the General open a great lead and look to win the game. That sportscaster might try to trip

players, mess with the scoreboard, do anything to keep the Generals from winning and save his reputation. The sportscaster is no longer an observer but has "skin in the game", a vested interest in the outcome. The media now needs Trump to fail. They have gone from being an observer to an active participant with "skin in the game". They will do everything in their power to sabotage the President, and save their own reputation.

Trump also faces problems and roadblocks from the people who surround him. Kushner and Ivanka are pushing Trump to moderate and go centrist. There is strong pressure from the Neo-Cons around the President to break his "America First" promise and engage in a ground war in Syria.

On a bright note, Bannon is not going anywhere. He is the only one in the West Wing who keeps a list of President Trump's campaign promises and reminds the President who elected him.

With all the media hype that Bannon is allegedly on his way out, in reality he is never far from the President's side. Many have speculated on Steve Bannon's future in the West

Wing. He will stay, thank the Lord.

Of all the institutions pushing for the failure of our President, and in turn, the failure of our country. None has been more outwardly violent against those that support his agenda the Universities.

The left that occupies these institutions have devolved into fascist thugs and brutes. If you want to know where the left and the democratic party is heading, look at our college campuses. The universities are the road map to the future of the left.

Universities claim, "Freedom of Speech" when a Professor calls for "white genocide" as in the case of Professor George Ciccariello-Maher of Drexel University in Philadelphia. At the same time they are protecting hate speech among their own, they label any argument that disagrees with their narrow worldview as "hate speech" and try to ban it.

Leftist college students, and the left in general, have dismissed the old free speech mantra of "I may not agree with what you say, but I'll defend your right to say it", to "I don't agree with what you say, and if you say it I'll beat you."

In the quiet state of Vermont, former campus of Middlebury College Professor Charles Murray was physically attacked by students when he returned to give a talk to the gov-

ernment department. Professor Eric Clanton, of Diablo Valley, California, assaulted a Trump supporter, bashing his head with a heavy steal bike lock. A gruesome bloody scene

This attack on free speech has expanded from the campuses into the cities. On March 26th, there were rallies in support of the Trump agenda held around the country. Many of these marches were met with physical resistance. Demonstrators in California were assaulted. In Philadelphia, the leftists government stopped the Trump supporters from marching even though they had all the proper permits.

Yvette Felarca, a middle school teacher a member of a group called "by any means necessary" has filmed physically assaulting and punching Trump supporters.

Trust me, this is going to get a lot worse before it ends.

This generation has been taught that "sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will do far more irreparable damage." They believe in thought crimes and it is their job to punish people who commit these crimes.

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Down Under

Trust

Lindsay Coker
Melbourne, Australia

In trust I have found treason
—Elizabeth 1, 1586

Still reeling in this new unpredictable world of Trump, I got to wondering why it had occurred. What was the impetus that generated that majority, that allowed the most unpredictable candidate of all time win? Who, as commander in chief, has shown total disregard of congress by making unilateral decisions, ones that have unknown consequences, that have put peace at risk, and raised tensions around the world. Such thoughts led me to consider the wave of dissatisfaction the made Hillary and the rest of the establishment so much on the nose, and the incredible wave of support given to a person who was well-known for his TV shows and who was decidedly non-establishment.

Living far enough away to get a bit of perspective, while keeping abreast of history and current events made me realize that this change was initially generated by the fall of Lehmann bros and the subsequent financial meltdown. That cataclysm was the direct result of the worst case of corporate greed ever seen in the world, which was in turn created by economists who embraced a philosophy put out by a Russian Jewish refugee called Ayn Rand. Without going into the history of that singular woman, let's just say she was the prophet of greed. Her battle cry of 'Greed is Good' caught

on with the establishment, who saw a golden opportunity when one was given to them. The idea spread – among hundreds of acolytes were Alan Greenspan, Margaret Thatcher, and most importantly, Ronald Reagan. The rest of the capitalistic world followed as fast as they could.

Rand was able to build on the thing she found most appealing in her adopted country – rampant capitalism. There is no question that the capitalist model that America developed in the 19th and 20th centuries brought unprecedented development and wealth to the great majority; it also contained the seeds of its own downfall: the belief that private corporations were the driving force of that success, and could be trusted to put in place all necessary financial rules and safeguards. That government was therefore not needed, and that they would demonstrate it by showing everyone how honest they were. Indeed, most were, but when greed gets in the picture morality and probity go out the window, as the great depression of the 30's showed.

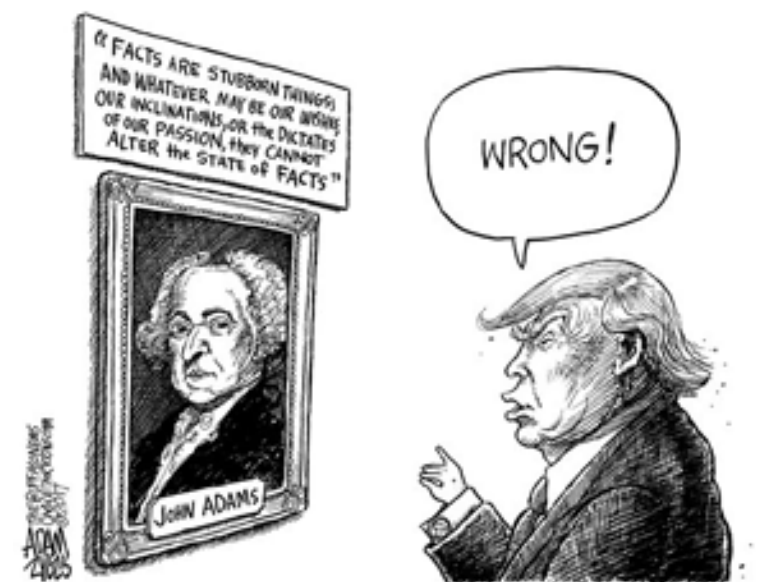
That terrible event was met with renewed regulations, tightly drawn and government enforced, but in the euphoria of post war victory they were again watered down, and finally made impotent. Enter trickle down economics, the most outrageous lie ever foisted on a trusting public and the second biggest scam ever pulled on the world, followed by the biggest scam of all, sub-prime mortgage. More than anything else this resulted in two things – the depredation of the middle class and the violent skewing of the distribution of wealth. That

it caused the collapse of many banks and insurances, of foreign governments, and of trust is now plain; that it was done with full knowledge of the outcome is a fact that is excused away, but it shows quite clearly that the dishonesty involved was deliberate and totally cynical.

Its aftermath has left conditions that precipitated enormous global tensions, having produced a situation where innocent people and nations could be blatantly robbed of money and power, as well as triggering the biggest bailout in history and the wholesale printing of money to keep the economy afloat. Regretfully, it was also one that the perpetrators got away with – how many of them are serving long terms in jail?

By far the worst outcome, however, was the undermining of cornerstones of democracy – trust. It proved that big business could not be trusted, that therefore a government that had allowed them to get away with it also could not be trusted. And that was both parties - Republicans and Democrats alike. The feeling of being dupped became an anger deep in the heart of middle America; the appalling decline in jobs and stagnation in wages was only partly offset by President Obama's programs, leading to President Trump and the present political madness.

Except in a totalitarian society, trust is essential for any country to operate. Having broken that, the promises by the establishment were derided and the laurel wreath handed to someone who promised nothing more than to make the country great again - which can be man anything you like. To prove his anti-establishment credentials he has said and done things that they would never have done, for example saying in a pre-election speech that china had



manipulated its currency to the detriment of America, but now, as he co-sies up to that nation, denying he ever said it. Things like this are still emerging, much to the consternation of the rest of the world.

The origins of his acceptance by the majority reflect just how deeply disgust fills the hearts of so many Americans at the way they have been treated and taken as suckers for the past fifty or so years. Ordinary citizens do not have the ability or inclination to closely examine what that they are told, whether it is by government or business. Ordinary citizens are by and large trustworthy, and expect the same from their government and traders. Without this chaos ensues, values de-based, and society falls apart.

The hallmark of a democracy is that having elected their preferred candidate the wishes of the electorate will be fulfilled as far as possible. That they can be trusted to do so, (even though experience has shown them that this is not always the case) has been the basis of a successful and

stable society, a society they grew up in, one they want again. The establishment is going to have their work cut out to prove they can be trusted again. In the meantime president Trump will carry on, possibly illegally, certainly unpredictable and capricious, discriminatory and autocratic, yet so far proving he can do what the previous mob couldn't or wouldn't – talking turkey to China, Russia, Syria and North Korea.

But only time will tell whether he can be trusted. So far the signs are not good. Blatant contradictions, policy that seems to come on the run, disregard for debate, cronyism, suspicion that he is in it for his own benefit – but then it may be too big an ask for us to trust any leader today. And that is truly a kind of treason, one we should not have to endure. It is not the sign of a great nation.

Lindsay, enjoying the ho-hum peace and prosperity of Australia.

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THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

The war of the trees

Bill Meredith

*Loveliest of trees, the Cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands along the woodland ride,
Wearing white for Eastertide.*

*Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.*

*And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.*

-A. E. Housman, ca. 1880

One day in 1989 my wife and I looked at each other and realized that our house seemed empty. Our children had moved away, and grandchildren had begun to appear; they visited sometimes, but most of the time the house had a vacant feeling. So we built a new house, designed so we could live on one floor as age accumulated. There was an upper story, but it was for the occasional visitors and for stuffing full of things that should have been thrown away.

My favorite aunt had visited us every summer since we came to Emmitsburg in 1957, and she came to see the new house in 1990. She approved of it on the inside, but she could not help noticing that the outside looked barren. We had built it in our former

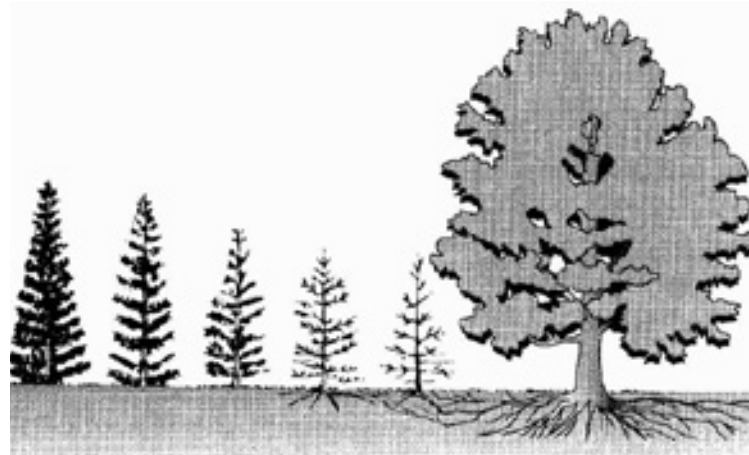
garden, and grass was beginning to grow around it, but there was not a shrub or tree in sight. So she gave us a check and told us to buy a tree. She didn't specify what kind, so after some searching we selected a weeping cherry; and since her name was "Icky," it became the Icky Tree.* She visited us two more times before she died, at the age of 92, so she never got to see what a truly beautiful gift the tree was to become, nor to share the pleasure it brought when our grandchildren came every spring to hunt Easter Eggs under it and have their pictures taken.

It is one of my regrets that I had not yet discovered Housman's poem while Icky was still living. She liked poetry; she wrote a bit herself, and she read to me when I was a child. She would have smiled ruefully at the irony of the situation. The cherry sapling was five feet high and barely an inch thick when we planted it, and I had already used up 80% of my three-score years and ten. But it grew steadily; it is now about 15 inches thick at ground level, and stands some 30 feet tall. It has bloomed around Easter every year, and once again this year it was the loveliest of trees, as Housman foretold... but it is dying. Last summer two large branches died, and when the bloom came out this spring about half of the remaining branches were bare. I don't know how many scores of years a cherry tree is allotted, and of course no one knows the future; but the odds now are at least 50:50 that I will live longer than the tree does.

If you look at the cherry tree now, the source of its trouble is

obvious; it is caused by a Bradford pear tree that was planted the same year as the cherry, and is now some 15 feet taller. When we went to buy the cherry tree, there was a sale at the nursery, and my wife brought home eight or ten other trees, including four Bradford pears. I planted one of them about 20 feet from the cherry. It flourished, and as it matured, it began to release a chemical substance into the air that is toxic to the cherry tree. Over the past few years the amount of this substance increased; the branches of the cherry on the side toward the Bradford pear stopped growing, and last year they began to die. So I have to take responsibility. I should have known better.

Long before I ever took a course in botany, I knew that different kinds of plants are at war with each other. The basic idea is quite old; around 300 B. C., the Greek scholar, Theophrastus, wrote that walnut trees caused "soil sickness," damaging the soil to prevent other trees from growing near them. My father probably never heard of Theophrastus, but he knew about walnut trees, and he showed me that other kinds of trees did not germinate under the walnuts on our farm. He said this was because the walnut roots released something into the soil which killed other trees. He may have learned that as a boy when he helped his grandfather cut timber for his sawmill; and he probably read about it in his farm magazines in the 1930s. Biochemists had discovered the chemical substance produced by walnuts around 1850, and by the time I was born sim-



Some trees produce chemicals that belong to a class of substances called Allelopaths, which damage the soil around them to prevent other trees from growing near them, thereby ensuring their survival.

ilar chemicals had been found in many other plants.

These chemicals belong to a class of substances called Allelopaths, and they are quite common in nature. In a forest, many species of trees produce them to gain a competitive edge in the "struggle for survival." This has been going on for millions of years, so the native trees also developed some degree of resistance to them... in other words, a "balance of nature" occurs. However, when new species of plants are introduced into an ecosystem, the native species may not be resistant to the new allelopaths, and the introduced species then becomes invasive, crowding out the natives. Common examples of this are Mulberry, Tree of Heaven, Japanese Honeysuckle, and some oriental chestnuts; each produces its own kind of allelopath. And this is not limited to trees; the Allelopath War goes on among many herbaceous weeds as well. The best example locally is garlic mustard; it was unknown around here before the 1980s, but it now carpets most of the woodlands that have grown up on abandoned farmlands. It has crowded out many of our native wildflowers.

On reflection, the "War of the Trees" may not be the best metaphor to use in discussing allelopaths. I think it would be better to define "War" as human conflict because it involves thought and decision-making. There are many kinds of war... wars of conquest,

religious wars, civil wars, just wars, colonial wars, wars caused by greed or immorality among leaders, to name a few. Ethical concepts such as good or evil and right or wrong are involved.

The interactions between plants are different; they do not involve logical planning or personal feelings, and there is no moral dimension to them. In undisturbed ecosystems, over a long time they result in a balance between competing populations. This balance is inevitably imperfect; all species eventually become extinct, and mass extinctions have occurred at least five times in the earth's history. But these mass extinctions have been the result of external forces, such as meteors or volcanoes; between them, life has recovered and stabilized. In the main, interactions between plants and animals have resulted in food chains, which apportion the energy from sunlight to many different species of both plants and animals. In this process, individuals get killed and eaten, but populations maintain a relative stability. In the perspective of human values, this seems harsh; but it is how life has persisted for the past five billion years.

* The story of Icky's unusual name was told in an article called "Of Fools and Rain and Easter Under the Icky Tree," in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, May 2001. You can read it online at www.emmitsburg.net

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The birds and the bees of plants

Tim Iverson, Naturalist

They say April showers bring May flowers. What that euphemism leaves out is that it also brings seasonal allergies and that yellow-green film coating the hood of your car. Yes, spring is in the air and so is pollen. While the Earth is shaking off those winter doldrums it's also shaking out billions upon billions of those barely visible specks. While bothersome to us those specks are sparks from the fire of life and of huge importance to plants.

The basic biological goal of any living thing is to reproduce. For plants seeds carry out this function. Through pollination a plant can receive or exchange genetic material from another plant to create seeds. Seeds are what grow into a plant and can only be produced when pollen is transferred between plants of the same species. Pollen is a fine powdery substance containing genetic material. Succinctly, pollen is plant sperm. Flowering plants and trees produce pollen which is then carried by insects, animals, or the wind to ensure reproduction. Cross-pollination occurs when pollen travels from one plant to another. Birds and insects travel from plant to plant or tree-to-tree unintentionally collecting and leaving pollen as they go. Pollen is also carried through the air via the wind. When pollen leaves the stamen (the male part of a plant) and lands on the pistil (the female part of the plant) the plant is fertilized and can reproduce. This is the birds and the bees of plants, and without the birds and the bees most plants would have a difficult time of reproduction.

Pollinators are drawn to plants to drink the nectar from the flowers. Pollen then attaches itself to the animal's body. When that animal visits another flower pollen can fall off into the flower's pistil, which can result in the successful reproduction of the plant. Plants can do remarkable things to make sure all this happens. The same things that make flowers attractive to us is appealing to wildlife as

well. We, of course, can smell their fragrance and see their vivid colors. When it comes to vision many birds and insects have the ability to see light in the ultraviolet spectrum. While we just get a sunburn from UV light, pollinators see an array of colors and patterns invisible to us that act as a billboard advertising the nectar within.

Pollinators come in different forms. They consist of butterflies, birds, bats, and insects of all different kinds. The one most are familiar with though is the humble bee. Bees are synonymous with pollination and have been in the spotlight for the past decade due to decreasing populations. In a recent report from the USDA it is estimated that, "Pollinators, most often honey bees, are also responsible for one in every three bites of food we take, and increase our nation's crop values each year by more than 15 billion dollars." With the sudden inexplicable loss of a significant pollinator we should be alarmed. For the past decade honeybees have suffering from what is called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). CCD, by definition, is a colony with either no adult bees or surrounded by dead bees but with a live queen and may or may not have honey or immature bees. It is still largely not understood and it is happening in droves.

Over the past few years neonicotinoid pesticides, like RoundUp, have been under intense scrutiny and examination as a potential factor in declining bee populations. Most research scientists agree that a host of factors are creating the perfect storm that is crippling bee populations. However, the link between this type of pesticide and the affect it has on pollinators is only beginning to be understood. Pollinators are intricately interwoven into our food system and economy. Simply, their importance can't be overstated. Pollinators are directly responsible for 85% of flowering plants, 35% of global food production, add more than \$24 billion to the US economy, and provide \$26 million worth of pollination services in Maryland alone.

Consensus amongst the scientific and natural resources community is that pollinators are being exposed to these pesticides and real harm is occurring as a result. This is where consensus ends. Despite sensationalist newspaper headlines there is no significant data or statistical link that shows exposure directly leads to colony collapse disorder or drops in pollinator populations overall. Arguments can be made in favor or opposition of why recent legislation may or may not be necessary or government overreach. What you cannot argue is the data we currently have, and it resoundingly declares that neonicotinoids are negatively impacting pollinator health.

While the government and universities are diving head first into the problem there is a lot a private citizen can do help the cause too. Selecting certain plants to encourage pollinators will attract and strengthen local species. Plants like milkweed, ironweed, coneflower, goldenrod, and asters are favorites of pollinators as they provide essential food and habitat. By planting native plants in home gardens homeowners and gardeners can sidestep the pesticide issue entirely. Native plants generally require no fertilizer or pesticide. As a result, they protect both pollinators and a homeowner's budget. These plants have evolved to live right here in our local ecosystems and require little attention for survival. They have grown accustomed to weather and climatic patterns and have natural defenses against predators and disease. The Maryland Native Plant Society (www.mdflora.org), the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation (xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/plant-lists/) offer resources on native plants for our region and locations where they can be found for purchase.

In 2016 the Maryland House of Delegates and state Senate passed legislation (the Pollinator Protection Act) that would ban the sale and use neonicotinoid pesticides to consumers, but excluded farmers, certified pesticide applicators, and veterinarians from the ban. Maryland



is the first state to pass such legislation. The legislation saw wide bipartisan support. Governor Hogan didn't sign or veto the bill, but instead left it unsigned allowing the bill to become law and it will take effect beginning January 1. In April the Maryland state legislature passed another bill to amend a previous law requiring the State Highway Administration and the Department of Natural Resources to create pollinator habitat on lands they own or manage. This supplemental bill requires that these agencies do not use pesticides that are toxic to pollinators, granting an exception for public health emergencies, and allows more flexibility as to which areas are designated as pollinator habitats.

Spring, and pollen, is in the air. This gives way to the bright blooms

and buzzing bees necessary for the next generation of plant life. With time and a cautious approach we can hopefully reverse the downward spiral of declining pollinator populations. While more research into the issue is underway there are meaningful avenues we can take to mitigate losses. Native pollinators contribute billions to the economy and ecosystem and are too significant to idly let them vanish. Human intervention is likely required to tackle a human caused problem, and an all hands on deck approach is important to protect and encourage these species. By being proactive, being responsible, and being stewards we may be able to right the ship.

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Energy update

Michael Rosenthal

Each day brings news about Energy as President Trump and his administration modify energy policies that have been in place during the prior eight years under President Obama. In this article I will speak to some of the changes and proposed changes, and I will offer my opinion on them. You may agree or disagree; that is the American Way!

President Trump has taken steps to strengthen the coal industry, but in my opinion, the United States has moved beyond coal use. The largest coal-fired power plant in the eastern United States, the Navajo Generating Station in Page, Arizona, is planning to close by 2019. Two coal plants in southern Ohio will shut down in the next year; six other coal plants in the United States have shut down since November, and 40 more coal plants plan to close in the next four years.

It is understandable for President Trump to wish to provide continuing jobs for coal miners, and he has been rolling back regulations easing safeguards against environmental pollution introduced by President Obama. But the largest consumer of coal historically by far, the electric utility industry, has lost interest in using coal, and it is unlikely to reverse its direction. The long-term planning of the utilities industry

does not favor the use of coal.

Some of the utilities are developing interest in renewable resources, as we have discussed in earlier articles – especially wind and solar. Though some of this planning is idealistic, much of it is simply financial, as the industry sees a better financial future by abandoning coal.

The utility companies in America see natural gas as a significant fuel of the future. We hear a lot lately about hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking, which is a process by which natural gas is recovered from the ground. Fracking has led to a large supply of natural gas, so much that its price has fallen significantly, making it very attractive as a fuel for electric utilities. What is so interesting to me is that though the trends are environmentally so much better than for the use of coal, the driving force for the utilities is largely economic.

