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## Local fire companies honor members

In an annual winter tradition, the Harney, Emmitsburg and Rocky Ridge volunteer fire companies held their awards banquets in January to honor their members that serve our community.

At the Rocky Ridge Volunteers Fire Company (VFC) banquet, Christina Hurley, 31, was recognized for her exemplary service by being named the 2012 Firefighter of the Year. In addition, Christina was also named as Rocky Ridge's Top Responder of the Year, with 151 calls, just beating out her mother, Bonny Hurley, who rang up 149 calls.

Christian is the fourth generation of her family to serve in the Rocky Ridge VFC. She joined the company at age 16 and attended firefighter classes while she was in high school. Her grandfather was a Charter Member of the company. "She has been around the fire company from a very young age, as her entire family is active in the service," her mother, Bonny, stated.

Christina accepted her awards to the sound of applause as the room rose for a standing ovation. The applause would have been louder had members of her company been there, but in true tradition of volunteer fire companies, they had rushed out of the build-

ing moments before her award to assist neighboring Walkersville VFC contain a fire.

At the 129th Annual Vigilant Hose VFC awards banquet, Derick Rosensteel was presented with the company's Member of the Year award and Bill Boyd was presented with the President's Award in acknowledgement of his many years of service as an officer of the Department. Steve Valentine was inducted into the company's Hall of Fame for his lifetime of support, Cliff Shriner was named as the company's Top Responder for 2012 with 283 calls.

Company President Timothy M. Clarke, who presided over the evening's program, said, "This year has not been without challenges on the county level. I am confident that we are a strong organization because every member of our organization has a stake in the outcome of our operations because our families and extended families are who benefit from our success," Clarke stated. "If we keep that in mind we will be fine."

At the Rocky Ridge banquet, Frederick County Commissioner Blaine Young addressed concerns about the adverse impact the county fire tax has had on fundraising efforts by vol-



Rocky Ridge Fire Company Chief Alan Hurley, volunteer Firefighter of the Year Christina Hurley, and company President Dale Kline

unteers units. Young noted that he's heard from many companies that the common response to request for contributions was: "Isn't that what I pay the fire tax for?"

As part of a move to address this issue, the board is proposing to consolidate the fire taxes in with the currently independently assessed property tax in the 2013-2014 county budget.

At the Harney VFC banquet, which Chief Donald Yingling described as "short and sweet," Chief Yingling was recognized as the company's Top Responder with 98 calls in 2012.

Chief Yingling also noted that

overall, the call volumes were down in 2012. "All over the county they were down." He attributed some of the reasons to the lack of a real dry summer and a mild winter." In addition to being an exceptional example of a small town fire company, Harney VFC is also known for its great family friendly carnival every July.

See pages 28 & 29 for photos from the awards banquets and a list of new officers and award winners. (The Fairfield VFC and EMS banquet, which will be held in March, will be covered in the April issue of the paper.)

## Fairfield to ID Civil War properties

The Fairfield Sesquicentennial Committee will be cataloging historic properties in the borough beginning with those that existed during the Civil War.

The committee unanimously agreed at their end-of-the-year meeting to engage a historian to conduct an inventory, starting with buildings that existed prior to 1866.

"The opportunity has arisen for the group to engage a historian at a very nominal cost to begin a program of identifying historic properties," the committee reported in their meeting minutes.

"It was unanimously decided," the committee stated, "that the project should be carried out in phases with the first phase to encompass the 45 original buildings present in the Borough of Fairfield during the Civil War."

According to the Sesquicentennial Committee, historian Tim Smith will be contracted for the Fairfield Phase of the project at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Subsequent research phases will be focusing on the historical features and homes in Hamiltonban and Liberty townships, and Carroll Valley Borough, as well as other neighboring communities "as de-

termined appropriate by the Committee."

Regarding the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fairfield, the committee is organizing tours relating to the skirmish that occurred on July 3, 1863, as the Battle of Gettysburg concluded just a few miles away.