Fracking is in itself a controversial subject. Natural gas is much more environmentally friendly than coal, producing less carbon dioxide than coal, but still not as considerate of the environment as solar, wind, or water power. Former Governor O'Malley of Maryland announced on his way out of office that he would allow fracking. Western Maryland is the primary Maryland location where fracking opportunities exist. Governor Hogan was enthu-

siastic about allowing fracking in western Maryland as he assumed office, but has backed away from its support recently, announcing that he favored a total ban on fracking. The issue seems to be a difference in opinion about whether the environmental risks associated with fracking can be managed. Natural gas is not the ultimate solution to producing inexpensive energy safely, but it is a much, much better source of energy than burning coal or oil.

To continue our discussion of the current state of coal produced energy in America, here is an interesting twist. The Kentucky Coal Mining Museum in Benham, Kentucky, is installing solar panels to produce its electricity. Why would they do this? The announcement states that it will save thousands of dollars in energy costs! Benham advertises itself as “The Little Town That International Harvester, Coal Miners, and Their Families Built.” In 1923, about one million of America’s 110 million people worked as coal miners. Now there are about 77,000 people employed by the coal industry, less than the number of people employed at Arby’s restaurant chain.

I recently received the energy report with our electric bill. Here in Emmitsburg, 34.26 % of our electricity comes from burning of coal, 34.70 % from nuclear power, 26.34 % from natural gas, and 4.47 % is renewable energy.

Meanwhile in other parts of the world, changes are also occurring. Carbon dioxide emissions were reported to be stable worldwide in 2016, while emissions in China actually fell. Renewable power generation is growing worldwide through switches



The major stumbling block to renewable energy sources like wind and solar becoming our predominate source of power is the need to store excess energy when the wind is not blowing nor the sun shining. The high cost of storage of energy from these sources makes them uneconomical.

from coal to natural gas, technology improvements, and increased energy efficiency. China’s emission of carbon dioxide fell 1 % while the economy expanded by 6.7%. China is using less coal and more renewables, nuclear, and natural gas.

In Chile the Atacama Desert has become a center for solar farms. The sun is so intense that virtually nothing grows or lives there. But what a great spot to generate solar energy! The price of solar energy has fallen so low there that other energy sources cannot compete. Chile’s solar production has increased sixfold since 2014, and Chile is only second to China in the world in producing solar energy. The cost of solar panels has dramatically decreased. Two thirds of these panels are manufactured in China. Chile has a goal of producing 60 % clean energy by 2035, and they are moving well toward it.

Here is an update on the Flint, Michigan, water crisis. State and local government have reached a

legal settlement to replace 18,000 aging lead and galvanized underground water pipes. The funding will come from the state of Michigan, and the project will cost close to \$100 million. The Environmental Protection Agency awarded a \$100 million grant to the sites as well to fund upgrades to the outdated water system in Flint. More than a dozen state officials have thus far been charged with crimes in connection with the water crisis.

President Trump’s new budget policies have led to a severe drop in the federal government’s support of scientific research. For the first time since World War II, the federal government no longer funds a majority of basic research in the United States. It isn’t just the Trump presidency; the federal share dropped from 70+% in the 1960s and 1970s and was below 50% in 2013. The change comes from two sources: a flattening in federal spending and a rise in corporate funding. The National Science Foundation defines basic research as “activity aimed at acquiring new knowledge or understanding without specific immediate commercial application of use.” It defines applied research as being “aimed at solving a specific problem or meeting a specific commercial objective.” In my opinion, a balance between basic and applied research is required, so all research isn’t directed at corporate profit, and that a significant amount of research is directed at the common good of the population through the advancement of scientific knowledge. Drug companies have greatly increased their share of research spending, clearly because of the profit incentive. The pharmaceutical and biotech industry spent \$102 billion on research and development in 2015. This type of research is not by any means a bad thing, but achieving and maintaining a balance between profit-centered research and research for the common good is important, and government in the past has sought to achieve this balance.

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THE VILLAGE IDIOT

Stupid Good Bakery

Jack Deatherage

The label on the bread bag that once contained my favorite sandwich bread says: "Enriched Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Folic Acid), Water, Soy Fiber, Corn Syrup, Wheat Gluten. Contains 2% or Less of Each of the Following: Yeast, Defatted Soy Flour, Salt, Dough Conditioners (Mono & Diglycerides and/or Ethoxylated Mono & Diglycerides, Potassium Iodate), Soybean Oil, Carboxymethylcellulose Gum, Guar Gum, Calcium Propionate, Yeast Nutrients (Monocalcium Phosphate, Calcium Sulfate, Ammonium Sulfate). Contains wheat and soybeans."

My ingredients list for sandwich bread is somewhat easier to read: "Enriched Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamin, Riboflavin, Folic Acid), Water, Sourdough Culture (which I made using whole wheat and whole rye flours), Sea Salt, Time and Temperature."

Depending on who I'm building a bread for, or as a Muse dictates, it might contain: (singly, or in combinations) pumpkin meat, spinach powder, olive oil, butter, lard, bacon grease, cracklins (I have to be careful my Jew and Muslim friends don't get any of the pork additives), cheeses, milk, yogurt, sour cream, heavy cream, wine, beer, whiskey, rum, corn, corn meal, steel-cut oats, oatmeal, various flours (spelt, einkorn, corn, Kamut, Turkey Red whole wheat, whole ground rye, millet, semolina), seeds (caraway, fennel, pumpkin and sunflower), olives, nuts, cured meats, cocoa powder, chocolate, cinnamon, cane sugar, diastatic malt powder (sprouted barley, dried and milled) and most anything else edible I can pronounce without cramping my ignorant tongue.

Rarely do I aim for Mom's Jacobean dark loaves of homemade white bread these days. My goals often change from one build to the next when I realize some tweak of the recipe might improve the loaf. Or some bread book plops a new idea before me and I ponder how I can incorporate it into my stock recipe of 1 kilo of flour, 650 grams of water, 20 grams of salt and 1/2 cup of sourdough culture, or an eighth teaspoon of beer yeast.

(DW asked, "Why did you buy beer yeast? You aren't allowed to make

beer because you'll drink it." Duh. As opposed to my sipping wine, mead, rum, gin or whiskey?)

Beer yeast, added to a soaker of cracked grains, became part of my secondary stock recipe after watching a BBC documentary on early Victorian bread builders who used the leftover yeast from the breweries of their day. As I haven't taken up beer building so I have leftover yeast to build bread with, I use tiny amounts of beer yeast straight from the packet.)

After nurturing a sourdough culture to life and moving away from commercial yeasts, I'm finding books that explain why I should abandon commercial yeast! It's no surprise that wildling ferments build more flavorful and nutritious breads! Still, very good (good in the sense people enjoy them) bread can be made using commercial strains of yeast if one uses tiny quantities of yeast and allows the dough to ferment for days rather than a few hours!

For some recipes the commercial yeast can't be gotten around. Those recipes are loaded with sugar that require osmotolerant strains of commercial yeast I haven't figured out how to avoid while still producing the desired breads. Not that I care as I don't eat those breads, or much of any others I build. (I've come to that place where I build for others' pleasure while expanding my knowledge base.)

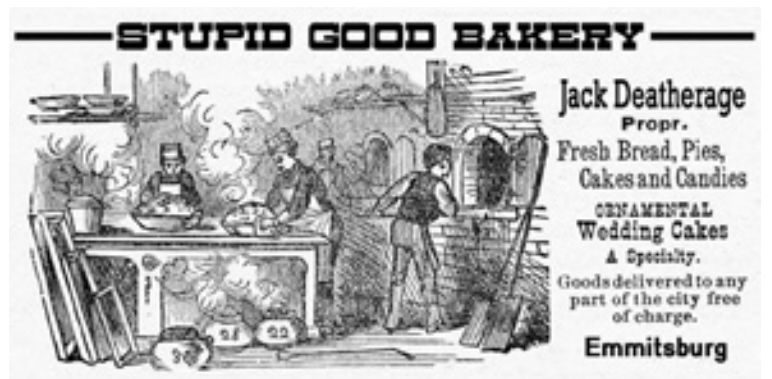
Having attained some small skill in the art of bread building, I've been cranking out breads I've ignored since starting this maddening adventure. Sourdough whites, an American "Italian" bread (both commercially and wildlingly yeasted), several variations of Jewish caraway rye (also made with wild and commercial yeasts), beer and cheese breads, cheese and corn bread, cinnamon

swirl bread built with osmotolerant or instant yeasts, sourdough loaves of ancestors of modern wheat and a bourbon banana quick bread (actually a loaf cake) I've built numerous times trialing several bourbons (and branching out to add blueberries and a Shiraz wine) are all sniffed, pulled apart or sliced, examined closely, tasted, pondered and pronounced "this is good bread" at my current bread critic's tattoo shop in this place. (It's easier to walk down the street from here to there than it is to get a loaf to Simona in Russia, though posting pictures of bread on Facebook to torment her is almost as much fun as watching her sample a loaf of some new recipe!)

At some point, Tattoo Don, Pillar of the Community, declared a bread "Stupid good!" Coupling that with ever growing numbers of people who've sampled my breads urging me to open a bakery, and I came up with... (drum roll)... Stupe Good Bakery.

It was immediately pointed out that I'm pushing the "idiot" theme a little too hard. And sticking to that theme, there is no actual bakery. I've peaked as a bread builder. I'm not taking the next step into the realm of government inspectors. Nor am I eager to assume the massive debt required to open a real bakery which this place wouldn't support anyhow. Nope. I've several solid recipes I can build between naps and share when the mood is upon me. That's enough.

I'll continue reading about bread and building methods because I can never know enough. Even though I have no practical use for the specific knowledge, I'm finding the history (Gods! The damage to bread governments have wreaked over the centuries!) and the hybridizing of wheat fascinating. Learning about the ill effects I experience from wheat and how to



avoid them, mostly by seeking out heirloom grains and using sourdough ferments to build dough over days, will help me build better breads for Coach Ben and the tatt shop. (The dogs get the bread DW and I don't eat, or the rare experiment that flops badly. They've gone without as I'm getting better at the builds.)

Nope. I've reached a culinary plateau and see the next ridge I'm ready to climb. As soon as I figure out how to assemble the Weber Kettle grill still in the box taking up what little space there is in our front room (Gods, it's a struggle not to pile books on the box!) I'll get back to learning the art of curing meats and smoking them. I'll still have to build breads to accompany the meats, and I'll still toddle down to the tatt shop to have them critiqued. There is no point in building a delicious, succulent corned beef

if I don't have an exquisite Jewish rye to compliment it! And I'd think a sourdough ciabatta would go well with a bowl of slow cooked bean soup seasoned with a smoked, spice cured piece of pork belly.

Which brings to mind another business I have been urged to open, the Stupid Good Soup & Sandwich Cafe. Which would require the Mad One returning from Russia and son Jack from Florida to build the soups and sandwiches, and deal with the governments while I build the breads.

Obviously, there ain't gonna be no soup & sandwich shop either. I take some small pleasure from denying good food to the public while sharing it with people I tend to like.

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PETS

Our animals are still with us

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

So this one may be a little out there, but I really feel the need to write about it because it's really got me thinking.

I was watching Long Island Medium last weekend (I warned you) and for those of you who don't know, it's a show about people who talk to the dead. The woman who does this is named Theresa Caputo and, as the title implies, she lives on Long Island. For as ridiculous as a lot of people think the show is, I see the value in what she brings to the grieving clients she reads.

A lot of people think she's a con artist (from what I read on the internet, anyway, and really, I only believe a certain percentage of that as it is) and whether or not she is, she brings peace to a lot of people and for that alone, I say she should keep going. She truly does seem to care about helping people and sometimes in

grief, all we need to hear is that someone is listening and cares.

There are occasions, though, when I really do have to wonder if there's something to it. Some of the messages she gives and the connections she makes seem almost otherworldly. Who am I to say she's not talking to spirits who have passed over?

Heck, I used to be a ghost tour guide in Gettysburg, so I've seen a lot of hard-to-explain stuff myself. She might have a real gift.

Aaaaanyway. I do have an animal-related reason to be discussing this. A few weeks ago, Theresa actually channeled a deceased horse. At one point in time, she said, "Okay, I think I'm actually talking to a horse."

The reading was incredibly heartfelt and touching and she made a point to say that our pets do have souls and they stay with us even when they are no longer in the physical world. I truly believe that if ever there is a creature

on the planet that has a soul, it's an animal, so that makes perfect sense to me.

A previous employee at the shelter had to say goodbye to her horse in October 2015. This was one special boy. He was born on a leap year – February 29, 1996 – and she and Echo had an instant, almost tangible connection.

Losing him after 19 years was – and still is – incredibly difficult for her.

Well, when I saw this episode of Long Island Medium, she was the very first person I thought about and I just had to text her to tell her about it.

She has since googled the episode and seen the entire reading (where would we be without the Internet?) and said it had her in tears. Understandably so.

Then, something kind of strange happened.

She had recently moved to a place where she can have all her animals – horses, dogs and cats – with her on her property. She was super excited to have found the spot. She only wished her boy Echo could still be with her to enjoy it.

But the thing is, I think he might be.

She told me about a story that the place she boarded him for most of his life was right next to a golf course. She said they'd go riding and invariably find golf balls everywhere. It was a staple on their afternoon rides.

Shortly after she moved to this new property, she was taking a walk through a wooded area and lo and behold, found a golf ball half buried in the dirt. No rhyme or reason for why it was there. She was nowhere near any kind of golf course, but here was a golf ball.

It made her think her boy Echo was letting her know that he liked the new house.

So all of this came back up again after the Long Island Medium episode – we specifically talked about the golf ball incident.

I told her I really do believe that was Echo's way of saying he was still very much with her.

Later that night she texted me



Jayden is a three-year-old gray tabby girl who is super sweet. She was returned to the shelter because she had trouble adjusting to her new home. She's in our executive director's office so we can give her a chance to get used to life at the shelter. If you'd like a nice companion and want to learn more about Jayden, come visit her at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter.



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- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name.


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


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

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

This is the only thing I can give...
The love I left behind.

-- Author Unknown





photos of something that came up on her Facebook feed.

Someone was selling golf balls. Tons and tons of golf balls. She said she had never, ever seen anything like that ever before and remarked on how odd a thing it was to show up on a friend's post.

Coincidence? Or yet another way that Echo knew we were talking about him that night and knew that his mom missed him and wanted to show her one more time that he was still very much with her and their souls were connected?

I think you know which side I come down on in this tale.

There are no accidents.

The very same night I found an old photo of my boy Pinky, whom I lost in September 2015 – one month before Echo passed away (I just now realized this and it's blowing my mind). I still miss my Pinky. He had such an amazing personality. What a talker!

I don't think that finding his pho-

to on the exact same night we were talking about Echo and the golf balls is a coincidence either. I'm kind of wondering if it was his way of saying her and Echo are hanging out together.

They're still with us, even though we can't see them or touch them or hold them.

So for those of us missing a four-legged friend, know that you're not alone and keep your eyes open for the signs that they are still around.

They're there. I promise you.

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Manicou

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As the weather gets warmer animals, both wild and domestic, start to have their babies. Animal babies are fragile, very cute, and often in need of assistance. Many goodhearted people can't help but want to help them. While baby wild animals may seem like they need your help, it is always important to assess whether they are truly in need of assistance. Unless they are injured or truly orphaned you should refrain from rescuing, i.e. kidnapping them. Some species of wildlife, like young deer are normally left hidden and alone all day. Finding a fawn in the underbrush does not generally mean it needs help. Other species are closely supervised by their parents.

Some signs that an animal may need your help are if it has been injured by a cat or dog, it is bleeding or has a broken limb, is featherless or nearly featherless and on the ground, is shivering, has a dead parent near by, or if it has been crying and wandering all day. If you determine that a wild animal does need help, you may call a wildlife center, animal control, or your veterinarian for assistance. However, you should not try to keep the injured/orphaned animal yourself. Not only do you have to be licensed in Maryland to legally care for wildlife, but wild-

life require different nutrition and housing than domestic animals.

Earlier this week a client saw an opossum hit by a car and on the side of the road. Being that she is a kind and conscientious person, she stopped and checked to see if the dead possum had babies in her pouch. Upon discovering that there were several live babies, the client called our clinic and asked if she could bring that animal in to the clinic. Some veterinary clinics have staff with wildlife rehabilitation licenses. Other veterinary clinics cannot accept wildlife or must immediately turn over wildlife to a licensed wildlife rehabber or Animal Control. At Walkersville Veterinary Clinic, we do accept and rehabilitate limited numbers of certain species of wildlife.

The client who brought the possum had grown up in the Caribbean. She told us that the Caribbean name for possum was Manicou and that they are eaten in the Caribbean. She said that while she had never eaten them she had memories of them being served barbecued and covered in curry. Obviously she had no intentions of eating these possums and wanted us to try to save them. We told her we would do our best.

Unfortunately three of the babies were already dead, one had sustained significant trauma and died within minutes of being brought to the clinic. The two remaining possums were alive but

very cold and dehydrated. We immediately began to gradually warm them as well as administer parenteral (injectable) fluids. Unfortunately the male baby opossum died a couple hours later. The female baby possum seemed to be stabilizing and was named "Manicou" in deference to her rescuer.

After Manicou was rehydrated and warmed, she was started on an infant food formulation created by a veterinarian with the National Opossum Society. Possums are prone to metabolic bone disease and it is very important to give them the appropriate amount of vitamin A and calcium. Manicou is being kept on a heating pad and soft bedding, and fed every 2 hours around the clock. As she grows a little older, she will not need such time consuming care. Eventually, the plan is for Manicou to go to an opossum rescue and be gradually reintroduced to other opossums and to wild living.

While successfully rehabilitating and releasing baby opossums requires a lot of work, it is worth it. Not only are possums cute and pleasant natured, but they also eat lots of ticks. Research led by scientists at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies showed that opossums eat about 96% of ticks that try to feed on them. Their immune system is also fairly effective at fighting off the bacteria that causes Lyme so even the ticks that do survive on the opossum are less likely to be infected with borrelia burgdorferi (that bacteria that causes Lyme disease). With the warm winter we had, I'm al-



ready treating lots of Lyme and other tick spread diseases in horses and dogs. I will lose sleep taking care of this opossum, but her species may save me from having to treat my own horses or a client's pets for tick related diseases.

Animal rehabilitation is time consuming, but a lot of fun. If any readers are interested in wildlife rehabilitation, I urge you to check the websites of various re-

habilitation groups. The Opossum Society is a good first place to browse. It is not difficult to take the required classes to become a licensed rehabber. Wildlife rehabilitation is a great way for families, retirees, or any animal lover to enjoy caring for animals.

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May gardening

Mary Ann Ryan
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Finally it's May! February, March and April have been so unpredictable. Warm temperatures in February faked us all out thinking it was spring, March brought us cold temperatures and some snow, reminding us that, indeed, winter was not yet over, and April, teasing us with nice weather, but could we trust it? But now the month of May is welcoming spring. The time of year we gardeners are all waiting for. Like many gardeners, I've created this to-do list throughout the late winter months, just waiting for an opportunity to celebrate the gardening season!

List of my gardening chores:
Soil test. Knowing the soil pH helps greatly in growing just about every kind of plant. This will help in determining what amendments you may need to add if it's a vegetable garden, and what shrubs, trees and perennials you can select if planting a landscape.

The soil test will also give recommendations for fertilization needs according to the crop you are growing. Soil test kits are available at your local extension office.

Find my gardening tools! I have a few tried and true gardening tools that I use everywhere in the garden, be it the vegetables, perennials or containers. Throughout the gardening season, I'm pretty good at putting the tools back where they belong, but my husband tends to use my tools and they seem to disappear! (Always blame it on the spouse!) A good search and garden shed clean-out is at the top of my chore list. This is the perfect start to the season: organizing and cleaning out!

Cut back perennials. I always let my perennials and grasses stand for the winter months. They provide a needed food source and shelter for birds and insects. But as these plants begin to grow again, the stalks of last seasons' growth must be removed for an attractive garden.

Edge planting beds. This is probably my least favorite spring

chore, as it certainly can be a back breaker. However, edging the beds gives the gardens a clean, neat look. Use a square tipped shovel for best results, and this will give you a straight edge.

Mulch. As you clean up the shrub and perennial beds, add a bit of mulch to help with weed control for the season. Apply it no thicker than three inches and remember to keep away from the base of plants.

Prune broken branches from trees and shrubs. The snow is gone and buds have begun to push. Flowers on trees have faded to fresh, new leaves for the season. We can easily see what has been damaged or is dead on our trees and shrubs and this is the perfect time to clean up those branches.

Pruning these branches lead to a healthier plant. Remember to cut branches to just outside the branch collar. This is the wrinkly part at the base of any branch. Don't cut into the collar otherwise the wound will not callous over and heal. If a cut is made into that collar zone, disease and insect issues are much more likely.

Start some vegetable seeds inside. If you haven't yet started tomato and pepper seeds indoors, it can be done now. This offers us more varieties than what is being sold in the garden centers. This will allow ample time to grow transplants ready for the garden in late spring. When the soil is warm (recommended soil temperature is above 60 degrees) the



Before you can enjoy your summer garden, you need to complete your spring garden to-do list!

transplants can be planted in the garden, usually by the end of May. Below 50 degrees and the growth of the plants will be impaired.

Don't jump the gun on the warm season vegetables, annuals and herbs. When visiting garden centers, you'll see big tomato plants, maybe some impatiens, or basil. These crops are warm season plants, and if planted in the garden too soon, will lead to disappointment. Remember the last frost date is May 15, and many years frost has occurred at this time, or later. So be patient.

Work the soil in the vegetable garden. I've worked on the soil in my vegetable garden for many years. Adding compost year after

year has made for great soil that just needs loosened in the spring with a pitch fork, and I'm ready to plant. But before I do that, weeds must be removed. Some of the winter annuals like henbit, chickweed and speedwell are all happily growing where the veggies need to be. They enjoyed the wonderful February, germinating early and becoming strong plants in my garden. A good weeding is imperative before loosening the soil and planting seeds.

Plant "cole" transplants and "cool" season crops. Soil temperature requirements for crops like cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower are 40 degrees. Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts and kale are called "cole" crops. It's best to use transplants if growing these vegetables. Starting from seed this late will result in a summer crop, and they don't like the summer heat, forcing them to bolt or taste bitter.