The committee's "2013 Civil War Battle Action Tour" will be held on June 13, while the schedule proposed is still under development.

The Committee will meet in April to May timeframe to finalize any "clean-up" arrangements that we need to take care of for Wolf's."

Carroll Valley Borough Mayor Ronald Harris Mayor Harris suggested that utilizing Community Media (Adams County TV) to post the committee's tour description, dates, times and contacts during their community advertisement segments.

Regarding committee publications, the committee noted "that the committee's publication "Fairfield and the Civil War" has provided much of the funding for the celebrations conducted by the committee in 2011, 2012 as well as the supportive costs of the 2013 Battle Action Tours by Wolf's Bus Lines."



St. John Lutheran Church served as a Civil War Hospital where wounded Confederate troops were treated in 1863.

"The identification, photographs, history and generational stories surrounding the properties (gathered during their inventory) can be utilized by the committee

for its next historical publication showing this area's historical importance leading up to, during and beyond the American Civil War," the board stated.

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## Board divided on sign rules

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted at their January 7 meeting to table their review of a volley of changes proposed by town staff for the municipal sign ordinance.

The proposed changes were tabled in a 3-2 vote, commissioners Chris Staiger and Tim O'Donnell voting against, Staiger indicating he felt that some of the changes intended to correct out-and-out errors in the ordinance could have been addressed before tabling the balance.

Commissioners Glenn Blanchard, Cliff Sweeney and Pat Joy, voted to table the ordinance generally to give local businesses a chance to comment on all the proposed changes.

Town Planner Susan Cipperly presented the proposed changes to the board, stating that the sign ordinance, especially regarding temporary signage, "has always had some issues" when it came to enforcement.

For example, she said, "A few areas in our code right now incorrectly refer sign permit denial appeals to the board of appeals," which is not the case. "Our board of appeals only addresses things within the zoning ordinance, which does not include the

sign ordinance."

Addressing other perceived problematic areas of the sign ordinance, Cipperly stated that the existing ordinance distinguishes between small and large temporary signs.

"We (are proposing) just to make them all temporary signs (regardless of size), and you need a permit for any of them. This simplifies it for a person trying to put up a sign and also for enforcement."

Another one of the issues that "has occurred over the years that has not been clear" is what is meant when the ordinance indicates that the maximum allowable signage area per business or entity be 50 square feet, Cipperly stated.

Some have interpreted that to mean an applicant can have more than one sign, as long as each does not exceed the indicated square footage. It is supposed to mean, she said, that all of the signage present cannot exceed 50 square feet cumulatively.

When it comes to the number of commercial and promotional signs permitted per applicant, the current ordinance states that the number should be "kept to a minimum,"

which, Cipperly said, "is really not enforceable." Staff suggested two be allowed per applicant.

The current ordinance also prohibits temporary signage above the second floor window of any structure, which, Cipperly stated, "has not been the practice" and would prohibit banners such as those commonly hung above the Town square.

She recommended this be changed as was previously changed to allow permanent signs above the second story window. That's been a problem over the years as far as people trying to understand the ordinance and trying to figure out what they're allowed to do.

The review of the proposal will continue at an upcoming board meeting.

"That's been a problem over the years as far as people trying to understand the ordinance and try to figure out what they're allowed to do," she said.

The topic was tabled again at the January 23 meeting to allow for input from the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association.

## Fire and rescue changes adopted

The Frederick County Board of Commissioners voted January 8 to adopt an ordinance that will overhaul the fire and rescue services and give more power to the county Director of Emergency Operations.

Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company had been an entrenched supporter of the proposed changes, as their President Tim Clarke told the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners at their January 8 meeting, the evening before the county vote took place.

Clarke also explained how the current ordinance evolved and the changes that would occur if the county adopted the proposed ordinance on the following evening.

Clarke told the Emmitsburg commissioners that "about 20 months ago," the director of the county's Fire and Rescue Services, Thomas W. Owens, asked the Frederick County Volunteer and Rescue Association (VFRA) to address issues relating to the director's job description.