As soon as the soil is workable, "cool" crops can also be planted. Lettuce, arugula, spinach, beets, radishes, and peas all prefer cooler temperatures and are, therefore, considered "cool" crops. These vegetables can all be direct sown as seeds into the garden.

Most of the cool season crops do very well in containers too. When planting in containers, use a soilless mix, not garden soil. The mix allows for good drainage in containers and does not carry pathogens. If trying to garden in a container, be sure to fertilize frequently as nutrients in containers run through the pot quickly. My sister grew lettuce in a container on her shady deck last year and had great success. Last season I grew cabbage and kale in containers and it turned out great! I've just planted another crop of kale and spinach in my containers for this season – and they not only can be eaten, but look quite pretty too mixed with some pansies!

Pull weeds. And so it begins. Lucky for me, I don't typically mind pulling weeds; I usually find it relaxing. The winter annual weeds that are found in the vegetable garden will also be lurking in the perennial garden. May just begins the season long chore of weed control.

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Small Town Gardener We've all got them

Marianne Willburn

Tchotchkes. Knick knacks. Doodads. More kindly put – and through squinted eyes – objets d'art.

Unless you're a minimalist with an inflexible disposition, your rooms and shelves are probably home to many 'little bits' that make you smile and evoke a memory (or the image of a dust cloth), and many of us continue that theme right into the garden.

Thus, we end up with a landscape that features a few too many flights of fancy rather than our legitimate adventures in horticulture. If you're trying to maintain a good balance between both, how do you know when you've gone overboard?

One: You're still reading this column.

Two: You apologize for your tchotchkes when a gardener comes to visit.

If you've come to a point where you want to hold your head a little higher during such visits, there is hope. Follow these tips and get back in control of the ornamentation orgy going on out there.

Group your objects - The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. For instance, a group of planted terracotta pots; a forest of ceramic mushrooms; a disparate collection of copper items. Then, use surrounding planting schemes to give the group a bit of horticultural gravitas.

Use objects to showcase specimen plants or points in the landscape - While I won't advocate surrounding a

beloved tree with a collection of bunny statues arranged in a circle (we all have our limits), using an object to call attention to a beloved plant or landscape feature is a fine idea - such as using a brightly painted wooden ladder to show off a clematis or placing a single chair near a bend in a pathway.

Cycle objects in and out - The human spirit craves innovation, and using the same things the same way every year is just plain tedious. Don't be afraid to use things one season and not the next.

Keep things neat - If you've got a junkyard out there, you're not bringing joy to anyone, much less yourself. Tidy up and be truthful with your inner hoarder.

Figure out what are you trying to achieve? - This is one of the most important questions you can ask yourself. If you are a plant collector, you will have very different goals than someone who is creating a country-themed garden and doesn't mind stacking old wooden crates where you might have planted a new asarum. If you know what you want, you know when you've gone astray. Which brings me to my last point.

Go with your gut - When you pass an object in your garden and wrinkle your nose ever so slightly, something's not quite right. This may be the result of an immature garden that has not grown enough to "absorb" the object, or the result of an immature gardener who needed to keep his hands in his pockets the last time he went into a garden center. Give yourself a little time, and if you still don't love it - get rid of it.

And as for the issue of taste...

It's easy to disparage the judgment of another human being based on trendy definitions of what's in and what's out, or what's tasteful and what's terrible; but we mustn't forget that the objects that surround us reflect who we are and the lives that we've led.

And that's different for each and every one of us.

To believe that our own taste is the best for everyone is the height of arrogance. It punishes creativity and creates landscapes in varying shades of Mind-Numbing Dull. It's why I despise "legislated taste" as present in most housing associations.

At the end of the day, a garden should bring us joy. If you look at your circle of ceramic bunnies and feel that joy, who am I to say that you shouldn't? If you ask my opinion, I may suggest that you group your bunnies and see if you love them just as much, or group them in a hidden corner of the garden and see if your neighbors love you more; but if you don't go for it, I'm not going to push you.

After all, you may someday visit my garden and wonder why I have an obsession with old iron furniture and why I can't seem to stop painting my tchotchkes red.

I plead passion. When it comes to the garden I'm all in.

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Plant strawberries. I ordered strawberries this year and have planted them in the ground. The strawberry patch that I had was about three years old and I'm pretty sure a skunk dug up the plants last fall. A new location in the fenced in garden will be there home for a few years. There's nothing quite like fresh strawberries from your own patch! Although we won't be getting any berries this year, since it's the first year, next year we'll be looking forward to a bang up crop!

Visit the local garden center. Although I enjoy all the tasks on my chore list (except edging the beds), this one has got to be on the top! Checking out new cultivars of trees, shrubs and perennials is lots of fun. It's always interesting to see what's new in the industry and try to grow some new plants to see what they'll do.

Plant cool tolerant annuals (because I know I'll buy some). While visiting the garden center, I know pansies will be out in full force. Who can pass up a couple of market packs? Planted in containers, they welcome spring to the deck and patio. There are other cool season an-

nuals that can be mixed in these containers for additional interest. Plants like nemesia, snapdragon, lobelia, and osteospermum are options that can be mixed with pansies to add texture and additional color. Petunias and Calibrachoa (often called million bells) do pretty well as early annuals too. Just be sure to wait till after the last frost date (May 15!) before planting things like New Guinea impatiens, flowering tobacco, and salvia.

Re-visit perennial garden design created during the winter. Usually after visiting the garden center, lots of new ideas surface. Trying to determine how or where to plant some of those new introductions may take a little re-do. When adding plants that are new or different, be sure you do the research first. There's nothing worse than planting something new and having it suffer, die, or get too big because the placement and selection was wrong.

Maybe you have a chore list of your own. If not, make the list and get gardening!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Wild Song Farm opens for business

A new farm is opening for business in Thurmont. Thomas and Nicole Luttrell have founded Wild Song Farm at the historic Father's Farewell property at 13720 Moser Road. The couple aims to raise high quality food and sell it to the local community.

Eggs are supplied by a flock of about 130 chickens who sleep and lay in an "eggmobile" that gets moved around on pasture. The Luttrells buy local grains and make their own soy-free, non-GMO feed to ensure quality and freshness. They also sell duck eggs from their small flock of free ranging ducks. The Luttrells grow produce using organic practices and focus on building rich soil by amending with minerals and homemade compost. This year they will grow a variety of greens, carrots, beets, radishes, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, summer squash, melons, garlic, winter squash, and shiitake mushrooms.

Wild Song Farm is opening a farm stand on Saturday, May 13. Expect Saturday and Sunday hours at the start of the season, expanding to some weekday hours in early summer. In addition to offering eggs, produce, baked goods, and plants, they are looking into selling some items from other local farms. On Saturday May 27 Wild Song Farm will participate in Thurmont's Sip N' Stroll event, offering a buy 2 get one free

special on eggs and a prize drawing for a \$20 gift certificate.

Thomas grew up in Frederick, and Nicole in the Poconos. They met at Washington College in Chestertown, MD 10 years ago and there started cultivating an interest in local food and self-sufficiency. They volunteered for Colchester Farm, a small organic produce grower, and frequented the thriving Chestertown farmers market. Post graduation, Thomas worked for Hometown Harvest, a home delivery service for local food, and Nicole worked for the Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Ecologia Design, installing edible landscapes. Nicole offers design and consultation services for edible and natural landscapes through Deeply Rooted Design (www.deeplyrooted-design.us).

The couple married in October 2014 and soon after decided to take the leap and purchase a farm. "When we saw the property we fell in love with it and jumped at the opportunity, and thankfully we are still very happy with our decision. If we just kept pondering whether we should do it or not, I'm not sure we would have went for something this challenging, and fulfilling," said Nicole.

One of the primary reasons the Luttrells started a farm was for their health. Pasture-raised eggs are higher in omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin E,

and minerals such as iodine and selenium. Produce grown in mineralized soil also has increased nutritional value.

Nicole and Thomas work hard at building new skills, from animal husbandry and horticulture to machines, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, business management, and more. They draw from many agricultural influences, from urban farming to large-scale rotational grazing, and are very excited to continue to innovate, hone in on specific products, and adapt to the local market. In addition to short-term crops like eggs and produce, the Luttrells are also working on establishing long-term crops like shiitake mushrooms grown on logs, unique and disease-resistant fruits such as paw paws, and even nut crops such as hazelnuts and chinese chestnuts.

The Luttrells hope to connect Wild Song Farm with the local community. The farm is a short walk from the Thurmont Library and is surrounded by neighborhoods, including Jermae Estates just up Moser Road. "There is something very special about knowing where your food comes from, and knowing the farmer who grows it. We've considered different locations for selling our products, but in the end we really want to feed the local people and do our part to help Thurmont's local economy grow," said Thomas.



Wild Song Farm's Thomas and Nicole Luttrell.
(Photo by Russ Poole)

By talking to people in the community, the Luttrells have pieced together the history of Father's Farewell. In 1738 Johann Jacob Weller owned it as part of 500 acre Taylor's Lot. He passed 50 acres to his stepson, John Henry Firor who built the home between 1765 and 1780. His son John Leonard Firor named the property "Father's Farewell" when his father moved west and left him the farm. Over the years, the farm saw dairy cows, beef cattle, a sawmill, horses, and even

a goldfish growing operation. And now the Luttrells will add their twist to that rich history.

Eggs are available for sale from the farm any day of the week, and at The Lion Potter in Gettysburg. Call or text your order to 240-405-7622, email wildsongfarm1780@gmail.com, or just stop by. The farmstand will open on Saturday May 13, and hours will be posted at the farm and online. To learn more, visit www.wildsongfarm.com.

Brows 2 Bless campaign

Tamara Manahan, devoted wife, homeschool teacher, and mother of five, announces her "Brows2 Bless" campaign and explains how she is using an up-and-coming cosmetic technique to make a difference.

This is where her journey began... It was in the spring of 2016 when Tamara first heard about microblading, a form of tattooing that deposits pigment under the skin to mimic the stroke of eyebrow hairs. Unlike traditional tattooing, this is done using a handheld tool, which helps make eyebrows appear fuller and natural-looking. When first introduced to microblading by a friend, Tamara was intrigued but didn't give much thought to the technique otherwise.

Later that summer, Tamara found out that she would become a life-saving bone marrow donor for her father, who had been battling Lymphoma. In preparation for her surgery, Tamara spent time in the waiting rooms of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. It was here where she developed an awareness of how many people are affected by cancer and disease, and the number of people that experience hair loss due to the effects of chemotherapy. And while some patients do experience hair growth during recovery, some unfortunately do not. Coincidentally, earlier that month, the same friend had reached out to Tamara about a microblading workshop in Washington—the first of its kind locally. Though she initially did not

plan to attend, Tamara realized she had an opportunity to make a difference. Driven by her desire to give back, she attended the training held by renowned European master artist Dovile Zilinskaite of Branko Babic's PhiBrows Academy—the most prestigious microblading academy in the world. Tamara received her microblading certification in March.

Beginning April 1, Tamara kicked off her "Brows 2 Bless" campaign. She is reserving two complementary microblading appointments each month for clients who have lost their hair due to cancer or alopecia. Candidates must reside within a 25 mile radius of her studio in Thurmont, Maryland, have finished chemo at least eight weeks prior, and have a written consent from their treating physician to receive the procedure. With this new venture, Tamara looks forward to giving back on a larger scale. "I believe that beauty is so much more than what we see when we look in the mirror. True beauty is reflected in the art of giving. I'm thrilled not only to be able to help people look and feel beautiful, but to give back with the hope of making a small difference in a world full of need." If you or someone you know would like to be a recipient please email onfleekbrowboutique@gmail.com.

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through the operating room, while they are in the hospital, and then at the Surgical Specialists' offices for follow-up care.

In some cases, says the group's Medical Director Dr. John Zapas, the surgeon may be able to temporarily manage the patient's condition non-operatively. When evidence-based research supports it, the surgeon may allow the patient and their family the option to defer or postpone the procedure to a time that makes more sense for them.

"Elective surgery is typically less complex than one done under emergency conditions," adds Dr. Jesus Esquivel, a surgeon with Monocacy Health Partners Surgical Specialists practice. "Being able to schedule the timing of the procedure makes it easier for patients to arrange the support and help they're likely to need from friends and family. It can even mean less pain, and less time off from work or school."

According to Dr. Joseph Zitarella, a surgeon with the group who has more than 30 years of experience in the field, having an elite group of highly skilled surgeons at the ready is more important today than ever before. "Over time, the acuity of the average patient has gotten much higher," says Dr. Zitarella. "Patients are more likely to have chronic conditions that can cause surgical complications. And people are just living longer. It is no longer unusual to operate on patients who are in their 80s or even 90s, but those patients require especially close attention and careful management. It helps to have a team of surgeons working together with one another as well as with the entire healthcare team to limit adverse events."

"Delivering the best medical and surgical care is always a 'team sport,' said Dr. Zapas. "The surgeons in our group make it a pri-



From left to right: Dr. Joseph Zitarella, Medical Director Dr. John Zapas, Dr. Jasmine Malcolm, and Dr. Jesus Esquivel.

ority to communicate effectively with one another as well as everyone on the patient's care team to help ensure an incident-free experience and the best outcome

possible for the patient."

Monocacy Health Partners Surgical Specialists is now accepting new patients and prompt appointments are available in their Frederick or Mt. Airy office. Proving care in the hospital, as well as on an outpatient basis specializing in the following services:

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Monocacy Health Partners Surgical Specialists have appointments available in their Frederick office, located at the FMH Crestwood building, and their Mt. Airy office, located in the new Mt. Airy Health & Wellness Pavilion. To learn more about the physicians of the Surgical Specialists group, visit monocacyhealthpartners.org/surgical and read the Provider bios.

Monocacy Health Partners is an affiliation of private practices that have joined to provide coordinated patient care over the continuum of specialty services. From Family Practice to Thoracic Surgery, the physicians of Monocacy Health Partners work together by sharing patient information, conferring with one another about diagnostic test ordering and result interpretation, planning recovery and rehabilitation programs and ensuring that medicines prescribe are compatible with the overall treatment plan. To learn more about Monocacy Health Partners Surgical Specialists, as well as their other specialist practices, visit <http://www.monocacyhealthpartners.org>.

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WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

The War of 1917

May 4

The British announced that 38 merchant vessels were sunk in the past week.

The Admiralty also announced that the steamer *Gena* was sunk May 1 by a torpedo discharged from a German seaplane off of Suffolk. This is the first time a British ship has been sunk by a torpedo launched from an aero plane.

American citizens from a vessel sunk by submarines the past few days tell remarkable tales of the strenuous exploits of the U-boats. In one case three U-boats appeared simultaneously alongside the ship, one being a submarine 304 feet long and the others, old-fashioned submarines with lengths of about 120 feet.

In at least two cases, crews of the vessel that was sunk by submarines, were rescued by a passing ship only to suffer a repetition of the disaster when the ship on which they had taken refuge fell prey to another U-boat.

The Captain of an American ship said submarines are lying along the seaplanes in regular nests. "They keep well under the water most of the time, coming up now and then for periscope observations, or on hearing the approach of merchant craft, which often can be identified readily by the sound of the engines. By saving fuel the submarines are able to remain away from their ports a long time, especially if they find means of renewing their stores from ships which they sink."

Allied nations have expressed alarm at the growing inroads of the submarine menace, but they do not think it will lead to starvation or the loss of war. They are counting on ships, man and money from the United States, and possibly American inventive genius, to outweigh the U-boat terror.

They point out that Germany faces perils which human ingenuity cannot solve, among them the shortage of manpower, the impossibility of getting food from the outside, and the incapacity to increase interior production further than the limits to which it already has been pushed.

The notion that the submarine men-

ace is a real concern was made clear by Premier Lloyd George in his statement in Parliament that the Allies needed ships and still more ships; and that the destruction of ships by submarines was outrunning construction.

One of the greatest uncertainties of the situation is a total ignorance of the number of U-boats Germany is building. The French estimate that the Germans are building two or three a week, but many officials believed it possible to turn out many more on standard plans.

The eyes of the world are fixed for the moment on the stage behind the battle line, where, inside the closely guarded frontiers of the Central Powers, the bursting of the long brewing storm of discontent is awaited with a mingling of fear and hope.

Extraordinary measures have been taken by the rulers of the Central Powers to prevent the outside world from knowing what is transpiring within their borders. No German newspaper is allowed to pass into a neutral country. Travelers from Germany say that strikes have been going on for the last ten days in Westphalia and the Rhine provinces, especially in the steel industry.

Meanwhile, from northern Poland to the Carpathians, fighting has taken on a new vigor, and special attention is directed towards the new German invasion of the Russian Baltic provinces, where the Germans claim to be making progress. Along the East Prussian frontier and in central Poland there has been a renewal of the fighting which the spring floods interrupted.

British, French and German official communications showed that 617 airplanes were shot down on the Western front during April. The Germans lost 369, the French and Belgians 201, and the British 47. This is a great increase over any similar period. The highest previous total was 322 in September.

Detachments of soldiers gathered in front of the headquarters of the Provisional Russian government today, carrying red flags with the inscriptions demanding the resignation of the Foreign Minister, and the resignation of the Provisional government.



In May 1917, the Pension Bureau, which had received two applications for pensions on account of deaths, said that the war will go down in its books as "The War of 1917." The Bureau said it was decided on this name for the present war for use in the records because no other suitable name could be found for the war.

Discontent has been smoldering for some time on account of the belief that the Foreign Minister was not fully in sympathy with the viewpoints of the workmen and soldiers. The present outbreak, which began yesterday, was a direct result of the announcement made by the Foreign Office to the Allied nations to the effect that Russia would not slacken her efforts in the common struggle against the Central Powers and would observe strictly her engagements with the Allies. The workmen and soldiers declared that they should have been consulted before this communication was sent.

When Foreign Minister Milukoff saw the banners, he addressed the demonstrators from the balcony of the palace, saying that he was fearful not for himself, but for Russia. "If the inscriptions interpreted the feelings of the majority of the citizens," he asked, "what must be the condition of Russia? The Allies would say Russia has betrayed them and has struck her name from the list of Allied powers. The Provisional government cannot accept that view of things. I declare to you that the Provisional government, and myself, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, will defend a position in which no one will dare to charge Russia with treason."

Crowds gathered in groups in the public square listening to impromptu speakers or tutors. Workmen, on leaving factories in the evening, crowded the streets carrying red flags.

The Council of Workmen and Soldier's Deputies decided to grant complete liberty to soldiers, including ceasing the practice of privates saluting their officers. Maintenance of army discipline is placed in the hands of the troops. Henceforth, each company shall elect a special committee, which will maintain discipline, control food supplies, take justifiable measures against abuse of powers by military chiefs, and settle disputes between officers and soldiers.

May 11

An acrimonious controversy is now raging in Germany between the big annexation, little annexation, and advocates of no annexation and indemnification whatsoever parties.

The Pan German League has sent circulars to its branches throughout the country asking them to organize meetings everywhere in the interest of German peace, and against the Socialist peace program. The League is demanding peace with indemnification, increase of territories and greater power for Germany.

The Socialist, on the other hand, are strengthening public opinion for peace with no indemnities and no annexations. The Socialist obviously are endeavoring to sweep the government and the Imperial Chancellery into a declaration of the German peace aims on similar lines, which could be used at the Stockholm conference.

The moderate elements, who favor taking what can be gotten, are assailing the Chancellor for weak-kneed shrinking from trouble, and demanding resolutions adopted by the Liberal party that the Chancellor now make a clear and definitive statement of policy as a step toward peace.

Imperial organizations declared that the Socialist's proposals are depressing and shameful to all patriots. Germany, they say, must have indemnification for her enormous sacrifices and to develop economic, cultural and social life after peace is declared. Germany must secure better protection for its frontiers, land for settlement and food production, the strengthening of its naval position and the improved conditions of its industries for greater supplies of raw materials.

Meanwhile in Russia, the Council of Workmen and Soldier's Delegates repeated previous declarations that the imperialistic attitude of the Provisional government was unacceptable, saying, "neither the soldiers nor workmen are for war. If the government does not mean to abide by our watchword of peace without annexations it will have to make itself clear."

In consequence of the disorders that

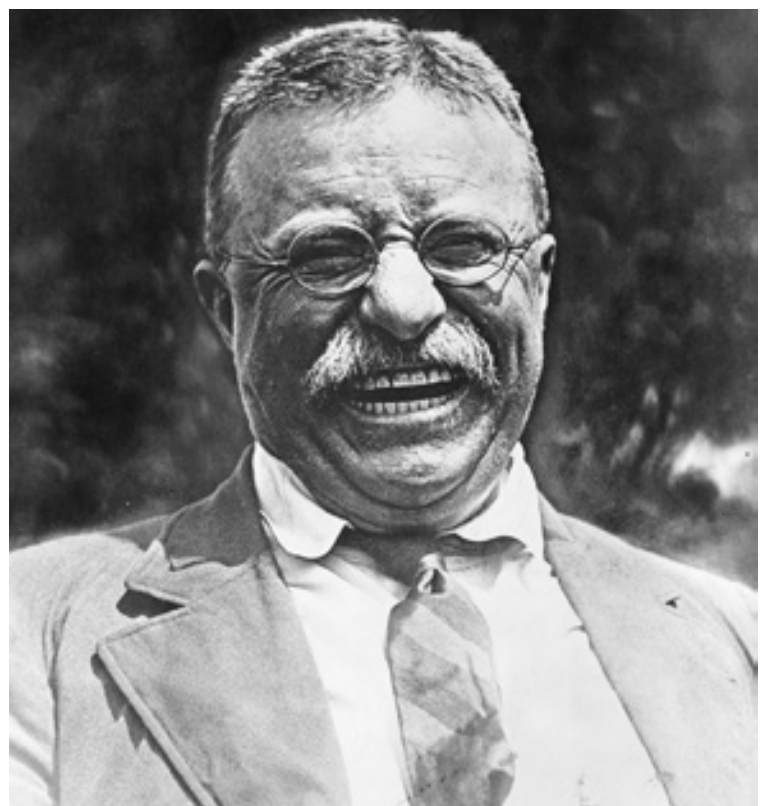
occurred in Petrograd, the Executive Committee of the Council has decided unanimously to prevent all public meetings and demonstrations. Anyone who takes part in any demonstrations or fires a shot will be regarded as a traitor to the cause of the revolution.

In its explanation of the note of May 1, the Provisional government gave to the Council the following note it will be forwarding on to the Allied governments:

"The Provisional government of Russia deems it to be its right and duty to declare now that free Russia does not aim at a dominion of other nations or at depriving them of their national liberty, or occupying by force, foreign territory, but that its object is to establish a durable peace on the basis of the rights of nations to decide their own destiny. The Russian nation's aim is not to subjugate or humiliate anyone. In the name of the higher principles of equality, the Russian people have broken the chains which fettered the Polish nation, but it will not suffer that its own country shall emerge from the great struggle humiliated or weakened in its vital force."

In response to this note, the Bolsheviks, the most radical of the Socialist groups, demanded that the Provisional government rupture the treaties between Russia and her Allies and cease the war immediately.

Meanwhile the Russian commander on the western front has issued an order declaring that the fraternization of Russians with enemy troops must be stopped. He declares that such fratern-



Theodore Roosevelt served as the 26th President from 1901 to 1909. Roosevelt was known for leading the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War. Roosevelt opposed Woodrow Wilson's policy of neutrality and had called for war with Germany long before it had become fashionable.

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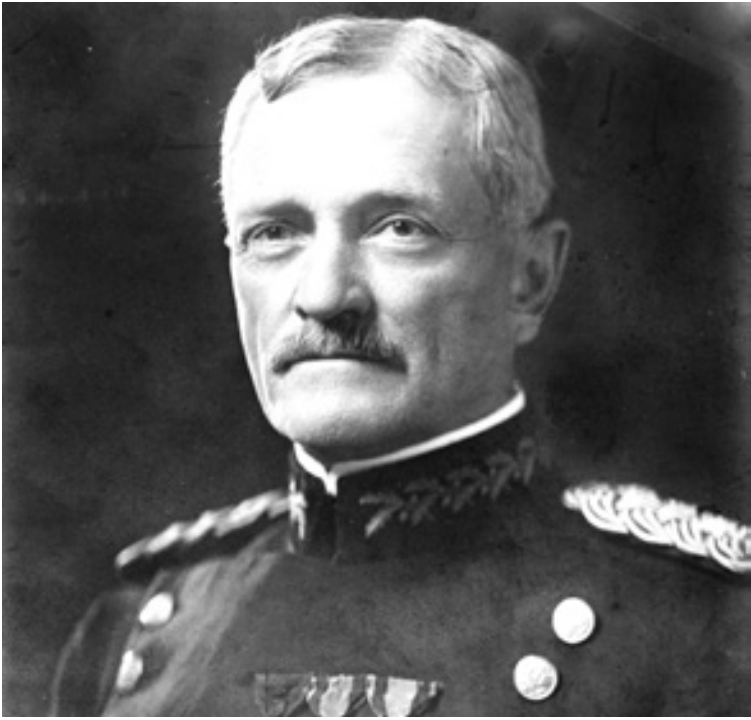
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By rejecting British and French demands that American forces be integrated with their armies, Pershing established the precedence that American troops operate as a single unit under American command that exists to this day.

nization, which has become common practice, enables the enemy to learn Russian military strategies and also, by causing a lull on the Russian front, leaves the Germans free to concentrate forces against the British and French. He says that three divisions of Germans have already been transferred from the Russian front and that others are following, including artillery and aircraft.

The General warns the troops that if the fighting comes to a standstill in France the Germans will throw all their forces against the Russians, who, will by promises of peace, would not be in readiness to repel the attack.

Great Britain formally joined France last night in expressing hope that an American expeditionary force soon would take his place on the Western front in Europe. The British foreign secretary told the Council of National Defense that the British would be overjoyed to welcome an American force in France, and that its early dispatch could have an enormous psychological effects both on the Allies and on their enemies.

May 18

An Army of volunteers, led by Theodore Roosevelt, is possibly taking action late in the House of Representatives, which voted by 215 to 178 to send the Army Conscription Bill back to conference with instructions to write into the bill a paragraph permitting the raising of four divisions of troops, 80,000 men, the general understanding being that Roosevelt and his 'big stick,' would be the commander of this new generation of 'Rough Riders.' The Conscription Bill calls to the colors every male American between the age of 21 and 30.

Despite the pleading of the Chair, the galleries of the House could not refrain from a 'whoop' at the mention of the Colonel's name. One Representative commented that while he did not know what the army general staff wanted; he did know that the American people wanted Roosevelt.

Will Roosevelt lead an army in France? This question took precedence in Washington over all other topics. The subject was discussed by Army men from a technical and professional angle - whether it would be proper to raise an independent force outside the proposed conscription plan. Politicians could not

see anything but politics in the move to put the former Rough Rider in the Conscription Bill.

In dispatches from Oyster Bay, Roosevelt said: "They have taken a step which is eminently wise and patriotic towards enabling us to utilize troops the country would otherwise not utilize at all. This will enable a mixed force of regulars and volunteers to be put to the front door and give the time necessary for training the great army raised under the selective draft."

Meanwhile the political situation in Russia is demanding increased attention and causing a concern among all the Allied nations. Under the continued harassing course of the radical elements in Petrograd, the Provisional government, which has held Russia together since the overthrow of the old regime, now shows signs of breaking up.

The first break in the government ranks was created yesterday, when the Minister of War handed in his resignation. Goaded by interference with the Army and Navy to an extent which he declared "threatens the defense, the liberty, and even the existence of Russia," he felt it impossible to share longer the responsibility for the grave sins being committed against the country. Several Army commanders proposed to follow the example of the Minister of War and resign, owing to the impossibility of fulfilling their duty to the country under present conditions. Simultaneously there came from Petrograd news of a more discouraging character in a report that the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers Delegates were favoring an armistice.

Disorganization, almost anarchy, has reached such proportion that it seems extremely doubtful whether any concentration of power in the government or the belated reconciliation of the two forces, which have been pulling in opposite directions, will create order out of the present chaotic condition.

A Russian commander on the South West front declared that the Germans have tempted Russian soldiers by offering them. He added that the desertions are having a negative influence on the Army's rear along the railroads and in villages, and that if the lack of discipline was continued it must entail the ruin of Russia.

Commanders on the front declared that the unfortunate phrase, "Peace

Without Annexation," has found its way to the Army and was then translated into an argument against offensive war. This and other harmful doctrines prevailing in the Army and the inability of the officers to satisfactorily explain them, has ruined discipline and destroyed the authority and prestige of the officers.

Meanwhile on the Western Front, General Petén was appointed as Commander-in-Chief of the French armies operating on the French front today. Petén, who was a retired colonel at the outbreak of the war, is the man to whom many Frenchmen have been looking for the initiative, which would win a decisive success on the French front. To him, more than to any other commander now in active service, the legend of success is attached. Petén became a popular idol of the soldiers for his defense of Verdun.

In Germany, it is reported that since the death of Count Zeppelin, who was always supported by the Kaiser for his aerial plans, a number of employees in the Zeppelin factory had been dismissed in order to join the Army. The framework of a large airship, which would have been finished in six weeks, will not be completed for several months, owing to the lack of workmen. The general opinion of workmen at the facility is that Germany will construct no more Zeppelins. No further orders for building have been received.

May 25

Under orders from President Wilson, a division of approximately 25,000 troops carrying the Stars and Stripes will go to France as soon as possible under the command of Maj. Gen. John Pershing.

But it was Wilson's statement explaining his reasons for not accepting at this time Colonel Roosevelt's offer to take command attracted much attention. The President explained that the regular army officers whom the Colonel wanted to take with his division were needed for the much more pressing and necessary duty of training regular troops to be put in the field in France and Belgium as fast as they can be readied.

Presumably Gen. Pershing will select, in conference with French and British officials, when he reaches the scene of action, the location for the American training camps in that part of the line in which the American troops that will later be assigned, will also be determined. The first expedition force will pave the way for the armies that will follow it as soon as they are ready.

The machinery to build those armies is in full motion. Early reports indicate a tremendous stimulation of recruiting for the regular Army and the National Guard as a result of the publication of the President's proclamation fixing June 5th as Registration Day for the selective draft army.

Mail trains leaving Washington last night were laden as never before with registration cards, enrollment blanks and all the data necessary to register 10 million men for the new armies. The first shipment went to states and municipal offices in the far west and other remote parts of the country. The Draft army will not be called to colors until about September 1, but by that time the regular troops are expected to be in ac-

tion against the Germans.

Colonel Roosevelt expressed his pleasure that Gen. Pershing was to command the first American troops that will go to France. "At this time, I have nothing to say," the Colonel replied, when questioned about the President's decision not to send him as the commander.

Meanwhile, the Pension Bureau, which has received two applications for pensions on account of deaths since the declaration of war, said that the war will go down in its books known as "The War of 1917." Announcing the official designation, the Bureau said it was decided on this name for the present war for use in the records because no other suitable name could be found for the war.

Meanwhile in Russia, the Council of Workmen and Soldier's Delegates, has decided to participate with the Provisional government in a coalition government. Before voting, representatives of the general staff visited the Council's Executive Committee and spoke most earnestly of the seriousness of the situation.

The reorganization of the Russian government was regarded here both as increasing the power of the radicals. It is greatly felt that the coming into power of the radical party is more desirable than a situation where the power was divided between the radicals and moderates, with both practically powerless to act.

The government consented to the Council's demand for the democratization of the Army, but insisted they come with a strengthening of Russia's fighting forces. The declarations also promised Socialist control over the production, transportation, sale and distribution of products, measures for the better protection of labor, settlement of peasant ownership of land, and increased taxation on the wealthy. In return, the Provisional government demanded the main Socialist elements fight the reactionary counterrevolution now underway by the anarchist of the extreme left.

In reaching the accord with the Council, the Provisional government accepted the Council's demand to take steps towards the attainment of an agreement with the Allies which

will realize the government's declaration of April 2.

To this end, a series of important negotiations is pending between Russia and her Allies on the question of a revision of war aims. The Russian Foreign Minister notified the Allies of Russia's desire for peace without annexation or contributions, and that Russian workers, while not desiring a separate peace, cannot support the Allies in the present war program. A revision of the treaties between the Allies and the Russians will be requested, and it is believed that the Allies will call conference to consider the whole question of Russia's future in the war. It is believed that the coalition government will stand or fall according to the position that the Allies take in the pending negotiations.

Minister of War Kerensky, addressing the Congress of Peasants, announced his determination to introduce an iron discipline into the Army. He made an impassioned appeal for support in restoring the morale of Russia's military forces. Following his speech, Kerensky issued the following order to the Army: "This country is in danger. Each one must do what he can to avert the peril. No request to be allowed to resign made by officers in high command with a desire to escape responsibility at a time so grave will be accepted by me. Deserters are enjoined to return to the Army and Fleet by May 28, infractions of this order will be punished by firing squad."

Meanwhile, agrarian disorders, wholesale confiscation of property, incendiarism, and other dangerous symptoms of anarchy, which followed the overthrow of the old authority in many important industrial centers in agricultural districts of central and southern Russia, are becoming more serious. Peasants have burned or sacked or appropriated government and private property, and driven their cattle into fields where grain was being reserved for the aristocracy. A general state of anarchy prevails.

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Part 3 - Toms Creek Hundred response to the Stamp Act

All along the Monocacy the people fled, fearing the red skins. Armed citizens drove the Indians out. The trials of that age can only be imagined, the realities were shocking, any catastrophe could be expected; the people lived in hourly dread, not knowing when they would be murdered or carried away as captives. The foregoing and the following is told to impress the perilous and uncertain crisis through which the colonies were passing for it was in the beginning of the formative period.

At this time, the Stamp Act was causing the people to rebel. It was as much hated, as were the Indians. The same brave men who punished the Indians now assembled to resist the Stamp Act. At Annapolis, Md., a merchant of that town, Zacharias Hood, brought with him from England a cargo of goods together with the obnoxious stamps. When he arrived at Annapolis the ferment reached its height. The people gathered in crowds at the dock and an outbreak ensued, in which one of the number had his leg broken. Hood was compelled to draw off from the shore and land elsewhere.

The effigy of a stamp distributor was mounted on a one-horse cart, with sheets of paper in his hands, and paraded through the streets amid execrations of the crowd, while bells tolled a solemn knell,



the procession marching to the hill, tied the effigy to the whipping post, and bestowed upon it thirty-nine lashes, which the crowd humorously called giving the Mosaic law to the Stamp Act. It was then hung upon a gibbet erected for the purpose, a tar barrel placed under it, and set on fire. It ignited and fell into the blaze and was consumed. Similar was the exhibition at Baltimore and Fredericktown. Hood's punishment did not stop with his degradation. No one would buy his goods. The populace threatened to tear down his house. At last they threatened him with personal vengeance; he fled from the province. Did not stop until he reached New York; the people determined no stamp officer should escape; he was seized and given the alternative of resigning his office or being conducted back to Maryland; he yielded and was set at liberty.

While the two Houses at An-

napolis were disputing whether they would pay the claims of all equally deserving, whose demands had been included in the bill, the lower House agreed to all but the clerks of the council, and refused to separate the journal. In the meantime, all claims were postponed. The people in the western part of the State were interested, and there the deepest feeling was aroused. At Fredericktown they gathered in force, 400 men armed, with rifles and tomahawks, and proceeded to declare their intention to march to Annapolis and settle the dispute between them. It was an exciting time in the colonies. The spirit of 1776 was in the people, although that time had not arrived.

The Frederick County Court had the high honor of first deciding in a legal manner the unconstitutionality of the Stamp Act. This decision was received with

joy, and the people hastened to celebrate so important an event. A festival took place in Fredericktown on November 30th, 1765. The Sons of Liberty in funeral procession, in honor of the death of the Stamp Act, marched through the streets bearing a coffin, on which was inscribed, "The Stamp Act expired of a mortal stab from the genius of liberty in Frederick County Court November, 1765, aged 22 days." The late Zacharias Hood was chief mourner in effigy; the whole affair ended merrily in a ball.

The foregoing has been related to show the time our ancestors passed through; the excitement, the deprivation, the anxiety that awaited them at every turning point of Frederick County history. In the adjoining county of Adams, Pa., the early settlers were Irish and Scotch-Irish, with a small minority of Germans.

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HISTORY - OBITUARIES

A meeting convened at the old school house, not far from the mill built by John Troxell in 1778 on Toms' creek, Sunday, August 28th, 1770. The meeting was largely attended by the old inhabitants, who were deeply impressed by the situation. There were present on that occasion William Blair (old Scotch descent), James Shields, Sr., William Shields, Charles Robinson, Patrick Haney, Robert Brown, Henry Hockensmith, Rudolf Need, Thomas Hughs, Thos. Martin, William Elder (son of Guy), Samuel Westfall, Moses Kenedy, Alexander Stewart, William Curren, Jr., Charles Carroll, Octavius S. Taney, Philip Weller, Daniel Morrison, Wm. Koontz, Christian Hoover, John Smith, Daniel McLean, John Parris, John Long, Arthur Row, John Crabbs, George Ovelman, Jacob Valentine, Wm. Munroe, Moses Ambrose, George Kelly, Walter Dulaney, Homer J. Bowie, James Park, Robert Agnew, John Carrick, Frederick Troxell, Dominick Bradley, William Brawner, Henry Brooks and others. It was agreed by a show of hands that Wm. Blair should be called to the chair, and John Farris appointed secretary of the meeting. The meeting was then addressed by Walter Dulaney and W. Elder (of Guy), who concluded by offering the following resolutions:

Resolved by the inhabitants of Toms' creek, Frederick County, in the province of Maryland, loyal to their king and country, That we reaffirm the great Magna Charter of our civic and religious rights, as granted by Charles of England to Lord Baltimore and the inhabitants of this colony, as reaffirmed on the first landing of the pilgrim fathers of Maryland.

That there shall be a perfect freedom of conscience, and every person be allowed to enjoy his religious political privileges and immunities unmolested.

The resolution was read and re-read and adopted by a showing of hands. It was further resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Annapolis Gazette and Bradford paper at Philadelphia.

There were four military companies raised in Frederick County, Md., in 1775, as follows:

First at Emmitsburg (called the Game Cock Company) - Captain W. Blair; 1st Lieutenant, George Hockensmith; 2nd Lieutenant, Henry Williams; Ensign, Jacob Hockensmith; Sergeants, W. Curren, Jr., Christian Crabbs, John Smith, George Kelly; Corporals, John Crabbs, George Mathews, Arthur Row, James Parks; Drum, Daniel McLean; 54 privates.

Second at Emmitsburg, Md: Capt. W. Shields; 1st Lieutenant, John Faire; 2nd Lieutenant, Michael Hockensmith; Ensign, John Shields; Sergeants, Charles Robinson, James Shields, Patrick Haney, Robert Brown; Corporals, Moses Kennedy, John Hank, John Long, Thomas Baird; 52 privates.

Third Company: Capt. Jacob Ambrose; 1st Lieutenant, Peter Shover; 2nd Lieutenant, Henry Bitzel; Ensign, John Weller; Sergeants, Martin Bantz, Frederick Schultz, John Gump, Casper Young; Corporals, John Protzman, George Kuhn, Dominick Bradley, Lawrence Creager; Drummer, John Shaw; Fifer, Philip Weller; 50 privates.

Fourth Company: Capt. Benjamin Ogle; 1st Lieutenant, Henry Matthews; 2nd Lieutenant, George Nead; Ensign, James

Ogle; Sergeants, John Syphus, Lawrence Protzman.

Peter Leonard; Corporals, Jacob Valentine, Adam Knauff, Daniel Protzman, William Elder of Guy, Fifer, Daniel Linebaugh; Drummer, John Roche; 52 privates.

It was in reference to these troops that General Washington made the following remarks at the house of Key, near Middleburg, Md.

"My Citizens - (Deeply affected) I am about to leave your good land, your beautiful valley, your refreshing streams, and the blue hills of Maryland, which stretch before me. I cannot leave you, fellow citizens, without thanking you, again and again, for your kind greeting, for the true and devoted friendship you have shown me. When the darkest hours of the revolution, of doubt and gloom, the succor and support I received from the people of Frederick County, Maryland, always cheers me, it always awakes a responsive echo in my breast. I feel the emotion of gratitude beating in my breast, my heart is too full to say more. God bless you all."

In this connection I copy the following to show the rate of taxes charged in 1780 and a receipt for substitute to serve in militia company during the Revolutionary War.

Sept. 12th, 1780. Then received of Mr. Richard Brawner the sum of 79 pounds, twelve shillings and nine pence, for the purpose of hiring a substitute for my company of militia to enlist during the war.

Rec'd in full, John Shields.

Rec'd Sept. 9th, 1772, of Mr. Richard Brawner the sum of nine shillings and ten pence sterling on two hundred and forty acres of land, which appears by G. Dickens, rest to be no more due till the next Michaelmas, for George Scott, likewise by G. Dickens next for Michaelmas, 172I, Dated July 2 1st. Paul Hagerty.

Part 4 next month

Kenneth Allan Knox



Kenneth Allan Knox has been described as a doctor, a historian and even a guru. But throughout his illustrious career, he didn't work with medicine, or at a university or as a religious teacher — his passion and his life's work were trees.

Known professionally as The Tree Doctor, Knox spent the bulk of his career as a consulting arborist. He diagnosed problems with trees and prescribed proper treatments, advised on the preservation of historic trees, analyzed potential hazard trees and more.

Knox, 79, died March 11 at his home in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

Knox grew up in Gettysburg, where his father owned a sporting goods store and newsstand. Ken and his brother Donald worked at their father's store, Gettysburg News and Sporting Goods, which had its own bowling alley in the back.

While working there, he'd set out five newspapers for First Lady Mamie Eisenhower while she was visiting nearby Camp David, and she would call to find out if the papers were in, coming into the store with just one security guard to pick them up. She insisted that Ken refer to her only as Mamie.

The sporting goods store also carried fishing flies tied by hand by Ken's father and uncle, a tradition that Ken, an avid fly fisher, continued.

The local game wardens knew Ken to be such a talented

fly fisher that they asked him to come to Camp David and fish the stream there to remove some of the native trout population, which was becoming overpopulated since President Dwight Eisenhower didn't want to remove them himself.

He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State School of Forestry in 1959, and continued his education with later training from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the USDA Forest Service.

He quickly became known as The Tree Doctor. His daughter, Amy, remembers endless hikes as a kid, hikes that always included an impromptu course on tree identification. He passed on his fly-fishing skills to Amy as well.

Ken had not only a passion about trees for their innate beauty, but also had a passion for helping other people keep from doing damage to trees, including how to look after a damaged tree or work around one without destroying it.

Patrick O'Brien, an agronomist with the United States Golf Association, said Knox's moniker of "The Tree Doctor" was an apt title. Knox would help when there were issues with the trees at golf courses, helping to determine if they had safety or disease issues and would provide the essential input on making the decision whether to keep the tree — showing also how to make them healthy again.

Throughout his career, Knox wrote innumerable reports, but each one ends the same way, with this quote from Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*: "I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues. And I'm asking you sir, at the top of my lungs, unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."



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MOM'S TIME OUT

Thurmont welcomes Salon Soleil

Danielle Ryan

If you're looking for a great local tanning salon, look no further than Salon Soleil, located at 1B East Main Street, Thurmont. Cindy Waynant, owner of Salon Soleil officially opened her door for business on March 6.

Some may be saying, "Wait, I thought there was already a tanning salon at that location?" Indeed there was, but now, the new tanning salon is owned and operated by Thurmont resident Cindy Waynant. Waynant has given her salon a new look, with brand new paint and a complete décor overhaul. Now, the salon has a high-end feel, while still maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Clients will find it easy to relax in this new space.

Current owner of Thurmont Barber and Styling had previously owned and operated the tanning salon in addition to the Barber shop, but reached out to Waynant and offered to sell the tanning salon to her. Waynant spoke to her husband Gene, who backed her up wholeheartedly knowing that his wife had been wanting to open

her own tanning salon for years. Almost a week later, Salon Soleil was open for business!