Clarke said that the director "was tasked with the handling of all fire and rescue services in Frederick County to get things done."

However, he said, "The ordinance didn't give [him] the authority to do that and to make changes necessary if need be with the volunteers services." As a result, the volunteer rescue services were asked to "come up with some type

of ordinance change that would be satisfactory" and would establish a fire and rescue committee.

"Twenty months later, we get to a point where...there is a compromise that was voted on December 20 and that motion passed," Clarke reported.

"The new ordinance would give the director of fire and rescue services (the rank of a chief and) the ability to do his job, basically. It also develops a fire and rescue board," Clarke stated, whose members would be comprised of representatives of the five battalions that make up the county VFRA, two career representatives, a Frederick County and a Frederick City citizen representative, the county di-

## Private cooling wells to be allowed

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted unanimously at their January 7 meeting to approve several proposed changes to public service regulations submitted by the town staff that would permit private cooling water wells.

One of the changes approved amends the town's policy of discouraging private and individual water wells within the town limits in order to allow wells used to cool buildings.

Town Manager David Haller said the decision was recommendation by the state Department of Health.

The change allows for wells established to be used for building cooling purposes and mandates the installation of a meter at the applicant's expense to ensure that the well water is only used for cooling.

Even then, the proposed wells

have to be approved by the mayor, the Board of Commissioners, and the state Department of Health.

"This will allow someone who wants to be progressive and use cooling for their large building to do it without kicking our system out of balance," Haller stated.

"It's actually cheaper for them to do it that way than to use our water," Haller told the board. "They would still be buy-

ing the water but they would want to divert it from the sewer plant."

The cooling water, once used, would be discharged to the applicant's storm water management facility and not the town system. Otherwise, he said, the applicant would have to pay for sewer service.

Allowing private wells for building cooling that is not then discharged into the municipi-

pal wastewater collection system would also maintain the balance between water produced by the town and wastewater processed as the result of water consumed.

"This whole concept is to keep our two systems balanced," Haller stated.

"We don't want to be allo-

rector, a county commissioner liaison, the medical advisor. "The VFRA as a whole has voted in favor of this change," he said. "If enacted by the commissioners that will move forward. We have no problem with the proposed change." "A problem we've seen in the past is that the VFRA doesn't have the ability to take care of its own business as far as holding people responsible," Clarke told the commissioners. "This change will allow that to take place. We have no problem with it."

"We've been actively involved...very vocal in support of this change. A lot of people put a lot of effort into this document. It's not going to affect our service to the community whatsoever. We're stronger than we have ever been. We're looking forward to this change," he stated. The proposed ordinance also contains a job description for all the volunteer chiefs in the county, and "also spells out the relationship between the career and volunteer officers," Clarke said.

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# Hamiltonban passes 2013 budget

Upon adoption of their 2013 budget on December 27, the Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors noted that the economy of the last four years was too prolonged to be considered a recession. The statement was issued as part of the board's 2013 budget message.

The supervisors voted to approve the draft 2013 budget package at a December 29 weekend workshop meeting. The general fund budget was approved in the amount of

\$749,644, while the state Liquid Fuels fund budget was approved in the amount of \$106,346. The sewer fund budget was approved in the amount of \$604,010.

The budget was reduced from the original proposed amount of \$1,132,586 due to the partial receipt of Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program (RACP) Grant reimbursement money in the amount of \$356,345, according to township Secretary/Treasurer Deborah Feiler.

The budget was not cut from the \$1 million-plus version in order to produce the \$749,644 budget, but was revised down due to the receipt of the RACP money.

For the seventh consecutive year, there will be no proposed tax increase attending the township budget.

One of the means selected by the board to avert a tax increase was the elimination of the township Police Department, placing law enforce-

ment solely in the hands of the State Police.

In order to "maintain a local police department in 2013, we would have to increase the Township tax millage imposed on our residents by about 32 percent, from 1.2359 to 1.64 mills," the board noted.

"Unfortunately, that tax increase would only temporarily 'plug the hole' in the 2013 budget without generating enough income to put the township in a favorable eco-

nomie position for the expected increase in police department costs in 2014 and future years," the supervisors stated.

Other cost-saving measures were adopted in the form of a flexible road maintenance schedule for 2013, which allows the board to implement improvements based on the costs and available funds at any given time. The elimination of the police department represented the only significant cut made in producing the balanced budget for 2013.

# CV Association seeks members

The Carroll Valley Citizens Association (CVCA) will be holding a membership drive on February 22. Chuck Whitlow, the association's president, said, "We're going to try to drum-up membership numbers and give away some prizes."

The membership drive will be held at the Carroll Valley Borough park pavilion from 6 to 9 p.m. CVCA board members will be in attendance to introduce themselves to the public and ex-

plain what the association does.

The CVCA was formed in 1973 "to protect and promote the best interests of the residents of Carroll Valley."

"I think a lot of people around here aren't familiar with the CVCA," Whitlow stated. "We're just trying to build a sense of community. The CVCA is just another vehicle to make people aware of what's going on and what Carroll Valley Borough has to offer."

"I don't recall us ever having a membership drive before," he said. "We're just trying new things to get people to become a part of the CVCA."

The association presently has around 225 members, Whitlow said. Although he noted he was not sure what the peak membership numbers were when the association had the greatest participation, membership dropped by "about 30 to 40 families" during the 2011-2012 period.

The association holds a number of annual events to bring the community together and raise funds, including:

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Two community yard sales
- A Beautify Carroll Valley litter and trash pickup day
- Breakfast with Santa
- Annual Holiday Party
- Annual dinner with mayor and Borough manager participation.

"We have done art shows before," he said, "but didn't have one last year."

Whitlow said, "We are kicking around some things that we're trying to do. We're looking to do something in the summertime, like music in the park or theater in the park, family-oriented events."

However, he said, "all are in the early stages," with details still being worked on with Borough staff.

Anyone interested in CVCA membership may contact Whitlow at 717-642-5576, or by e-mail at [chuckww01@embarqmail.com](mailto:chuckww01@embarqmail.com). The association web site is located at <http://www.carrollvalleycitizens.org>.

# Hamiltonban fire claims one life

A deceased, 79-year-old female was discovered by firefighters in the wake of a house fire that occurred January 20 in Hamiltonban Township.

The Adams County Coroner's Office identified the deceased individual as Viola Strausbaugh, and reported that the cause of death was acute carbon monoxide toxicity.

Fire fighters arrived at the scene of the blaze at 1873 Mount Hope Road around 7:45 a.m. According to the Fairfield Fire and EMS Assistant Chief Dave Millstein, the Fairfield company was the first responders to arrive on scene, and "found a single-story, single-family, wood-frame structure with heavy fire through the right side of the structure, and heavy smoke throughout."

Due to the significant fire con-

ditions, "a defensive strategy was deployed until the fire could be controlled enough to allow interior operations," Millstein reported.

The fire was controlled "within approximately 45 minutes," which allowed crews to operate in the interior for overhaul and search for possible victims, the Assistant Chief said.

Millstein stated, "At approximately 9:30 a.m. a victim was located, and investigators from the Pennsylvania State Police, Adams County Coroners Office, and the Adams County Fire Marshal were requested to the scene."

"Crews coordinated with the investigators and continued to operate while performing extensive overhaul and continued to search during the investigation,"

Millstein said. "The incident was terminated at approximately 1:30 p.m., and the scene was turned over to the investigators."

The structure was a total loss, he said.

In addition to the civilian fatality, Millstein said there was "one minor firefighter injury that did not require treatment."

Fairfield Fire and EMS were assisted by Adams County Companies 1, 3, 4, and 6, Frederick County Company 6, and Franklin County Company 19. Local and state investigators were also involved in the firefighting effort and subsequent investigation.



The fire at 1873 Mount Hope Road on January 20th, completely destroyed the home and claimed the life of the resident.