Waynant has lived in Thurmont for twelve years with her husband Gene and two daughters, Danielle and Dalaney, so she is no stranger to the Thurmont community. Her youngest daughter Dalaney is attending school at Shepherd University, studying to become a nurse, and her oldest daughter Danielle currently works as a Dental Assistant. Her husband Gene is now retired after working for Frederick County for many years, but Thurmont locals may recognize him not only because he was born and raised in Thurmont, but he was the owner of Town and Country Liquors for 24 years before selling the business in 2004.

After both she and her husband retired, Waynant really began dreaming of opening up her own tanning salon, so when she received the offer to purchase the salon next to The Barber shop, she knew it was the right time and it was a great opportunity that she just couldn't pass up. As a working mother, Waynant understands the



After an extensive reworking of the interior, Cindy Waynant prepares to cut the ribbon for Salon Soleil, Thurmont's newest business.

importance for a mother to have some time set aside for herself. Tanning was Waynant's way to escape and relax, and she hopes that by maintaining the wide range of salon hours, she can provide time for other men and women, to enjoy a little bit of alone time for themselves. "I really want to service the Thurmont community as well as the surrounding areas," said Waynant. This is a service

that isn't offered, solely, anywhere in the surrounding areas.

Already, within the past month, Waynant has had at least twenty brand new clients, and noted that she has also welcomed several clients from the previous salon. She hopes to keep the Salon clientele continuously growing, so maybe in the future she can expand the business a little more by adding a stand up tanning bed in addition

to the existent three tanning beds.

One of the major benefits to this salon, apart from it being the only exclusively tanning, tanning salon between Emmitsburg and Frederick, is the wide range of hours offered. Hours of operation for Salon Soleil are seven days a week: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Waynant really hopes to cater to the after work crowd, by offering evening and weekend hours, allowing those who work nine to five jobs the opportunity to still squeeze in some time during the evenings after work, or on the weekends. Salon Soleil also offers several different tanning packages. For those who are new to tanning and want to try it out, single sessions are available. Clients can also book five or ten several sessions at a time, and can even book a one month unlimited package.

If you're new to tanning, or are already an avid tanner, take some time to stop by Salon Soleil! Walk-ins are always welcome, but interested clients can certainly call 301-271-4100 to schedule an appointment.

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Strawberries are the star of the season!

Carol Cogliano
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Strawberries will be coming into season in a few short weeks and personally, I can't wait. Whether I get the chance to go to our local pick-your-own strawberry field or benefit from the local crop at my favorite farmer's market, there is nothing like having fresh strawberries to add to your menu during late spring.

One of my favorite childhood memories is of the fresh strawberry pies that we would purchase from an annual spring festival held at a local private high school in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Each year we would flock to the festival, boarding shuttle busses to make our way onto the campus where beautiful crafts, quilts and delicious foods would await. The highlight of this annual pilgrimage was standing in line for a fresh strawberry pie. We would stand and watch the ladies as they hulled fresh strawberries by hand, while others would be slicing and mixing them with glaze and placing them into freshly-baked pie shells. The topper, of course, was a thick layer of fresh whipped cream. The pies were pricey, but SO worth it. We'd buy a few to take home, but they never lasted long! As the years went by, we all realized that we wanted our OWN pie to take home...and one of my fondest memories was sitting with my dad in our family room after we arrived home, and attacking my own, personal fresh strawberry pie with a fork. (I don't think I actually finished it in one sitting...but I tried!)

There are so many ways that we can incorporate fresh strawberries into our menu choices: smoothies and milkshakes, pies, shortcakes, as a topping for waffles or pancakes, syrups and sauces, dipped in choco-

late, fruit salad...or simply by themselves! Be sure to enjoy the bounty of the season and try a new recipe...or dust off an old family favorite.

Strawberry Glacé Pie

What better way to enjoy fresh strawberries than in a sweet, colorful, fresh strawberry pie? The following recipe belongs to Kay Hollabaugh, wife of 2nd generation Hollabaugh brother, Brad Hollabaugh. From their family, to yours! Recipe courtesy of: The Hollabaugh Family Cookbook

Ingredients:

1 baked 9 inch pie shell
1 ½ qt. strawberries
1 cup sugar
3 T. cornstarch
½ cup water
1 T. Butter
1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Instructions:

Hull strawberries, wash in cold water and drain. Crush enough berries to make 1 cup.

Combine sugar and cornstarch. Add crushed berries and water.

Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Continue cooking and stirring over low heat for 2 minutes. The mixture will be thickened and translucent.

Remove from heat and stir in butter. Cool.

Place whole berries in pie shell, reserving a few for garnishing.

Pour cooked mixture over berries and chill for 2 hours.

Serve topped with whipped cream.

Strawberry Salsa

Fresh and healthy strawberry salsa is the perfect addition to your meal or party. Serve with tortilla chips for a fun spin on traditional salsa. Recipe courtesy of: www.runninginaskirt.com

Ingredients:

1 pint fresh strawberries, diced
¾ cup cilantro, chopped
1 jalapeno, seeded and diced
1 lime, juiced
½ red onion, diced
¼ teaspoon salt, or to taste
¼ teaspoon pepper, or to taste

Instructions:

Put all ingredients in a bowl and carefully mix together.

Strawberry Sauce

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Yield: Makes ¾ cup or about 225 grams.

Ingredients:

1 pound (16 ounces/454 grams) hulled fresh strawberries, about 3 cups quartered
6 tablespoons (75 grams) organic granulated cane sugar
1 tablespoon (15 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice

Instructions:

Sort, rinse and dry strawberries before measuring and using in recipe.

Using a food processor, purée the strawberries. Press strawberries through a fine mesh sieve into medium saucepan; discard the seeds. Stir in sugar and lemon juice.

Bring fruit pulp and juices to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes while skimming foam from sides of saucepan using a slotted spoon.

Once the foam has been



skimmed, reduce heat to medium-low and continue to cook stirring frequently until bright in color, thickened and reduced by half, about 8 to 10 additional minutes. When done, there should be ¾ cup of sauce or about 225 grams.

Set sauce aside to cool completely before using in recipes or serve warm as an ice cream sundae topping.

Strawberry Crumb Bars

These easy Strawberry Crumb Bars, with a buttery crust, sweet fresh strawberry filling, and crunchy butter crumb topping make wonderful dessert bars to take to a summer party, picnic, or potluck. Recipe courtesy of: www.flavormosaic.com

Ingredients:

1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (8 Tablespoons) very cold butter (1 stick butter)
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups fresh strawberries
1/3 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Either grease with butter and flour, or spray with baking spray, an 8x8 inch pan, or place parchment paper on the bottom of the pan.

Chop the strawberries and set aside.

In a medium bowl, stir together ½ cup white sugar, flour, baking powder and salt.

In a measuring cup or small bowl, beat an egg with a fork. Add the egg and vanilla to the flour mixture. Using a fork or a pastry cutter, cut the butter into the flour mixture. (Make sure the butter is very cold.) Work with the dough until the pieces are very small. Dough will be crumbly. Pat half of the dough evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan.

In another bowl, stir together cup sugar and cornstarch. Stir in the strawberries. Spoon the strawberry mixture evenly over the bottom crust.


Crumble the remaining dough over the strawberry filling layer.

Bake in a preheated oven for 45 minutes, or until top is slightly golden brown.

Cool completely before cutting into squares. I recommend refrigerating until ready to serve.

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Blue Ridge Summit

Standing Events

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Tuesday - Coloring Club 3-5 p.m. Release your inner Monet! All ages welcome.

Wednesday - Coffee club in the community room from 3-5:30 p.m.! Mingle with the gang for coffee, tea, puzzles, board games, coloring books, etc. Food donations appreciated.

Wednesday - VITT (very important teens and 'twens) night. The community room is reserved for teen use from 6:00-7:30p.m. Just hang out or play Wii, board games, do puzzles, eat snacks, watch movies, make movies, etc.!

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

Upcoming Special Events

Our scherenschnitte group, Ger-

man papercutting, will be meeting on May 2nd at the Library at 6:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Learn a new skill and have fun at the same time. This is a great meditative craft and can also be a fun activity for the whole family.

On May 11th join us for the free movie "Sixteen Candles", rated PG, at 6 p.m. "A girl's "sweet" sixteenth birthday becomes anything but special as she suffers from every embarrassment possible." A John Hughes classic!

The ladies of the Summit Stitchers quilting club will meet at 5:30 p.m. on May 16th. New members are always welcome, especially if they bring new projects!

On May 25th come and watch the free adults only movie "Patriots Day", rated R, at the library. "The story of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and the aftermath, which includes the city-wide manhunt to find the terrorists responsible."

The Blue Ridge Summit Free Library is located at 13676 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

Thurmont/Emmitsburg Frederick County Libraries

Frederick County Public Libraries Summer Challenge begins May 1! From May through August, all ages can enjoy reading and exploring the community while earning points to win great prizes! Visit the library or fcpl.org/summer to register today!

We are excited that the library's 2017 Summer Challenge Kickoff is being held in Thurmont at the Spring in the Village/Art at Catoc-tin Furnace event on May 6 and 7!

Stop by the FCPL table to register for Summer Challenge, sign up for a library card, and enjoy kids' craft activities. This is a wonderful family event and will feature bluegrass musicians in the wine garden plus a unique hands-on-activities area that will include old fashioned fun like roping a bed, stuffing a straw tick and washing clothes the old fashioned way. There will also be special presentation by the SAR Fife & Drum Corp.

Summer Challenge fun lasts all summer! Stop by the library or visit fcpl.org to learn about great offerings for all ages at both libraries from community or-

ganizations, such as Cunningham Falls State Park & the Emmitsburg VFW. With the pool closed, the Emmitsburg Library has planned extra children's and teen's activities in July and August, so everyone can beat the heat with free activities.

Do you have a talent or hobby you can share with your neighbors? The Emmitsburg Library is the community center for Emmitsburg and we're always seeking partners to help us expand programming possibilities for teens and adults. We would love to schedule hour presentations related to music, art, cooking, crafts and other interesting, fun topics this fall. Please let library staff know that you'd be happy to volunteer or email the Emmitsburg Branch Supervisor, Hannah Wilkes at hwilkes@frederickcountymd.gov. We are now planning for the fall and winter seasons and look forward to hearing from you.

Stitch and Chat - Bring your current project and get together with others who enjoy needle crafts such as knitting, crocheting and cross stitch. All activity levels welcome. Thursday, May 18, 2 p.m.

Summer Challenge - Hike Catoc-tin Mountain Park - Catoc-

tin Mountain Park rangers discuss the park's easy to moderate trails. Wednesday, May 17. 3 p.m.

For Children and Teens

Summer Challenge: Historic Buildings (Ages 3-5) - A sample of History Camp activities with Rose Hill Manor Park and Children's Museum. Learn how buildings shape communities and build a sense of place. Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Challenge: Digital Screenprinting (Grades 6-12) - Create a digital image, then screenprint onto a t-shirt. White t-shirts will be available or bring your own. Snacks provided. Register early, space is limited. Saturday, May 13, 10 am.

LEGO WeDo Explorations (Grades K-5) - Explore science through robot-based learning with LEGO (R) WeDo! Students will engineer, code, and experiment! Monday, May 1 & 15, 4 p.m.

Make It Take It Mother's Day Card (Ages 0-18) - Create a "You Are my Sunshine" Mother's Day card. Saturday, May 13, 1 p.m.

R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope - The Reading Education Assistance Dogs listen to children read. *Allergy Alert! The dogs and cats are live animals. Tuesday, May 16, 5 p.m.

Discover Space - Astronaut Training Camp (Grades K-3) - Get ready to shoot for the stars by participating in our Junior Astronaut Training Camp. Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m.

Special Adult Programs at the Thurmont Regional Library

Curious Minds: Birding for Beginners - Curious Minds is a monthly afternoon series for older adults to engage and learn together. While targeted at older adults, it is open to all adults interested in discovering new skills, ideas, and hobbies. This month the Frederick Bird Club shares expertise on birding as a hobby and answers questions about getting started. Monday, May 22, 2-3:30 p.m.

Green Team Plant Exchange - The Thurmont Green Team and the Thurmont Library are hosting an exchange and invite you to bring a plant; take a plant or trade garden ornaments, seeds, bulbs, tools, trees, shrubs. No sales, all trades. Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.

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Choose education over debt

Dr. Ken Kerr
Frederick County
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May 1st is traditionally known as "Decision Day." The day when graduating high school seniors are expected to commit to the college they are going to attend in the fall, joining some 20.5 million students attending American colleges and universities. This decision is often difficult. Do we choose the in-state college we can afford, or choose the name-brand college our son or daughter has always dreamed of attending—regardless of the cost.

Again this year, among most popular college majors are Psychology, History, English Language and Literature, and Humanities,

according to USA Today. With an average starting salary of around \$36,000 and a mid-career salary of between \$60,000 and \$75,000, salary.com ranks these among its "8 College Degrees with the Worst Return on Investment." These college-visiting families should ask themselves if a name-brand college is really a good investment.

Penn State University, one of those name-brand institutions, research reveals that 20 to 50 percent of students enter college as "undecided," and 75 percent change their major, at least once, before graduation. Taking college classes without a clear goal, and a plan to accomplish that goal, results in earning useless course credits and extending the amount of time it takes to earn a degree. The Na-

tional Center for Education Statistics reports that only 44% of students complete their bachelor's degree within the traditional four-year time frame with most taking six years to complete a four-year-degree. Most students, even those with a goal and plan, end up taking about 14 credits (nearly half-a-year) of classes beyond the 120 credits required for the bachelor's degree. With the typical cost of a college credit at \$595, according to Elyssa Kirkham, an expert in student loans and debt, these extra classes amount to over \$8300. If student have no clear goals and no set plan to achieve those goals, it's going to add two more years and even more thousands more dollars to complete college.

Forty-four million Americans

owe over \$1.4 trillion in student loan debt, about \$620 billion more than all U.S. credit card debt. The average college graduate has \$37,172 in student loan debt, up six percent from last year. That's \$37,00 in debt above and beyond what was paid along the way.

But one has to wonder. Where does all this debt come from?

Completing a two-year associate degree at Frederick Community College—including books and fees—will cost a Frederick County resident about \$10,000. The University of Maryland costs around \$11,382 a year. The two years at FCC followed by two years at College Park amounts to \$32,764. That's everything: books, fees, supplies. So where does the \$37,172 in debt come from. I have an idea

that much of this debt is by choice rather than necessity.

Living on campus and adding a meal plan at Maryland will add another \$11,000 a year for a total of \$44,000 for all 4 years. Going out of state to a name-brand university, like Penn State, will cost \$44,612 a year for a 4-year total of \$178,448. Choosing a name brand, out-of-state university over a commuter-student experience at FCC and University of Maryland adds \$145,685 to the cost of a bachelor's degree. Choose a private college, and it can be even more expensive.

So, Class of 2017, as May 1st and Decision Day approach, make the right decision. Have a goal, have a plan, know what your degree will cost and how long it will take to complete it. Get as much education as you can afford. Make sure you choose education over debt.

Performing arts workshops for kids

New Spire Arts is launching their first round of programming this summer with a variety of performing arts workshops for youth.

The one- to five-day performing arts workshops are unique in Frederick County and will provide a fast-paced learning experience meant to give a taste of what New Spire Arts has planned for the fall semester and beyond. Workshops will be available for all ages and knowledge levels and will be led by professional artists in a variety of disciplines.

Overseeing New Spire Arts'

summer workshops is Julian Lazarus, Director of Education. Lazarus, a former FCPS Drama and Dance teacher and Arts Integration Specialist, is excited to bring a wide variety of performing arts educational experiences to Frederick County, saying "This is just a hint of what we will offer year-round at New Spire Arts. We are eager to expand access to performing arts education for all members of our community."

In addition to Lazarus, teaching artists will include Kwame Opare, a BAM/State Department-commissioned choreographer, Chris

Heady, the Head of Puppetry for Hershey's Chocolate World, Helen Hayes Award Winner Jessica Redish, Adrienne King, a bilingual ASL/English dance instructor who will be leading workshops integrating ASL into the performing arts, and New Spire Arts' Producing Artistic Director Elizabeth Lucas.

Tweens and teens will be able to attend workshops on stage combat, filmmaking, puppetry, special effects makeup, hip hop dance, and more. Workshops for elementary school children will cover dance, storytelling, and music. Adult workshops will be rolled out in April and May.

Workshops will take place at New Spire Spaces, the former Board of Ed and Art-o-Matic host at 115 East Church Street. New Spire Spaces is one of two buildings being activated by New Spire Arts, and will host all programming until renovation is complete at New Spire Stages, the former Cultural Arts Center at 15 W Patrick.

In addition, New Spire Arts internship applications are open and available in the Program-

ming, Education and Marketing departments. These internships offer hands-on practical experience for college students or recent college graduates preparing for a career in the arts and non-profit sectors. College credit, community service and/or field-work hours are available.

New Spire Arts is a performing arts organization headquartered in downtown Frederick that inspires

creative engagement from all facets of the community by providing performing arts programming and education. New Spire Arts contributes to the vitality and brand of the City of Frederick through unique experiences focused on the performing arts.

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

To close out the school year, FYATM writers reflect on their time at the Mount so far, and the victories, challenges and growth that have come with it. As finals week and summer break approach, they look towards what comes next.

Freshman Year

Life of a Freshie

Angela Tongohan
MSMU Class of 2020

Wow. It's almost the end of my freshman year at the Mount, and boy, was it an adventure. So much has happened within the span of a few months. I met people I could now call my close friends, maybe some I could call my best friends. I experienced my first taste of freedom, without the chains of parents or authority figures. I made my own decisions, and I had to live with my own consequences. It's been a great first year, and I can't wait for the journey to come.

But as I sit here, reliving my first year in college, I realize the things that I need to do to make myself even better. As a freshman, I still have the excuse of being young, lost, and oblivious. We are given breathing space, a time to adjust to a life so different from living at home. While some students thrive on their

own and are able to succeed now that they have only themselves to worry about, other students wither away and crumble, lost in the unfamiliar. I am one of those students.

I didn't do as well as I would have liked to my first year here. It was a tornado of problems: homesickness, actual illnesses, the surrounding pressure to be social. Somewhere between my yearning to be accepted and my 9 a.m. class, I was distracted and lost my way.

Next year, I won't have the luxury of being a novice. I will be expected to know my way around campus. I won't have any more excuses. Seniors tell me that it only gets harder. That blew my mind. How could it only get harder when it already was so difficult?

But after a good few weeks of sulking, I realized that this was my chance. I needed to thrive. Next year, I would have to do better. I know what to expect, and I know

how to prepare myself. Next year, I will do better.

Now, I know I sound super depressing right now, but freshman year was also a great deal of fun.

They weren't kidding when they said that during college you will have a whole lot of chances to try new things.

My first semester consisted of service trips. I began the school year on the Serve Mountward Bound trip. Ever since I was old enough to understand there were people in need, I've always wanted to help them. The Office of Social Justice gave me that opportunity. I cleaned up abandoned yards in Baltimore, prepared supplies for incoming refugees, and learned how to use a weed whacker.

My second semester, I found myself more overwhelmed by school work, but I still hoped to be able to join the trips. College, though, is not only about service trips and helping those in need, although those things are all very self-fulfilling. They also give us the chance to go on trips that are solely meant to be exciting and fun.

I've gone on a go-karting trip in Baltimore, and was pleasantly sur-

prised that the go-karts went surprisingly fast. I joined the New York trip, because I couldn't pass off a day in New York for only 25 dollars. And I've joined a series of free bowling, mini golfing, and karaoke nights. All the while, I have met great people and enjoyed living life as a student at the Mount.

I like how we have three months of summer between every school year. My roommates believe the summer is like some kind of time machine. Everything dumb or embarrassing that was done freshman year would be magically erased, and our August of sophomore year would be a new slate.

In the future, I feel like my problems now will sound so miniscule. Although, they do seem quite overwhelming at the moment. Next year, I have to start thinking about internships and extra-curriculars, things that would make me a well-rounded student, and prepare me for my career goals.

I will have to declare my major, or double major, if I decide I am still up for the challenge. The only thing I don't have to decide is whether or

not to take a semester abroad, because it unfortunately is not offered to those in my major.

I realize that from here on out, my decisions will have more and more meaning. After college, I will need to find a job of some kind. Even if I do decide to go to medical school or grad school, I will probably have some bills to pay.

Things are becoming so real. I feel so close to having to become a functioning adult in society. It's scary. I know based off talking to friends that are seniors or juniors that is only gets scarier. The real world is creeping up on me, and it's hard to imagine how I would be when I'm not guarded within the walls of our campus.

But I guess that all comes as part of the journey. I need this experience, and possibly on the day of my senior graduation, I will say to myself "Oh, that's why that all happened!" But, of course, as my inexperienced freshman eyes see, the real world is still far away, and I need to enjoy the present moment.

To read other articles by Angela, visit the Authors section of Emmitsburg.net.

Sophomore Year

My sophomore reflection

Michael Kenney Jr.
MSMU Class of 2019

May 12, 2017--My dad carries out the last few boxes, and I sling my backpack over my shoulder. It's cliché, but true, that this year has flown by. As I head out the door, I notice a picture taped to the corner of my mirror. It's a picture of my parents and me on move-in day. I looked tan, well rested, and--though only taken a few months ago--a lot younger. It makes me realize the obvious: my physical disposition says something about my mood and experiences. I glance in the mirror scope my current disposition. I wonder how my experiences have literally shaped me, how my mood has manifested itself over the course of this past year. If I could reflect on this past year by looking in the mirror, what would I see?

I suppose I should begin with my head. I worked really hard in school both semesters, and I also discovered three gray hairs last month. Coincidence? I think not. The library was my hermitage this past year. I overloaded with seven courses during the fall semester and six in the spring because I wanted to expose myself to a wide range of subjects. From foreign language, literature, and history to science, philosophy, and ROTC courses, each subject area deepened my understanding of and appreciation for the world around me. My professors have helped create some of my fondest memories. Whether meeting over a cup of coffee in the cafe or a completely red-inked paper draft

in their offices, my professors have challenged me this year. Yet, like walking encyclopedias, they have made the course material enjoyable and alive: I felt as though I walked alongside characters like Sissy Jupe and William Darcy. I empathized with Primo Levi and imagined the millions of unspoken Holocaust narratives. I studied so intensively that I dreamt in Italian. I brought contemporary values into conversation with the timeless Platonic and Aristotelian works. I debated the efficacy of Brexit and digital humanities. I think about all the knowledge locked beneath my scalp, under my brown (and potentially graying) bushel of hair. Of course, my academic immersion this year was rigorous, but it was fun and rewarding ten times over.