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# NEWS

## “Passport to Wealth” gears up for 2013

Locally organized Passport to Wealth 2013 will soon be getting underway, as planning continues for this year’s second annual kick-off event.

Spearheaded by the Emmitsburg Seton Center, the event has grown from last year’s first annual Passport to Wealth event to the multi-activity and sponsorship week-long event that will begin April 6. The event will conclude on April 13.

Event Planning Coordinator Sister Salvatrice Murphy stated that the purpose of the Passport to Wealth event, “in the short term,” is to provide free information about financial literacy for

all ages” through a week-long series of activities and events held at various places in and around Emmitsburg.

“We have activities for preschool ages through senior citizens, and all ages in between,” Murphy said, geared towards making financial literacy available to the public at no charge.”

The long term goal “is to create a more-prosperous and financially stable community,” she stated.

This year’s event, which is still in the final planning stages, will kick-off on April 6 at 1 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium at Mount Saint Mary’s University. Knott Auditorium is located on the main cam-

pus west of Route 15 on the south side of University Way, adjacent to the intersection of University Way and John Walsh Way.

The event staff is planning a presentation there, presented by Jeff Yeager, otherwise known as “The Ultimate Cheapskate,” a nationally-renowned speaker on financial issues,” Murphy said. Yeager was reportedly dubbed “The Ultimate Cheapskate” by Matt Lauer during a segment on NBC’s The Today Show.

Food and drink will be available for free, and there will also be a “credit café, where people can get a free copy of their credit report.”

In addition to Yeager’s presen-

tation, Murphy stated that there will also be some children’s activities to occupy the youngsters while their parents attend the lecture and other financial activities.

Other activities planned at other locations during the week-long event include:

- Piggies and pennies, Emmitsburg Public Library (Community Center), April 13 from 11 a.m. to noon;
- A workshop for teens at the Thurmont Public Library;
- Activities for college students at Emmitsburg Public Library;
- A workshop for senior citizens at the Senior Center;

- A workshop of “Biblical Principals of money Management” at one of the area churches, co-sponsored by Emmitsburg Council of Churches;
- A poster contest for grade school-age children themed on saving money; and
- Some nonpublic school events.

Updates and changes on the event schedules and activities can be found on the event website at <http://www.unitedwayfrederick.org/Passport>.

For information by phone, or for information on becoming a sponsor or partner for the event, contact Sister Salvatrice Murphy at the Seton Center at 301-447-6102 extension 24.

## Youth group seeking new membership

The Coed Explorer Post 6 of the Vigilant Hose Company is made up of 14 young boys and girls ranging in age from 14 to 18 year old. The group is growing fast and would like to invite all area teens that are interested in becoming our next generation fire fighters to join their organization.

Our youth members learn the importance of safety, loyalty, and respect. We participate

in drills, such as mazes, flowing water, ladders and ropes. Our future drills will be learning about Blood borne Pathogens, First aid/CPR. We also have planned field trips to Fort Detrick, the 911 call center in Frederick, and Trooper 3 at the Frederick Airport.

On Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> an open house will be held for all new teens interested in becoming a member. Enroll-

ment will be from 6pm to 9 pm at the Vigilant Hose Fire Hall on West Main St. Emmitsburg, MD. You must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of registration along with a registration fee of \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to Boy Scouts of America.

For more information please contact Bob Rosensteel Sr. 301-401-7287



## Local restaurants benefit from ski season

As ski season at Liberty Mountain finally gets underway, local businesses are looking to reach out to the thousands of skiers the resort attracts during the winter season.

The Emmitsburg Subway in the Silo Hill mall sees a lot of traffic above the normal flow during ski season.

Lyn Biller, co-owner, told the News-Journal, “At our Subway in Emmitsburg, we usually get a big boost in January from skiers.”

“We also get a lot of late evening and night business from people coming off the slopes, so we’ve actually expanded our hours to stay open later,” she stated.

“Our ads in the News-Journal

have helped target these customers who often pick up a copy,” she said. “We also sell a lot of hot subs (meatballs, etcetera).”

Bob Hance, owner-manager of the Carriage House Inn, said, “It (ski season) has a positive effect. We do a few. It’s helpful to get through the first quarter” with the additional business that does come into the restaurant.

“We put a welcome skier and golfers billboard up hoping that has a positive effect as well,” he said. “Every little bit helps to get us through the winter.”

JD’s Restaurant, which opened last year on East Main Street in Emmitsburg at the former location of the Main Street Grill, is owned and operated by Joe Few.

Few said they are anxious to see how this year’s ski season will impact their business.

“We did see some last year,” Few stated. “We expect to see quite a few traveling by here for ski season. That’s who we wanted to reach out to last year.”

However, the restaurant has an additional attraction this December which he hopes will enhance the attraction of the eatery to the skiers, a bar. “I’m hoping I get some more (ski patrons as a result),” he said.

The ripple effect of ski season emanating from Liberty Mountain can be felt as far away from the “epicenter” as Taneytown.

Brooke Hagerty, owner of Gunners Grille, Taneytown Pike,

said, “Last year was our first year and there was very little snow.” In spite of that, she said, “We got a fair amount (of business) last year” from the ski season.

The restaurant placed a sign outside the eatery stating, “Skiers Welcome,” and “made sure we put ‘Skiers Welcome’ in our

ad, hoping to get a whole lot of skiers business. Everything is dependent on what’s happening out there (weather),” Hagerty stated.

She also plans to “keep the kitchen open until at least 10 p.m. and, on the weekend, later.” Hagerty said, this year, “The goal is to get even more (ski patrons) than last year.”

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# One hundred years ago this month

## February 7

### Whipping for Wife Beater

For the first time in many years the sentence of whipping as a penalty for wife beating was inflicted in Frederick County. On Wednesday Robert Phelps received 15 lashes applied in rapid succession upon his shoulder and back. Phillips was tried on Monday night for wife beating and was given the privilege of paying a fine of \$25 or spending 60 days in the County Jail. He said he preferred to be whipped, and though he wished to change this decision afterwards, he received the lashing to expiate his offense.

### False Report of Marriage

Mr. Lewis Callahan has this to say concerning a report of his marriage to Ms. Warthen:

In the Frederick Evening Post on January 31<sup>st</sup> there appeared in that paper a statement to the effect that on January 27<sup>th</sup>, Miss. Warthen and I, both the Mount St. Mary's, went to Baltimore and were married. On behalf of Miss. Warthen and himself Mr. Callahan says that this report is absolutely false and without foundation as neither he nor Miss. Warthen were not in Baltimore on that date.

The editor of the Frederick Evening Post retracted the article in the February 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Post and stated to Mr. Callahan that the article had been sent in over the telephone as no copy of it to be found, and he had accepted it as coming from a regular correspondent.

### Improvements

Mr. Harry Wagerman is erecting a blacksmith shop on the land belonging to Mr. Dukehart on Frederick Street.

Matthew Brothers is contemplating making extensive improvements to their property. The work will begin shortly and will include a bowling alley and a pool room.

A dynamo for electric lighting

or persist has been installed in the Broom Factory.

The Emeralds improved their hall on Frederick Street, by putting new glass doors that open outward.

The Emmitsburg railroad has purchased a new whistle called "The Chime" from the Western Maryland Railroad.

The milk wagon belonging to Mr. Long has been repainted.

### Another Wreck on the Western Maryland

Twelve cars on the Western Maryland were derailed at seven stars near Fairfield, Saturday afternoon, and caused a pileup which it took several days to straighten out. The wreck occurred when a battleship coal car jumped the tracks for some unknown cause and the others followed. The track was torn up about 300 feet and the rails were demolished. No one was hurt. The evening train Sunday was the first that could be gotten through the wreck. Previous to that passengers were transferred to special training made up at Hanover.