I look down and, not unrelated to my two gray hairs, there are bags under my eyes. How'd they get there? I earned them by late night paper writing, early morning swim practice, and a fair share of all-nighters. Yet, they don't solely represent "all work and no play." They remind me of the cafe karaoke and spontaneous game nights, conversations that twist the clock from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the blink of an eye, and nights my friends and I visited in Eucharistic Adoration together. One particular night in February comes to mind. While inclement weather halted school for the day, I spent practically all day studying in the library, and I began walking towards my dorm at about 12:30 a.m. I admired the snowmen scattered around campus,

and I decided I wanted to make one in a prominent place on campus. I called one of my friends, and together, we formed a huddle of snowmen about a yard ahead of the doors of Bradley Hall, the main administrative building. We slapped chunks of snow into the bulky sides of the snowmen. We laughed and laughed and laughed at how ridiculous we must have seemed. We joked under the unsound logic that "maybe, if we build a snowman in front of Bradley, the faculty will enjoy it so much that they won't hold classes the tomorrow." On my way to class the next morning, I noticed the snowman had been gently decapitated. The more I think about my experiences, the more I believe that I do not really have bags, just tinted grins beneath my eyelids.

I focus now on the rest of my body. My hands have callouses. They must be from our swim team's weight lifting regimen. I had a blast swimming on the inaugural men's swim team, in large part because of my teammates. We spent a lot of time getting to know each other. For almost nine months, we trained ten times per week together, stayed on campus over breaks, travelled long bus rides, met for study sessions, and endured seemingly impossible workouts. I think about the week we spent training in Key Largo, our team dinners, and our bible studies. I think about the mornings we stood at the edge of the pool, bracing ourselves for an unforgivingly cold wake-up call, and the afternoons we read our coaches' lactate-threshold set and thought, "There's no way we're making through that alive." But we did. We became faster, stronger, and better friends throughout the entire season.

I take a step back from the mirror. My backpack slouches from my shoulder to ground. I remember my three silver hairs. I recognize the grins under my eyes. I rub my calloused fingers together. Each feature allows an insight into my past experience, but my smile speaks the loudest and seems to summarize my year. It captures the oth-

er physical features like the ironic words in Kurt Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse-Five: "Everything was perfect and nothing hurt." With that, I walk out to my car and wonder what next year will look like...

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REFLECTIONS ON THE CLOSING OF THE YEAR

Junior Year

In retrospect...

Sarah Muir
MSMU Class of 2018

In retrospect, the past year has been a bit of a crazy one, but I suppose I was warned that junior year has a tendency to be hectic and unforgiving. Still, I find myself overjoyed and entirely content with what the past year has brought. Besides the overall health and happiness, my extraordinary sister was happily married this past June to a wonderful gentleman who I am thrilled to call my brother in law, my studies have gone well and with the closing of this last semester in my junior year I find I am able to cross off a few things on my bucket list.

While I am writing this, I am thousands of miles above the surface of the Atlantic, returning home from a three-and-a-half-month journey to London where I was studying abroad. I have always known I have wanted to travel and the program that the Mount offers is what drew me here in the first

place. My experiences with the people on the trip and in London will be with me forever, and I find myself both happy to return and desolate at leaving the now-familiar streets.

Having never traveled outside the United States before, I found myself, as per usual, of two minds: one part nervous apprehension and one part (a larger portion) elated at the prospect. The months leading up to my departure were filled with me fielding questions, comments, and advice (all helpful, pointless, and repetitive). Finally on the plane heading towards Heathrow, it struck me that I would be traveling further from home than I had ever been before, far from friends and family and all things familiar. In a few hours, I would be in a different country, with a different culture, and with different people. Being an introvert in such a situation was daunting, but I could not find it in myself to be afraid. We touched down and vacated the plane and I took a deep breath,

the air was different, a kind of cold damp that was welcoming after the stuffy coach cabin. There were street lights and stoplights and shops and cars (though all were driving on the wrong side of the road). I found that even in a strange place there are signs of familiar comfort.

I lived in North London, in a decent sized room I shared with a roommate (who was a blessing as far as roommates are concerned). It was comfortable and the woman who owned the house was amiable to us. The directions to school were fairly straightforward: get on the Bus until Highgate station, then the Northern Line to Goodge Street, then a left and a right and there you go, simple as that. I got lost my first week of classes and seemed to find every street except for the one I needed. Luckily, a few helpful pedestrians and one policeman later, I found my way. After that, it became easier.

Should you travel to London, know that the public transportation is unparalleled in its efficiency and is probably one of the things I'll miss the most (odd, I know), pubs have a great atmo-

sphere and even greater comfort food, go to the markets (Borough, Leadenhall, Camden, Brick Lane etc.), Harrods and Fortum & Masons are the best place to play The Price is Right, museums are free, the parks are lovely and tickets for theaters are cheap. There is a lot more than what my word count allows, but there's the long and the short of it.

I went to Scotland in February, and found it to be one of the most beautiful places I have ever been. Freezing cold, wet, and muddy, but beautiful all the same. The journey through the Highlands was a welcome break from the busy restlessness of the city. We arrived in Edinburgh and from there made our way up to Calendar, the gateway to the Highlands, from there to Loch Ness (no sightings to report), and eventually the Isle of Skye. Along the way, I gave carrots to some of the most tame wild deer I have ever met, washed my face in the river of eternal beauty (and almost fell in), and made a wish at nearly every fairy pool we visited. I loved every second of my time in Scotland from the clear rivers to the hairy cows (Scottish pronunciation: harry coos) to the

beautiful mountains and overall feeling of magic and legends that seem to seep out of the stones.

So I have been to London, seen the Globe (though I wasn't able to experience a performance this time around) and the view from the London Eye, I saw Stonehenge, Shakespeare's birthplace and White Cliffs of Dover, indulged in an honest to goodness high tea, saw Buckingham palace and Westminster. I have been to the Highlands, seen the Three Sisters of Glencoe, Loch Ness, the stunning coast of the Isle of Skye.

What is more is I have discovered that the world is smaller than you think and too big to be believed. I have found that I am both rubbish at directions and perfectly capable in finding my way and that being lost is the best way to find some things. In retrospect, I have grown more in the last year than I realized and looking ahead I have a lot more growing up to do, many more places to see and people to meet and, of course, some mistakes to make. I am looking forward to it.

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Senior Year

My four years at the Mount

Leeanne Leary
MSMU Class of 2017

I'm looking at the world now as I looked at college exactly four years ago.

Hello again, my name is Leeanne, and for the final time I'm writing in the Four Years at the Mount column as an undergraduate student. I'm not sure if four or forty people have read my column each month for the last four years, but if you're joining me now on the final leg of this journey, hi, my name is Leeanne. I'm graduating college this month.

Four years ago, I wrote my first article for the Emmitsburg News-Journal. It was the October 2013 edition, and I introduced myself as a college freshman from Pennsylvania. I planned on majoring in some combination of communications and fine arts/graphic design. My goal was to work in some capacity in the media world upon graduating, and I thought 22 years old and senior year seemed a lifetime away.

In preparing myself for this final article, I read all of my freshman year articles. I have almost no words in the wake of that, but here are the limited few: I was so young. Everything that I love, cherish, and plan to do now, I didn't even know existed then. I wrote an article on my very first mission trip to Haiti, a place that now holds much of my heart. I wrote an article on this (weird) ROTC program I was joining – what the heck was the Army? I'm now commissioning as an Officer into that same Army two days before graduation. I wrote about finding friends, before I even met

the people who are now family. Everything that is now important, simply didn't exist.

I entered the world of the Mount, the world of Emmitsburg, and the world of Maryland with a different life. I, fortunately, haven't lost any of the things I love, but they have evolved and become my life now. Part of that is utterly exciting, part is terrifying. Does that happen forever? In four years, will I look back and reflect on a different life? Will 26 still feel an age split between some binary of extremely young and very adult?

I'm looking at the world now exactly as I looked at college four years ago.

I don't know that I can do this justice, but I know the first step is to say thank you. Thank you to those of you who read my articles and travelled through this weird journey of growth ruled by spontaneity. Thank you to the people who entered my life and became my friends. These people proved everything I've ever heard about friendship told, true. Thank you to my mentors, advisors, and professors. I certainly didn't always enjoy doing the work, but I am still in awe constantly at how much knowledge you have, and how willing you were to invest in my life. Thank you to my peers who made me work harder, my teammates who let me laugh at myself, my family who let me disappear for months at a time and supported every choice I made, and everyone who simply cared about this four year journey.

When I came to college I had my entire life planned. I knew what I wanted to do, where I wanted to live, when I wanted to do it, and who I

wanted to do it with. If college has done anything perfectly for me, it has completely eradicated each and every one of these certainties. I believe, though, it has done so perfectly and systematically. While being a part of any system makes me slightly uncomfortable, I'm convinced these four years are designed perfectly to first make us question everything, including ourselves. Once we've done that, we become open to new worlds. Then, we learn. Through classes, through research, through capstone projects, through real-world experiences, through homilies, through trips, and talks, and adoration, and speeches, and guests – we learn. We learn that, jokes on us, we don't know much. We learn, though, how to think for ourselves. We learn how to doubt ourselves. We learn resilience, grit, empowerment, and more. We learn how to make life-altering mistakes, and how to come back from them. We learn how to love, how to be a friend, and how to manage. All of this is handed to us in this strange encapsulate miniature adult world where we get to learn and be free under careful guidance and while simultaneously not being too free. And it is wonderful.

I'm looking at the world now as I looked at college exactly four years ago: intrigued, concerned, and excited.

I'm entering the world now entirely different than I entered college exactly four years ago, all thanks to college.

Weird? Very weird.

I'm leaving the Mount with a degree in English literature and secondary education. I'm not entirely sure where I'll end up, but for the next few months I'll be in Ft. Lee, Virginia for my Quartermaster Officer Basic Course. I'll keep you updated with a few graduate articles, don't worry.

So, here is my final undergrad article, my final hello, and my goodbye. Thank you for reading, and thank you for putting up with me, my changing majors, random trips, evident moods, and endless rants. This column has given me the chance to speak every month, make connections, and work under the supervision of four genius

mentors and writers.

I'm leaving my Four Years at the Mount, but, as cliché and tired as this may sound, am taking all of it with me. Thank you, again and endlessly.

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FASHION

Spring fashions have sprung

Valerie McPhail
MSMU Class of 2015

The sun has lifted from the clouds, and causes the shedding of leather jackets and thigh high boots from last season. Even when these high fashion shoes are worn bare, without stockings to complement a dress, it is a difficult look to pull off. Perhaps spring hails styles of ease now that the season is in full effect and rays blaze on a new division of fashion.

Oversized pieces and masculine features cumulate, but do not to be mistaken by the menswear phase of fashion's current fixation, there are plenty of feminine features flowering, including the tulle accents that dress runway looks by Valentino, Gucci and Marques'Almeida: fashion's garden is in full bloom and its key looks are pronouncements.

The Baggy, the Better

The tendency to dress with appropriation is a soiled thought, buried as last season's expectation. As for the interest in layering baggy clothes, the fascination resembles similar attention towards an exotic flower: it attracts wide eyes of admiration for not only its genuine beauty, but also uncommon sight. The same captivation resonates with key looks from New York fashion label Public School. For spring/summer 2017 designers Maxwell Osbourne and Dao-Yi Chow, creators of cool, offered looks that resurface excitement for summer vacation: Oversized jeans,

fitting boyfriend style outfitted with sleeved button downs that pass the traditional wrist. Other stunning features of the collection include a Rugby shirt, roomy V-neck sweaters with deep side slits. The CFDA – Council of Fashion and Design of America winners offer a fresh of breath air. In an industry of clouded judgment governed by the trendy, termed “fashionable” ways of dressing, Public School New York shines light on cool that defines the city's sense of style.

Carrying the cool in “june se qua” Martin Grant's spring/summer 2017 Collection

Martin Grant makes a statement for the standard of Parisian chic. Carmel brown trench coat matching high-waisted trousers of the same shade pair with a sky blue and white collared shirt gardened the valley of colors and silhouettes that could outfit trips to Cannes. The statement fills with excitement over a new consideration for defining key looks of French style. The spaghetti strapped, parachute pant jumpsuit of white and navy stripes salutes the ocean breeze, or lakeside chill associated with retreats of the season. These oversized looks refresh fashion scene – just a springtime elicits— to trail blaze boxy features of design.

Menswear Mania

The standard: collared button downs tucked into wide leg trousers, belted, is now a common look. Among womenswear that is: coin the sensibility as

“tomboy,” a boyish sense of style has blossomed. Fashion label Undercover unearthed an aura around menswear designed casual for womenswear. Graphic sweaters and blazers paired with an assortment of defining men's pants – cargo, suit, and high-waisted trousers. Designer Jun Takahashi developed this women's collection out of a menswear label, back in 2009 with an invitation to show an all men's collection at Pitti Uomo. For the Japanese designer, spring 2017 makes men's fashion a comfortable reality for expression. On this runway women are putting on the pants, and building a statement bright with expression. A spring fever is in the air, and it itches for development, for novel ideas and fresh perspective. Here grounds the future of menswear.

The cheekiest ode to spring fashion blooms as the flowers, bumble bees and glorious foliage grow on cropped trousers and majestic baroque pleated pants from Manish Arora's spring/summer 2017 collection. The brand, headquartered in India, represented during Paris Fashion Week presents a chirpy appearance in this most recent season. Resembling an ode to children's fashion – the “My Little Pony” reference on sweaters suggest a juvenile tone present throughout the collection. The scenic accents excite fitted pieces of masculine build to carry a sweet feminine touch anticipating summertime.

New Traditions with Tulle

An appearance of tulle draws back to narratives of elegance and royalty. The fairytale picture implicates features of children's clothing – where dressing up as a princess in puffy tulle gowns define a child's interest in clothing.

Where in a far away land of low valleys covered in daisies and twinkling



Oversized pieces are in vogue this spring/summer.

water passages an accent of tulle emulates the beauty discovered in a new season for nature.

As the year welcomes spring, fashion too finds refreshment in contemporary perspectives on traditional operations of fabric in clothing design. Fashion houses Valentino and Gucci showed a maturity towards tulle fluffed dresses. Ruffled dresses brighten the new Gucci look defined by school boy prep and librarian chic. As these narratives brought a sharp sense of style, tulle dresses: a crème collared knee length dress, or the black and rose-colored three-tired ruffle dress decorated

with an appliqué heart marked with roman numerals XXV, designer Alessandro Michele's “lucky number,” with love from “E+P” the sword through the heart icon suggests a addition to the collection's traditional tones. Further details rose red tulle necklace, and black bonnet among other traditional styled hats accompanied looks.

Valentino's Spring 2017 Collection brought a more bohemian vibe to the use of fabric. A pink dress patterned in different shades of color, striped and triangle prints found tulle adding layers to the evening dress. The more casual use of the fabric invites discussion for the use of tulle in every day fashion.

Street style features include blouses of tulle sleeves, or t-shirts designed with voluminous ruffles at the bodice. Tulle tops create an opportunity to younger fashion fanatics and adventurous trend followers. Tulle is a suitable look for spring for not only its light weight, easy to breath function, but it too complements the magic in the air. In the springtime a weight is lifted, and life grows the ground to reveal nature's beauty. As tulle spreads upon dresses and full-length gowns, fashion connects with this nature.

Baggy fits, fashioned by oversized outfits and menswear classics spearhead women collections for spring 2017. The softness of the season appears with a romance for tulle decorated pieces. Not only are these pieces key looks for this 2017 season because they inspired runway collections across the globe – from New York to Paris, but for reasons that concern the future of fashion. As fashion wakes from its dormant season, spring fashion starts a conversation for design can be rediscovered. Now is the time; no coincidence that this mild revolution occurs in the season of spring.

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Restoring Camp Greentop Stable

The Camp Greentop Stable in Catoctin Mountain Park has fallen into disrepair. Built in 1980, the stable housed horses used by National Park Service Law Enforcement Rangers to patrol trails and remote areas of Catoctin Mountain Park. As park visitation increased, park rangers were re-directed to other park missions and the Catoctin Mountain Park Volunteer Horse Patrol became the “eyes and ears of the park.” In addition to patrol, the Horse Patrol maintained trails and cared for the horses and stables.

Volunteers and National Park Staff seized the opportunity to help others and maximize park resources when Catoctin Mountain Park partnered with the League for People with Disabilities to establish the Camp Greentop Recreational Riding for the Dis-

abled Program in 1981. As the first program of its kind in Frederick County, the project served hundreds of League campers each summer season.

While the National Park Service Horse Program ended in the mid-1990’s, the Camp Greentop Riding for the Disabled Program continued until 2016. Years of deferred maintenance had rendered the stable unsuitable for this use.

As Catoctin Mountain Park’s official Friends group, the Catoctin Forest Alliance is partnering with the National Park Service to rebuild and restore the Camp Greentop Stable. It is hoped that the stable will be completed in time for the 2017 League for People with Disabilities summer camping season. A group of skilled craftsmen associated with the Indiana Amish Anabaptist Service

Program have volunteered to replace the stable roof and siding. The CFA is seeking benefactors to fund or provide necessary materials. While time is short we are confident that park friends can help make this happen.

Cash donations, materials identified on the materials list, gift cards and purchase discounts can make this stable project become reality. Please contact Debra Mills, CFA Director of Programming at dop.catoctinforestalliance@gmail.com to discuss material donations and purchase discounts. Cash donations can be made payable by check to Catoctin Forest Alliance and mailed to P.O. Box 411, Thurmont, MD 21788. Donations may also be made on-line at www.catoctinforestalliance.org. It is estimated that materials will cost approximately \$10,000.



There will be no labor costs as the project will be completed by volunteer craftsmen.

An overview of the missions and programs of the Catoctin Forest Alliance can be found at the Catoctin Forest Alliance website at www.catoctinforestalliance.org, and on the Catoctin Forest Alliance Facebook Page.

The Catoctin Forest Alliance is the primary Friends group for Ca-

toctin Mountain Park. The organizational mission is to protect the health of the Catoctin Forest with special emphasis on citizen engagement and youth programs. Further information on the CFA may be obtained by contacting Director of Programs Debra Mills at dop.catoctinforestalliance@gmail.com or by visiting the CFA website at www.catoctinforestalliance.org.

Thurmont to host swap events

Hillary Rothrock
J. Rothrock Outfitters

Help the planet & your wallet

Who doesn’t like finding new things to use? Who doesn’t have things they could live without? Maybe those planters you’ve been saving aren’t quite your style anymore. Maybe your kids have outgrown those old cleats, bats, and gloves. Maybe you just don’t have the time to... you get the idea. Never has their been a more fun way to get rid of your unused stuff while also discovering new and interesting items and socializing with other locals with the same interests.

Thanks to environmentally and socially conscious neighbors, item swaps are becoming the new block party of our time. Leave your cash at home! Swap events are all about getting rid of your unwanted items and finding new (to you) useful things. Whether it’s gardening supplies and plants, clothing and formal wear, or sporting goods and outdoor adventure gear there are local swaps happening all around you throughout the year.

Spring happens to be the perfect time to throw swaps for outdoor enthusiasts because of the nice weather. Spring cleaning has everyone ready to purge unnecessary and unwanted items that just didn’t fit right, have seen little wear, or just are not used anymore for many reasons. Lots of people donate their items to organizations to be sold. However, a much simpler, fun, and locally beneficial way to dispose of unwanted items is to participate in a swap party! It saves you and your neighbors’ money, reuses items, reduces the waste sent to landfills, and recycles items into something useful again.

A lot of people get confused because flea markets are sometimes known as “swap meets”, whereas swap events are more like a potluck where everyone brings items they won’t miss and then can freely take

items they can use. Often, volunteer organizations arrange a swap event in order to provide the community a much needed free gathering where locals can find useful items instead of them ending up in a landfill. A single person can even arrange swap parties with a goal in mind, such as benefitting a favorite charity.

The best swaps happen when non-profits or individuals team up with local like-minded companies. Area businesses can assist in the marketing and costs of running the event including food, consumables, venue, clean up, and assistants. Not only does this provide an opportunity for area business owners to give back to the people that support them, but also to interact with the community in a positive way.

If you are interested in attending a swap event (I promise you’ll be hooked): First, find a local swap party near you. Second, find at least one item in your home that you can donate to the swap and take it to the drop-off point by the required date. Sometimes Swaps have you bring your items just prior to the party and put it in the correct area yourself. Third, show up to the swap ready to take home your newly found treasures! Be sure to set aside enough time to try on clothing, especially at a clothing intensive swap. Most swaps take approximately 1-2 hours depending on quantity of items, level of organization, venue space, and number of participants. The whole point of a Swap is to have fun and reduce, reuse, and recycle.

There are two Swap Events happening in Thurmont this Spring. On May 20th, the Thurmont Green Team is hosting a “Gear Swap” at the Thurmont Community Park in the Large Pavilion from 10-11am. They have teamed up with swap sponsor J. Rothrock Outfitters located at 3 East Main Street in Thurmont to provide tickets and organize the donations by type and cost ahead of time, mak-

ing it more convenient, faster, and easier to shop for participants. The Green Team secured the venue so that children can attend and play while parents “shop” with their tickets obtained by donating items. Remaining items will be donated to local scouting and sports groups, and if necessary, sold with the proceeds going towards area groups in need.

The swap encourages all sports, dance, and outdoor items. Some examples of potential donations include: folding chairs, picnic blankets, tents, backpacks, camping, fishing, dance shoes, clothing, hats, sunglasses, bats, balls, lacrosse equipment, helmets, etc. There will be a prize drawing for all of those that donate an item! Participants can increase their chances of winning by donating more items or expensive items. Those who would like to participate can drop off donations now through May 15th at the shop. Questions can be directed to ThurmontGreenTeam@gmail.com or in person at J. Rothrock Outfitters.

For the local plant and garden enthusiasts of all ages, the Thurmont Green Team scheduled a “Plant Swap” for Saturday June 3, coinciding with the first day of the Thurmont Farmers Market. It will take place at the Thurmont Regional Library parking lot from 9:30-11am. Arrive early and bring any unwanted plants, pots, seeds, tools, bulbs, and garden ornaments, etc. Questions regarding the plant swap can be directed to Cindy Poole at cpoolemd@comcast.net.

If you are interested in hosting a swap or have questions about swaps in general you can direct them to Hillary Rothrock at Info@JRothrockOutfitters.com. Hillary began attending clothing swaps 6 years ago and has enjoyed refreshing her wardrobe twice a year while also taking leftover donations to clothing banks in 2 states and the Dress for Success program. We hope to see you out there! Happy Swapping!

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West Point Alumni Glee Club to perform

On Saturday, May 6, at 6 p.m., the West Point Alumni Glee Club will perform a free concert honoring Vietnam Veterans as well as all those that have served in the U.S. Military, at Eisenhower National Historic Site. The hour-long concert is free to the public and will take place in

the back yard of President Eisenhower's Gettysburg home. Parking is available on site for the performance. Vehicles may enter through the site's main gate off of Millerstown Road. The gate opens at 5:30 pm.

The West Point Alumni Glee Club is made up of graduates from

the United States Military Academy at West Point, 75 percent of whom are combat veterans with an average of 20 years active duty service. Members perform as ambassadors of West Point and the Army, believing in the importance of traditional music in their service to the nation. In the case of bad weather, the event

will be moved to the Group Lobby of the Gettysburg Military Park Visitor Center.

Eisenhower National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and farms of the Eisenhower family as a fitting and enduring memorial to the life, work, and times of General Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th

president of the United States, and to the events of far-reaching importance that occurred on the property. Learn more at www.nps.gov/eise. The Eisenhower National Historic Site is open daily. To visit get tickets and board shuttle buses at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg. For more information on how to visit and to reserve tickets call 877-874-2478.

Fourth Annual Totem Pole Playhouse Awards

Totem Pole Playhouse has announced nominations in twelve categories for the Fourth Annual Totem Pole Playhouse Awards to be presented Sunday, May 21, at 5 p.m. at the Majestic Theater.

In addition to trophies, beginning this year, Totem Pole will also award thousands of dollars in college scholarship money. The William M. Moore, Jr. Scholarships of one thousand dollars each will be awarded to the recipients of the Outstanding Performance by an Actor and Actress in a Leading Role, and five hundred dollars each to the winners of the Outstanding Performance by an Actor and Actress in a Supporting Role.

Gettysburg Area High School and Shippensburg Area Senior High School both received the maximum number of nominations, twelve, for their respective productions of Little Shop of Hor-

rors and Fiddler on the Roof followed by Waynesboro Area Senior High School's production of The Wizard of Oz with eleven nominations. Biglerville High School, Mercersburg Academy, McConnellsburg High School received eight nominations each, and Fulton County's Forbes Road Senior/Junior High School received a single nomination.

This year's local nominees include:

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Hailey Brownley: Cinderella / Cinderella / Biglerville High School

Carley Haskins: Audrey / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Senior High School

Maggie Dennis: Dorothy Gale / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Senior High School

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Patrick Cogliano: Baker / Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

Nick Wallace: Seymour Krelbourne / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Luke Hershey: Tevye / Fiddler on the Roof / Shippensburg Area Senior High School

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Julianna Hazlett: Audrey II (Voice) / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Tatyana Valentin: Cowardly Lion / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Senior Area High School

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Kwaku Baryeh: Mr. Mushnik / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Lyle Schlegel: Tin Man / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Female Ensemble Member

Victoria Heffner: Stepmother / Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

Cing Lun: Chang, an Old Chinese Woman / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Katy Benedict: Aunt Em / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Male Ensemble Member

Ricardo Aguilar: Rapunzel's Prince / Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

Logan Kanne: First Customer / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Ben Smith: Wizard & Professor / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Female Solo Vocal Performance

Hailey Brownley: "On the Steps of the Palace" / Cinderella / Biglerville High School

ville High School

Carley Haskins: "Somewhere That's Green" / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Maggie Dennis: "Over the Rainbow" / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Male Solo Vocal Performance

Nick Wallace: "Grow for Me" / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Andy Barkdoll: "If I Only Had a Brain" / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Vocal Duet

Emilee Ryan & Patrick Cogliano: "It Takes Two" / Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

Nick Wallace & Kwaku Baryeh: "Mushnik & Son" / Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

Maggie Dennis & Andy Barkdoll: "We're Off to See the Wizard" / The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Senior High School

Outstanding Musical Chorus

Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

Little Shop of Horrors / Gettysburg Area High School

The Wizard of Oz / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Musical Production Number

Little Shop of Horrors: "Skid Row" / Gettysburg Area High School

Fiddler on the Roof: "Tradition" / Shippensburg Area Senior High School

The Wizard of Oz: "Merry Old Land of Oz" / Waynesboro Area Senior High School

Outstanding Stage Crew

Into the Woods / Biglerville High School

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Gettysburg's new Artist-in-Residence

Writer and teacher Nancy Cook has started her month-long artist-in-residency at Gettysburg National Military Park. She is one of the artists representing the LiterAudiArts theme, artists whose work explores the various uses of word, sound, and song. Cook will reflect on her writing and residency at an Artist Showcase Presentation at the David Wills House in downtown Gettysburg on First Friday, May 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is free, and open to the public. Cook's residency at Gettysburg is in cooperation with the non-profit National Parks Arts Foundation (NPAF) and the Gettysburg Foundation.

Cook holds a Master's Degree in Fine Arts through American University, and is an accomplished writer with dozens of publications

of fiction and poetry. She has won many accolades for her work, including prizes from the Michigan Poetry Society and the Poetry Matters National Competition.

One of her current projects is a collection of stories, *There Are No Ghosts Here*, inspired by her residency at a former state mental hospital in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. During her residency at the hospital, Cook spent many hours at the local historical society combing through news items about the hospital and its residents. Excerpts from those news items became epigraphs to the works of fiction that will comprise the collection.

Cook intends to spend much of her residency researching in the park's library and at the Adams County Historical Society, where

she will look through local news clippings, diaries, and family papers for inspiration. In her own words, "my aim is to transport myself in time and reimagine the place as it was 150 years ago. Writing from that perspective, I'll emphasize place as character and illuminate human character formed by place-based experience."

Programs like Gettysburg National Military Park's artist-in-residence series, in which acclaimed artists find inspiration from the beauty and history of our national parks, and agree to share their ideas with park patrons, represent some of the highest aspirations of the National Park Service. As the park's superintendent, Ed Clark, explains, "Gettysburg National Military Park can offer the perfect backdrop to provide inspiration

for the arts. As the National Park Service strives to connect with new generations, we look forward to leading the arts and interpretation of Gettysburg into the future, while always remembering our mission of preserving history."

The National Parks Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the promotion of the National Parks of the U.S. by creating dynamic opportunities for artworks that are based in our natural and historic heritage. This project is supported by the Gettysburg Foundation and other generous benefactors. NPAF National Park projects are supported entirely by donation and generous partnerships. All NPAF programs are made possible through the philanthropic support of donors ranging from corporate sponsors and small



businesses, to art patrons and citizens-lovers of the parks.

For more information about the Gettysburg National Military Park Artist in Residence and other NPAF arts programs nationwide go to www.nationalparksartsfoundation.org or email admin@nationalparksartsfoundation.org. For more information about the May 5th "Artist's Presentation" at the David Wills House in downtown Gettysburg, call 717-338-4469.

Musical tribute to folk icon Pete Seeger

Ashley Birdsell Lewis
Weinberg Center

The greatness of folk icon Pete Seeger comes to life as GRAMMY®-winner Jeff Haynes sets Seeger's stories, lyrics, and voice to live music and video on Friday, May 5 at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. The performance will begin at 8:00pm. Haynes and accompanying musicians will explore traditions as diverse as blues, bluegrass, folk, and jazz, set against the rich tapestry of Seeger's most engaging stories, narratives, and poems.

Tickets begin at \$20 and may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West

Patrick St. Discounts are available for students, children, military, and seniors.

GRAMMY® award-winning percussionist and producer Jeff Haynes has toured with a number of acclaimed artists, including Glen Hansard, The Pat Metheny Group, Al Jarreau, Lizz Wright, Harry Belafonte, Peabo Bryson, and Cassandra Wilson, whom he toured and recorded with for nearly 20 years.

Sean Harkness (Baritone Acoustic Guitar w/pickup, Acoustic Guitar w/pickup, Fretless Electric Bass) is "a technical virtuoso whose Joe Pass/Tommy Emmanuel fingerstyle approach is always in service to telling a story or creating a feeling within the song; [Harkness] transcends many genres and can touch

listeners of many backgrounds" (Jazz Inside New York).

Timothy Hill (vocals, piano, guitar) has performed with such diverse artists as John Cage, Bill Frisell, Jeff Buckley, Odetta and Pete Seeger.

Sara Milonovich (vocals, fiddle, guitar) is the front woman/founder of the indie roots-rock band Daisycutter and has also performed with Richard Shindell, Pete Seeger, The McKrells, Cathie Ryan, Eli-

za Gilkyson, Anne Hills, and Antje Duvekot.

Richie Stearns (banjo) has toured with Natalie Merchant, The Horse Flies, Tony Trischka, and Carrie Rodriguez.

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2016-2017 season can be found at WeinbergCenter.org.

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MOUNT SPORTS

Meet the Mount softball team

Kelly Smith
MSMU Class of 2017

Ever since the start of their season back in February, the Mount St. Mary's University women's softball team has hit the ground running as they get ready to compete and face the several Northeast Conference teams and strive for an NEC Championship title. In an interview with Head Coach Anna Nagro, the team seems to be looking good this year and ready for whatever comes their way!

Coach Nagro said about the team this year, "I think our biggest strength is

our closeness as a team. This team truly cares about each other and that is an intangible at this level."

The team is at the bulk of their season right now. Coach Nagro is not ready to look toward the end of the season just yet. She said, "I think that we have yet to play our best softball so we are most excited for that to happen as we finish out this season. We have an explosive offense, deep pitching staff and solid defense. So, when we can get all three of those to show up on the same day, we will be hard to beat."

The program has a tremendous amount of support from family, friends,

alumni and Mount Athletics. Nagro said, "We have a great support system in our fans/parents and I promise you these are some of the most hard-working student-athletes out there."

Earlier in the season, the team announced who the captains were, seniors Samantha Lichtner, Rachel Heinze and Jessica Greenewald. "These three women have helped grow this program to where it is today. They are highly respected and looked up to on our team. I don't have any expectations from these three, they have exceeded anything I could have asked for when I recruited them in high school. Instead, I hope they have a fulfilling and fun senior year," Nagro said.

The team has welcomed a number of freshmen onto the team and Coach Nagro could not be more excited to have them on board. The freshmen Mounties are Kaylee Cross from Dunkirk, Md., Lexi Donovan from Adelphi, Md., Shelbee Holcomb from McSherrystown, Pa., Erin Meagher from Lemoyne, Pa., Kaylee Stoner from Hummelstown, Pa., Kate Wade from Fairplay, Md. and Jordan Weaver from Strasburg, Pa.

Coach Nagro said about the freshmen, "Our freshmen are awesome young women so they have really fit right in well with our team. Multiple freshmen have started this year and they bring a ton of athleticism and speed to our team." Nagro continued, "We are thrilled to be adding these seven student-athletes to our Mount Softball family. This will be one of our biggest freshmen classes in recent years but also one of our most talented and well rounded. Each one of these players has succeeded on the field, excelled in the classroom and also as leaders to their peers. They have each consistently made their high school and travel ball teams better and are high quality young ladies. Their ability to play multiple positions and their potential to grow as Di-



Mount Softball huddles as a team before a game. Mount Athletics

vision I student-athletes will allow them to impact us immediately and give us major depth at the same time."

In regards to the freshmen individually, Nagro commented, "Cross is an exceptional athlete who can play multiple positions well. Her competitive nature and persistence at developing her game is special. Lexi is a fast, athletic outfielder who has the ability to chase balls down and make big plays. Lexi's upside is that her potential is limitless and she plays the game gritty. There is no doubt that she will make the team better with her work ethic, speed and energetic personality."

Nagro continued, "Shelbee is a talented middle infielder/outfielder who is the perfect fit for the Mount. Her athleticism will make our defense stronger and her offensive game will add consistency and power to our lineup. Erin is a utility player who will have the opportunity to develop into a Division I student-athlete. Her ability to out-work her peers and play multiple positions will make this team better. Erin plays the game extremely hard and her competitive edge will be beneficial to her own success and the success of the team as a whole. Kaylee is a versatile middle infielder/outfielder who has major speed. Her offensive game is double-sided with unassuming power and the ability to create havoc on the bases. Kate is a true outfielder who plays the posi-

tion at a high level. She has the ability to make big plays in the field and at the plate. Wade will bring experience into our outfield and consistency to our lineup. Kate is a phenomenal student who will not only compete on the field but also in the classroom."

Last but not least, Coach Nagro said about Jordan Weaver, "Jordan is an outstanding pitcher who has seen success and wants success for her team. Her approach to competition and her will to win is something that you cannot teach. Weaver is a great fit amongst our pitchers and we are enthusiastic about her competitiveness and how it completes our pitching staff. She works extremely hard and I am eager to watch her develop into a Division I pitcher."

Senior and captain, Rachel Heinze has been on fire yet again this season. In a recent double header against Morgan State, she went four for six with five RBI as the Mount split the series. Heinze hit a three-run homer in the first game while teammate and fellow Senior Sam Lichtner pitched for the win. In the second game, Heinze went three for three, hitting two doubles. Unfortunately, Morgan State scored nine runs in the bottom of the fourth to win the game. As of now, Heinze is leading the Mountaineers with a .389 average, 32 runs scored, eight home runs, and 23 RBI. Heinze was also honored NEC Softball Player of the Week for her success on the field.

There are many standouts on the team this year who have contributed to the success of the season. Nagro said, "This team is full of players who stand out. It just depends on the day. Senior Rachel Heinze is having another great year at the plate and continues her tear of our career homerun record. Two underrated players who don't always get the spotlight are senior Samantha Lichtner and sophomore Lindsay Heinze. Sam is having the season of her life on the mound. She is locked in and the epitome of someone who worked their butt off to get where she is. We are so proud and happy for Sam. Lindsay is the cousin of Rachel Heinze and has really grown into a great leader for this team. She not only leads the team talent wise but she is an outstanding teammate." Must be a Heinze family tradition to play sports at the Mount!

Coach Nagro said that the women would like the people of Emmitsburg to know that they have a great thing going in their program. This is a very exciting time for softball and not only are the women extremely talented, but the Lady Mountaineers are fun to watch as well!

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Cougars in full swing

Sean Vietri

With the spring season well underway for Catoctin High School, both the baseball and softball programs continue to assert their dominance in Frederick County. As one of the smallest schools in the Central Maryland Conference, the two teams boast strength in hitting, pitching and fielding. Just on paper, the softball team has gone 11-1 this season, as of April 20, but this statistic does the girls little justice. To really understand what they consistently do, you have to watch them play.

On April 10, the girls played the widely considered rival for all sports, Walkersville High School. The game began with senior Jessica Bryant striking out the Lions' lead off batter, #3 Katherine Donaghue. Then Walkersville's #1 Imani Campbell hit a fly out to left field, followed by Bryant striking out Walkersville's #5 Lindsey Windsor. In the bottom of the inning, Catoctin's Allison Larochelle made contact with the ball on the first swing, for it to pop up and be caught by #15 Kathleen Duffy. Then Catoctin's Ashley Mayton got to third on a pair of wild pitches after hitting a single. She was left stranded, however, as the inning closed out with a strikeout by Michaela Persinger and a fly ball by Bryant to right field.

Things remained slow until the third inning when Walkersville's #3 Donaghue hit one over the fence. Catoctin responded aggressively. After Larochelle hit a single, mistakes by Walkersville's catcher, #3 Donaghue and pitcher, #5 Windsor left the bases loaded at the wrong time. Although the Cougars had two outs, they were hopeful to score with Bryant at the plate. Bryant hit the ball pass left field and over the fence to score four runs for Catoctin.

In the bottom of the fourth, Catoctin's Cassidy Tobery brought her teammate Elizabeth Dougherty in with a solid hit to center field.

Bryant continued to pitch well in the top of the fifth, with no Walkersville players reaching first. In the bot-

tom, Mayton stole second and then got to third from a passed ball. Bryant hit a double to bring her home. Catoctin's Raegan Smith followed suit and brought Bryant home, but was left on third at the end of the inning.

In the sixth, #3 Donaghue would make it to second but would be tagged by shortstop Madelyn Krantz. In the bottom, Mayton's hit to centerfield subsequent #2 Katelyn Burdette's error would allow for three runs to be scored for Catoctin. Bryant closed the game out with yet another home run for Mayton and herself to score. The final score was 12-1, Catoctin.

Moving just over the hill to the baseball diamond, the baseball team is contesting for the top spot with Frederick County with both Middletown and Urbana. The team has gone 11-2 this season, as of April 20, losing to Middletown away, but winning against them while home.

The Cougars faced Knights at home on the 19th while both schools were on spring break. Although the school building may have been silent, the field was not. Both players and fans of the teams continued to cheer through the exhausting game that lasted a full seven innings.

The game began with pitcher Ryan Fisher throwing one ball and two past Middletown's #8 Andrew Wenner. On the fourth pitch, #8 Wenner made contact and sent the ball to right field to be caught by Brett Weatherly. Then Catoctin's third baseman Michael Tylicki caught a pop up and scooped up a groundball to get Middletown's #11 Robbie Houck out at first. In the bottom of the first, after two outs, Tylicki hit a single and made it to second on a wild pitch. Middletown's pitcher #11 Houck did not let him get any further however, as he struck out Weatherly to put Middletown back at bat.

On the second pitch of the new inning, Middletown's #1 Graham Brown hit the ball straight up to be caught by catcher Caleb Peters. Then, #22 Jacob House was hit by Fisher and walked a base. House earned another base, this time by stealing second but was left there alone. Catoctin's Tristan Grimes was now at bat,

and hit the ball straight up the field. Due to an error by Middletown's left fielder #22 House, he made it to second. After a passed ball he made it to third. Just when Grimes couldn't get any luckier, shortstop #5 Jack Sullivan overthrew the ball passed first baseman #4 Ryan Woelkers bringing Grimes home for the first run of the game.

With the game far from over, Middletown kept up with Catoctin. In the third #6 Matthew Dillard hit a single and stole second. Then #14 Connor Stevens hit the ball straight up and once again, catcher Caleb Peters made the catch. #8 Wenner hit a ball that bounced over left fielder Steven Clarke putting him on third and bringing #6 Dillard home. After #4 Woelkers walked, #8 Wenner was tagged between third and home when Peters, Grimes, and Tylicki ran him down.

With the score tied, things picked up for the Cougars. After Zachary Scott walked first, Tylicki hit the first home run of the game to bring the score to 3-1, going into the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth, Catoctin's Connor Cramer came to far off first base and was thrown out. Then after Andrew Wetzel hit a single, designated hitter Tyler McKenzie hit a home run to bring the two players in. A little later the bases were load-



Senior Zachary Scott closes out the game against Middletown

ed, with Weatherly at bat. Although he made contact, the ball placement got Tylicki who was running to second, out.

In the fifth, Middletown got on second and third but then #4 Woelkers struck out. For Catoctin Grimes got to first and then walked two bases by an error on pitcher #6 Matthew Dillard. #6 Dillard then threw a wild pitch, to allow for Grimes to slide into home.

Middletown became hot too late in the game. In the last inning, #5 Sullivan made it to second from by an error on Clarke. Then #6 Dillard hit to get on first and to bring #5 Sullivan home. In a close call #14 Stevens was called out as he slid for first base. The bases were loaded for Middletown but substitute pitcher Zachary Scott struck out #13 Luke Pryor to end the game.

On Easter Monday, the baseball team hosted the annual Robbie Seidel

Memorial Tournament. The tournament is in memory of First Lt. Robert A. Seidel III, a former student of Catoctin High School who went on to graduate from West Point and serve in Iraq. Lt. Seidel died serving our country and proceeds from the event go to help military families whose loved ones, like Lt. Seidel, have fought courageously. Three schools, Catoctin, Frederick and Thomas Johnson, attended this year. There is no declared winner of the tournament. Individually, Catoctin beat Thomas Johnson 11-1 and beat Frederick 7-5 in a late game comeback. When asked about Frederick's early lead and the eventual comeback Junior Tristan Grimes commented, "We just had to forget about that stuff and focus on hitting, so we could get up again." Upcoming games for both softball and baseball can be found on the Catoctin athletics site.



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COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

The usefulness of uselessness

Renee Lehman

"Everyone knows the usefulness of the useful, but no one knows the usefulness of the useless." — Chuang Tzu

The Chinese Taoist philosopher, Chuang Tzu (369-298 B.C.E.), wrote The Zhuangzi, a revered Taoist text. It promotes a holistic philosophy of life, encouraging detachment from conforming to cultural norms. It also encourages the nurturing of our natural "ancestral" strengths and abilities, in order to live a simple and natural, but full and flourishing life. He encouraged a way of understanding that allowed one to be fluid and flexible in dealing

with life. His teachings were all about simplicity and naturalness. He wrote several parables commending the virtue of uselessness, such as knotted, gnarled, fruitless trees (Gary Toub, The Usefulness of the Useless). One such story is the following:

"A certain carpenter was traveling with his helper. They came to a town where a giant oak tree filled the square. It was huge, with many limbs spreading out; large enough to shade a hundred oxen and its shade covered the entire square. The helper was amazed at the potential lumber contained in this one tree but the carpenter passed it by with a mere glance. When his helper asked him why he had passed up such a magnif-

icent specimen of timber the carpenter replied that he could see at once that the great oak's branches were useless to him.

"They are so hard," he said, "that were I to take my ax to them it would split. The wood is so heavy that a boat made of it would sink. The branches themselves are so gnarled and twisted they cannot be made into planks. If I tried to fashion house beams with it they would collapse (from termite infestation). If I made a coffin from it you would not be able to fit someone inside. Altogether it is a completely useless timber and of no use. And that is why it has reached such a ripe old age."