## February 14

### Letter to the Editor

Everybody around here, and for some distance beyond, is painfully aware that one of the locomotives of the Emmitsburg Rail Road is equipped with a new whistle, or an old one upholstered. But does this sign of progress entitle said road to send their engine down, back and forth, shrieking, screaming, frightening, startling the whole county?

I'm from the countryside. You should see the cattle take to cover when said whistle is let loose. A stranger who was talking to me the other day, and whose conversation was punctured repeatedly in a short time by the enormous whistle, wanted to wager that more steam was escaping the whistle than the smoke-stack.

Is it necessary to shock and bolt the whole of this, and parts of the adjoining counties, when a small train is approaching Motters' or announcing its advance to impassive mud road?

It seems a waste of economy and a public nuisance to have a whistle like the Trump of Doom on an engine that needs only to give a signal that can be heard a couple of hundred yards away.

### Slippery Roads Cause Accidents

Two horses in the four worst team of Mr. Daniel Roddy fell on the ice crossing near Spangler Hotel on Saturday. No injury was done either of these fine animals.

On Tuesday an Autocar got stuck at the same crossing, unlike the horses that walked away, the car still stuck, once again proving the Autocar will never replace a good horse.

## February 21

### Death of Mrs. Peninah Morrison

Mrs. Peninah Morrison died on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> pneumonia at the home of her son. She was 95 years, four months and 29 days old. She was the daughter of Thomas Jones and Elizabeth Hahn and was born near Emmitsburg where she lived the greater part of her life.

Mrs. Morrison was a verb remarkable woman up to the very day of her death. She possessed all of her faculties and took a lively interest in all around her. Only two weeks ago she was seen in the Presbyterian Church of which she was a lifelong member.

She is survived by four sons, 25 grandchildren, between 30 and 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, which makes five generations living in this family at one time, a most unusual circumstance.

### Local Knitting Mill Forging Ahead of Thurmont

The local branch of the Union Manufacturing Company whose main plant is in Frederick is working to the full capacity of its present equipment.

This factory, which has only been in operation for a few months has arrived at an output equal to the



In last month's edition we showed the old Annan mansion just outside of Emmitsburg on Mt. View Road when it was still two stories. The home was rebuilt as a one story home after it burnt down in the 1920s, as can be seen in this 1930 era photo.

branch at Thurmont which has been in operation for two years. 50 machines are now running their capacity being 162 dozens, but the local manager, finds that more machines are necessary. Even now there is room for four more operators as will be noticed in the advertisement in another column.

In order has just been given for a new engine of greater horsepower than the one in use and it is confidently expected that before very long and additional building will be necessary.

## February 28

### Unusual Weather

Emmitsburg was visited by a regular spring thunderstorm on Saturday. For a short time rain accompanied by hail, fell in torrents. On Sunday afternoon a flock of about 50 wild geese flew over town heading due South attracted the attention of many people strolling the streets. By the time anyone could retrieve their hunting rifles, the geese were long gone, much to the dismay of many who for a moment had hoped for a surprise goose dinner.

### Death of Dr. Eichelberger

Dr. James Eichelberger, one of the

most prominent physicians of Emmitsburg, died on Sunday morning of Bright's disease, he was 72 years of age.

Dr. Eichelberger was in very good health until a few months ago we began to decline rapidly. On February 5<sup>th</sup> he was taken to the Frederick city hospital very ill and although he obtained temporary relief this condition did not improve. Dr. Eichelberger loved his profession and was actively engaged in this practice up into within a few months of his death. His field was a large one and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his patients, too many of whom his loss will prove a great hardship to.

Dr. Eichelberger was born in Emmitsburg, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1841. He was the son of the late Dr. James W. Eichelberger senior, and was a graduate of the University of Maryland, following which he associated himself with his father's practice in Emmitsburg. In 1892 he married Miss Sarah Minnie Hoke.

The funeral services were held at the old Eichelberger Homestead on the square and interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## From the Desk of Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

Emmitsburg at its best: A recovering cancer patient who works three jobs to make ends meet for her family could not pay the heating bills and the service was cut off for three weeks (including the bone chilling one). Neighbors rally and raise \$700 and then drive the payment down to Frederick for her. You just can't say anymore about our town.