At first glance, it seems rather puzzling to claim that uselessness can be the most useful of all. In this story, the message that I think Chuang Tzu is conveying is that all straight, perfect and standardized trees are usually the first ones to be cut down by a carpenter. So, its usefulness sooner or later proves to be fatal as it attracts those who are looking to take advantage of its value. For example, usefulness can be seen in this writing from Chapter 4 of The Zhuangzi:

"In Sung there's a place called Ching-shih that's perfect for catalpa, cypress, and mulberry. But if they're over a hand span around, they're cut by people wanting tether posts for monkeys. If they're three or four spans, they're cut by people looking for grand roof beams. If they're seven or eight spans, they're cut by families wanting fancy coffins for aristocrats and wealthy merchants. So instead of living out the years heaven gave them, they're hacked down halfway along their journey. Such is the grief of usefulness."

I do not think that he is saying that people should be lazy or slothful, because in many of his writings he discussed how discipline was important to build the character of a person. So, what's all this



In Taoism, you find a perfect description of what everyone hopes will be the next Mayor of Emmitsburg, Jack Deatherage, a.k.a The Village Idiot. "It is said that the sage pays no attention to societal expectations. He or she cultivates his or her internal being by finding and maintaining their center. By being centered and grounded in who you are, you can build a strong personal foundation that allows you to deal with life as it shows up -- the good, the bad and the ugly."

talk about uselessness really about?

From my perspective, the underlying point deals with the differences between the external (visible world) and the internal (invisible world). Many times, the person we present to the world is the one that we believe will impress others. We crave the spotlight, and tend to accentuate the aspects of ourselves that are valued by our modern society. In the process, we use other people and are used up by them as well.

We become so focused on our external image that we overlook the core of who we are. Though we might be viewed as a success by modern societal standards, we feel empty and alone inside. In essence, our external useFULLness creates internal useLESSness.

In Taoism, it is said that the sage pays no attention to societal expectations. He or she cultivates his or her internal being by find-

ing and maintaining their center. By being centered and grounded in who you are, you can build a strong personal foundation that allows you to deal with life as it shows up — the good, the bad and the ugly.

"The trees on the mountain can be used to build and so are cut down. When fat is added to the fire it consumes itself. Cinnamon can be eaten and so is harvested. The lacquer tree can be used and so is slashed. Everyone knows the usefulness of the useful, but no one knows the usefulness of the useless."

—Chuang Tzu

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Exercise can work with medication

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I have written about the benefits of exercise many times and I like to remind everyone again because you may not have been experiencing problems before but now you are. Repeating information again, that we have all heard before, may now be the right time for you.

Sometimes you know you should go for a walk but a nagging headache changes your mind. Well, think again before you decide not to go. Depending on the type of headache you have, walking could be just the answer. A stress or tension headache can actually be eased and may even disappear completely during a walk. Getting your blood pumping will do one of two things. It will either take the headache away or make it noticeably worse. The problem is not knowing which will happen this time. Most of the time exercise will help because you are concentrating on your walk and what you are seeing or talking about with your walking partner and you tend to forget about your headache. Suddenly, when you do remember it, it's gone.

If you have frequent headaches and can't determine what is causing them, contact your doctor. Headaches can be caused by many different stimuli. One cause of frequent headaches is food allergies. Many people can not use artificial sweeteners. I used them for years and my headaches slowly got worse and worse. Trying to determine what was causing my headaches, I decreased my variety of foods. Since my body was cleansed of different food types, I slowly incorporated back what I normally ate and to my surprise discovered that the sweetener was the cause of my headaches. A very, very big problem solved by cutting out one thing. Foods, odors, sounds and even colors can cause headaches for some people. Try to solve your headache problem by conducting some simple tests yourself, but if that doesn't work, call your doctor. I now have my life back and it makes such a

difference living headache free.

Sharing your personal experience or solution to headaches or other ailments can help someone else. That's why I felt it was so important to write this article. If I had only known years ago, I would not have suffered with headaches for so long. The answer to your headache or other ailment may also be the answer for someone else. Tell your friends and family if you have discovered something like I did. It may be just what somebody needs to get their life back and feel good again. Once they do feel like themselves again, they can concentrate on their family and a long, healthy life with them. Exercise is a drug free way to improve your aches and pains and you may be pleasantly surprised that it may prevent some problems as well as take them away for good. Everyone is bound to have some pain in their life but if exercise and activity can improve how you feel it is so much safer than using a medication. Try the natural way of relieving pain but remember that sometimes you do need to talk with your doctor and possibly take some type of medicine. Hopefully, if you do need medication you can

combine exercise with it to improve your lifestyle and overall health. There are other forms of natural healing such as acupuncture, chiropractic, reiki and qigong. Many people today use one or more of these practices to improve their health and keep their bodies in the best shape possible. Eastern medicine has been practiced for centuries and is now being recognized as a natural and effective way of healing the body and soul. Today more people understand the Mind, Body and Spirit connection is a real way to heal the body of diseases and conditions. The natural forms that I have mentioned may not be able to cure some of the health problems alone but together with medication they may be able to accelerate the healing process.

There can be many other causes for headaches or other body pain but exercise can help with many of them. Getting your body moving and helping your muscles relax and become more flexible is a really big help. Tight muscles can cause tension headaches, neck or back pain, leg and even foot problems. Getting the blood flowing and acids moving through your muscles can



get the toxic build up out of your body and give you a better quality of life. One of my clients told me that since she started exercising regularly she hardly ever has a headache. I am pleased that the exercise helped and that she shared this information with me so I can hopefully help others suffering from headaches or other pain. I know exercise is hard to work into your busy schedule but once you do you wouldn't know how you lived without it. Talk to a friend or family member and set a date to get start-

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The night sky of May

Professor Wayne Wooten

For May 2017, the moon is first quarter on May 2nd. The waxing gibbous moon passes two degrees north of Jupiter in the SE twilight sky on May 7th. The full moon, the Rose or Strawberry Moon, is on May 10th. The waning gibbous moon passes three degrees north of Saturn, both rising about 10 PM, on May 13th. The moon is last quarter and rises about midnight on May 18th. The waning crescent passes two degrees south of brilliant Venus in the dawn sky on May 22nd. The new moon is on May 25th, and there are only three more new moons until the total solar eclipse on August 21st!

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about April 30th, visit the www.skymaps.com.

website and download the map for the new month; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. Also available is wonderful video exploring the sky, available from the Hubble Telescope website at: www.hubblesite.org

Mercury is in the morning sky this month, and reaches greatest western



To the northeast of the constellation is one of the sky's showpieces, M-13, the globular cluster faintly visible with the naked eye. Take a look with binoculars and you will find it resolved into thousands of stars!

elongation on May 17th, some 26 degrees to the right of the rising sun. Venus is also in the dawn sky, but much brighter. Look for the crescent moon in the morning daytime sky on May 22nd, and look just above it to catch Venus in broad daylight with your eyes alone. Mars in low in the southwest after sunset, getting lost in the sun's glare by month's end. But Jupiter is spectacular in the SE evening sky now, reaching opposition in early April. Be sure to check out the four large Galilean moons with small telescopes, arrayed in a line around Jupiter's equator. The bright star Spica of Virgo is just to the lower right of it presently. This is a good month for

Saturn as well, which comes to opposition on June 15th, rising in the east on the Scorpius-Sagittarius border. Good telescopes Saturn with its rings about as open as they can appear in the telescope. You can also see Titan, Saturn's biggest moon, in small telescopes easily.

The winter constellations will soon be swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but Orion is still visible, with its famed Orion Nebula, M-42, seen below the three stars marking his famed belt. Dominating the southwest is the Dog Star, Sirius, the brightest star of the night sky. When Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare in two months, this sets the period as "Dog Days".

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west. If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high.

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 Arcturus, the brightest star of spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley. Just east of Arcturus is Corona Borealis, the "northern crown", a shapely Coronet that Miss America would gladly don, and one of few constellations that look like their name. The bright star in the crown's center is Gemma, the Gem Star.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four-sided grouping. Note Jupiter now near Spica. The arms of Virgo harbor the Virgo Supercluster of Galaxies, with thousands of "island universe" in the Spring sky.

To the northeast Hercules rises, with his body looking like a butterfly. It contains one of the sky's showpieces, M-13, the globular cluster faintly visible with the naked eye. Find it with binoculars midway on the top left wing of the cosmic butterfly, then take a look with a larger telescope and you will find it resolved into thousands of stars! This month's featured photo shows the way this fine cluster can be resolved visually in scopes about 8" in aperture. The bigger the scope, the more stars!

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Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Fair and mild (1, 2, 3) with showers (4, 5). Fair and warm (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) with more showers and severe storms (13,14,15,16). Fair and warm again (17, 18, 19) with more storms, some severe (20, 21,22, 23, 24, 25, 26). Fair and mild (27, 28, 29, 30) with storms in the northern part of the region (31).

Tornado Watch: Watch out! The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack sees possible tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region from the May 9th to the 17th and from May 23rd to the 26th.

Full Moon: May's Full Moon occurs on Wednesday, May 10th. Many Native American tribes called it Flower Moon because of the many flowers that bloom during the month. Specifically, the Huron tribe called it Budding Moon for that very reason. Early American farmers often referred to it as Milk Moon because they would notice an increase in milk yield from their cows as the weather warms.

Special Notes: National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4th, Cinco de Mayo falls on Friday, May 5th, Rogation Sunday is May 21st, and Ascension Day follows on Thursday, May 25th. The first day of Ramadan is Friday, May 26th and World No Tobacco Day is on Wednesday, May 31st.

Holidays: In 2017, Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday May 14th. Remember her on her special day with a telephone call, a sentimental card, a nice flower arrangement, or by just spending some quality time with her. Armed Forces Day is observed on Saturday, May 20th and Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29th. As the official start of the summer season, plan to do something special with family and friends but don't forget that this day was set aside for honoring those who have served in our military and those who are currently serving. Their service and sacrifice has protected our precious freedoms and ensures our way of life.

The Garden: May is a good month to repair your lawn. Fill in the bare spots by slightly loosening surface of the soil and sow a good quality lawn seed over the area evenly. Tamp the seed in gently and wa-

ter. Keep the patch moist by covering with light mulch of lawn clippings. This is the time to eliminate lawn weeds by hand pulling, or the application of a 'weed and feed' fertilizer.... before they go to seed! Setting your mower for a higher cut during the spring months will help the grass to grow in fuller and help choke out the weeds.

Carrots, lettuce, potatoes, corn, beans, peas and most popular vegetables, with the exception of the warmer weather crops, can be seeded or planted into the vegetable garden at any time now. Wait until mid to late May before planting the warmer weather crops like Tomatoes, Squash, cucumber, pumpkins and peppers. Early flowering deciduous shrubs such as Forsythias, Weigela, and Spirea should be pruned back when they have finished blooming. Cut back a third of the oldest canes to ground level, then cut back one third of the remaining branches by one third of their height. Remove the wilting seed heads from Rhododendrons and Azaleas so that the plants energy can go to foliage growth and next year's flowers, rather than seeds.

J. Gruber's Thought For Today's Living

"Meeting another person more than half way will often repay you many times in the future"

COMPUTER Q&A

Why can't I connect? Troubleshooting your PC issues

Ayse Stenabaugh
Jester's Computers

When things go wrong with your computer it can be so frustrating and overwhelming that you may find yourself reaching out for help immediately. Before you contact someone for help we strongly recommend that you perform some basic steps on your computer before taking drastic measures.

First – Restart your device

There are many operations your computer may be performing that can cause your device to not work properly. For example, let's say you opened a program early in the day, which you then closed later on. Hours later you try to do something and it won't work. It's possible that the program that you opened earlier in the day did not close properly and is still using valuable system resources that the action you are now trying to perform needs available for the task to complete.

Restarting your machine should always be the first step to troubleshooting your device no matter what the issue is. Restarting your machine will force programs to close and may trigger updates to complete installation.

Second – Determine the root of the issue

Many times people believe their computers aren't working when just one particular thing isn't working. Try to narrow your issue down as best as you can by first determining if your issue requires Internet access. If your trying to visit a website or check your email or anything else that involves the internet you can try restarting the modem that your internet provider sent to you by disconnecting power waiting 30 seconds and reapplying power to the device. After about 2-3 minutes restart your computer and try to perform your action once again. If your issue doesn't require Internet access, try to write down as much information as you can regarding your issue. For example, if your issue is that a program won't open, you would want to document what program won't load and any error messages that appear. Provide any information you have documented regarding your issue to your local repair shop.

Third – Be wary of bad tech support companies and software

We can't stress this enough – no one will EVER call your phone to tell you your computer has a problem. Dell won't even call you to tell you if there is a recall on your device! Never trust someone who calls you and asks

you to allow them to take control of your computer. If you contact your Internet Provider and they provide you with a 3rd party phone number for tech support be VERY WARY some of these companies provide semi-legitimate services that you could receive at a fraction of the cost at your local computer repair shop (and they will likely be more thorough since they will be able to diagnose the physical hardware of the computer more easily). Some of the customers that

have contacted us thought they received a legitimate service but later found that they had unauthorized charges on their credit cards that they did not make.

The same is true for any software or advertisements that you may come across while connected to the Internet. Many programs will claim that they can automatically find drivers, clean your registry and perform other maintenance on your computer. Many of these free applications are malware meaning they prompt oth-

er advertisements to display on your computer or can appear as free trials prompting you to pay after doing a "free scan". The rule of thumb is to never trust "free software" unless you have a recommendation from someone knowledgeable you trust!

Fourth – Do updates

If your having issues with your computer be sure that you have the latest windows updates installed. If you don't have the latest updates installed something you are expecting to work properly may have already been resolved and without the updates in place you won't know that is a possible resolution. If you have all your Windows updates in place and your problem is related to a website not working

properly or something else involving the internet, make sure you have your web applications fully up to date too. Make sure you have the latest version of your web browsers, Adobe Flash player and Java installed.

If you need additional support determining if you need to update your computer, or for more assistance resolving computer related issues please contact Jester's Computers located at 5135 Fairfield Road in Fairfield PA. You can reach by calling 717-642-6611 or by visiting us on the web at www.jesterscomputers.com We are a small family owned and operated business that has been open since 1998 and we offer reliable, affordable and fast computer repair services and training.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Emmitsburg Scavenger Hunt

Come out and participate in the Emmitsburg Scavenger Hunt. Participants can register and pick up their packet at the town office starting on May 15th at 9 a.m.

Packets must be turned back into the town office by no later than June 15th at 3 p.m. The winner will be announced on June 24th at Heritage Days. Prizes will be awarded and handed out on that day.

May 6

The annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster. The auction, organized by Church of the Brethren members in congregations

in Carroll, Frederick and other counties throughout the region, will be selling homemade quilts, comforters and wall hangings, as well as tools, crafts, antiques and more. There are also booths selling plants, books and baked goods, plus a full breakfast and lunch. All the money earned goes to benefit Brethren Disaster Ministries, a non-profit based in New Windsor, Md., that sends out crews of skilled volunteers to help victims of floods, wildfires, tornadoes and other disasters rebuild their homes and provides on-site programs for children, helping them adjust through the crisis. For more information, call 410-635-8731.

Catoctin Furnace Historical Society's 6th annual Spring in the Village. Featuring Juried Arts and Crafts, Music,

Flowers, Heirloom Plants and Herbs, Children's Activities, Tours, Demonstrations, Food, Local Wine and Beer. We will have Wonderful Spring and Mother's Day Gifts and Decorations for Sale. Spring fruit punch and baked goods made from village recipes handed down over multiple generations will be available for sale, as well as handmade arts and crafts such as soaps, handbags, pottery, painting, woodworking, jewelry, blacksmithing, fabric art, pass-along spring plants, herbs and flowers in handmade small garden pots. Traditional music and foods will complete the ambiance of a village spring celebration more than two hundred years ago, when the Catoctin Furnace was in blast. Admission is free. For more information, call 443-463-6437 or visit www.catoctinfurnace.org.

May 8

Mackenzie's Light bereavement class meets the second Monday of each month at the Thurmont Regional Library. Discussion leader is Colt Black of Black's Mortuary in Thurmont. Anyone impacted by the loss of a loved one is welcome. For more information call 240-288 1300.

May 12

Thurmont Main Street Art and Wine Stroll. Stroll down Main Street and meet local artists from Frederick County. Sip wine samplings from our local wineries and listen to local entertainment on the square. Experience art and wine in Thurmont, the Gateway to the Mountains! This event is free! For more information, call 240-626-9980.

May 13

Red Door Boutique's Super Saturday! Looking for an outdoor market featuring local crafters, businesses and direct sales reps? Grab your friends and meet us at The Red Door Boutique in Taneytown for our monthly outdoor event... Super Saturdays! Just a sample of what is offered: Handmade candles, Jewelry, Woodcrafting, Specialty Food, Locally grown produce, Upcycled & Repurposed Items. In addition, The Red Door Boutique will have a new arrival of clothing and accessories, gift items, home decor and our expanded wedding selection. For more information call 443-331-3933 or email emily@red-door-taneytown.com.

May 6 & 7

Catoctin Mountain Park spring program: Mountain Laurel Hikes. Park Ranger Ron Harvey will lead a hike in search of the best patches of Mountain Laurel at Catoctin Mountain Park. Meet at the Thurmont Vista Parking Lot. Discover where Mountain Laurel likes to grow and why it is one of America's most loved native shrubs. This program is free and open to the public. For more information call 301-663-9388 or email peggie_gaul@nps.gov.

The Carroll County Farm Museum's Living history re-enactment: the Seven Days Campaign. This year's annual spring encampment depicts the Seven Days Campaign illustrating six major battles between the Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac that took place over seven days near Richmond, Virginia in 1862. The Battle of Fair Oaks, the featured battle on Saturday, set the Seven Days Campaign in motion. Other activities include a Civil War hospital, daily life in the camps and a Ladies' Social on Saturday. Food is available for purchase at the event. For more information or to register for any of these events, call 800-654-4645, email ccfarm@cag.carroll.org or visit www.carrollcountymuseum.org.

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Frederick County Master Gardeners presents Planting the Home Vegetable Garden. Join us in the Demonstration Garden for a hands-on experience. We will demonstrate and discuss what a typical family plot includes, square-foot gardening, companion planting, and basic Integrated Pest Management. Learn some tried and true techniques for a successful garden. For more information call 301-600-1595.

St. John's Lutheran Church's Community Dinner served family style. There will be a baked goods and a fancy table. The proceeds will benefit the Cemetery up-keep and lights. For more information call 301-667-4380.

May 14

Music Gettysburg! presents the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra as it celebrates its 20th anniversary with nothing but Brahms, the GCO brings back violinist Tessa Lark for the Violin Concerto and concludes with the 2nd Symphony. For more information call 717-338-3000.

May 15

Mother Seton School Fine Arts Choral and Band Performance. You're invited to come listen to the musical talents of our performance band and chorus. For more information call 301-447-3161 or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

May 16

Emmitsburg Community Chorus concert at St. Joseph's Ministries at 331 South Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg at 7 p.m.

May 20

Gettysburg Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale. The sale will feature a wide variety of perennials from member's gardens, succulents, herbs and garden related items. Proceeds will be used to purchase plants for Lincoln Square flower gardens and to fund scholarships for Adams County students majoring in horticulture-related studies. For more information visit www.gettysburggardclub.com.

Frederick County Master Gardeners spring seminar: How to Garden in Containers and More! Find out what types of containers and alternate growing mediums can be used for your plantings. We will cover selection of plants; sizing the container to the plants; proper planting, care and maintenance; and location of containers to meet your

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May 13 - Mother's Day Paint-A-Pot Gift Event – 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Cost: \$10 per participating child; no registration required

May 23 - Kids' Cooking Class – Strawberries are the Star! – 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, registration required – for ages 8-13

May 25 - Planter Class, annual plants – 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 for one/\$70 for two; registration required

May 25-Adult Cooking Class—Scrumptious Strawberry Desserts – 7 -8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, registration required

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May 21
Adams County Water Garden Club annual meeting. Attention all Adams and York County water garden and pond enthusiasts, bring your questions to the

meeting. This month's feature is our annual Plant Swap. Bring landscape or pond plants to share, as well as fish if you are 'thinning' your pond. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Call 717-259-7206 for location and information.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus' 50th annual spring concert at Apples Church, 7908 Apples Church Road, Thurmont. The concert, which begins at 3 p.m., is free and open to the public.

May 22
Mackenzie's Light, a drug awareness support group will meet at the Thurmont Regional Library. A representative of the Thurmont Police Dept. will speak & lead discussion. Anyone impacted by family drug abuse is welcome. For more information call 301-524-8064.

May 23
Emmitsburg Community Chorus concert at the Gettysburg Lutheran Home at 1076 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg. Concert begins at 7 p.m.

May 22 - 27
Mother Seton School Carnival. Rides, games, food, and entertainment available each night. For more information visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

May 28
Catoctin Mountain Park's Wildflowers to Ferns. Despres will introduce participants to the blooming flowers, captivating ferns, and other prominent vegetation along the Brown's Farm Trail in Catoctin Mountain Park. Meet at the Owens Creek Picnic Area. This program is free and open to the public. For

more information call 301-663-9388.

May 29
Gettysburg's 150th Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. The Gettysburg Joint Veterans Memorial Day Commission would like to announce that the 150th Annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Gettysburg. This

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May 6 Weekend Mass

May 7 May Crowning

May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

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Reconciliation, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Procession, 11:30 a.m. from Grotto Cave to St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, noon in St. Mary's Chapel

May 14 Mother's Day, Weekend Mass

May 20 & 21 Weekend Mass

May 27 Weekend Mass

May 28 Ascension of the Lord and Memorial Day Observed

Reconciliation, 11 a.m. in the Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, noon in St. Mary's Chapel

University Calendar of Events

Student Instrumental and Vocal Recital

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Horning Theater

Baccalaureate

Saturday, May 13, 5 p.m.
Knott Arena

A celebration Mass for all graduates and their families.

Commencement

Sunday, May 14, 11 a.m.
Knott Arena

There will be LiveStream coverage of the Commencement Exercises beginning at 10 a.m. Please visit msmary.edu/commencement for more information. Tickets required.

Elizabeth DiNunzio Memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, June 3, 8:30 a.m.

Register at www.alumni.msmary.edu/dinunziorun2017