No one knows, until he tries, how easily a habit of walking is acquired". It's that time again. The post holiday time where the belts struggle to encompass. A commitment to exercising at a time when many of our wonderful organizations are hosting events - Vigilante Hose, the Emmitsburg Ambulance, the Lions Club and the EBPA winter dance pose formidable obstacles to the "near to be svelte". The good will of see-

ing everyone abounds with the complement of good food, well deserved awards and tributes to members who had passed away the previous year.

*Alas, actualized commitment to exercise and dieting is reduced, yet again, to a concept to be "weighed".*

—Thomas Jefferson

...Thank you again to the Lions Club and the Seton Center for their Christmas food drives.

...Lib and I are looking forward to attending the entry of Peter Charles Wright into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Fellowship Christian Church on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Peter.

...The foyer to our homes where we first greet our guests. Over the last decade we have

seen many changes to downtown "business scape". The closings of a restaurant, a specialty store, Radio Shack and an attorneys' office. The pharmacy moved to the shopping center by Jubilee. The gun shop relocated to West Main. New additions included an antique store, artist shop, barber shop, dentist and coffee store. All the while our pillar restaurants and bank steadied the change with their constant trip generation. Though the appearance is a predictable ebb and flow of turnover, it is not. Downtowns are special places which cast a lure to entrepreneurs and shoppers of all ages. Unlike other shopping hubs regional, community, neighborhood and convenience centers with their time tested affinity of stores, the right mix of shops and services in a downtown is difficult to "commoditize". Du-

rable downtowns are fragile economies that come with the mix use residential component that has to be respected and served. Shifts in consumer preferences, convenience and parking are always edgy issues that pose challenges to business success. To meet the challenges of the day there always has to be a concerted buy-in by the governing body.

We are not Frederick in breadth of scale, but we can learn from the renewal and rejuvenation of downtown Frederick in the mid 1980s. It was an exciting time. Much of downtown Frederick was vacant and boarded up, a carcass of a better time, a mere remnant tribute of business flight to the Golden Mile a decade earlier. Sears and McCrory's were gone. What turned downtown Frederick around was a commitment by the City to do

something. The City bought in and took on the leadership with a committed attentiveness to its history and heritage. What followed was a redevelopment transformation to a destination place rather than one to be avoided or passed through reluctantly. Look at what Frederick has once again become. It was no overnight Lego production, but a persistent ongoing reflection of the people's aspirations and what they think of themselves.

We are faced with the same choice and the town is doing something. The Square design effort and secured grants say something about us. Last year because of a generous gift by the Mount the 20+ year old trash receptacles on the Square were replaced. This is the only appreciable positive investment to the Square in two decades. It's our time to do more. It's our foyer. Let's do it.

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grim subjects to talk about at the dinner table they are a reality of life and death. There are many questions and certainly various thoughts on the subject of what you really need in terms of life insurance. With all the confusion about what is best what we find is that most of us avoid it all together.

Unfortunately the ones left behind are to sort out the mess.

Truth is that one solution doesn't fit all and you have to be comfortable with the solution during your living years and after. Are you paying on policies that you have owned for many years? Maybe you have paid more into it than you'll receive? Has your lifestyle and income

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## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

# From the Desk of County Commissioner Blaine Young

Every few years in this country some sick, twisted person commits an unspeakable act of violence that results in multiple deaths. The latest is the horrific school shooting in Connecticut. I don't know if I have ever been so shaken and disturbed by a news report than I was when I heard of this tragedy. As the father of two school-aged boys, my heart goes out to the parents who lost their children. It is every parent's nightmare, and for far too many people in Connecticut, they cannot end the bad dream by waking up. It will live with them forever.

The fact that this latest incident has led to a renewed and invigorated discussion about legislative initiatives on firearms is not necessarily a bad thing. It will be unfortunate if it distracts us from the real issue, which is how do we keep weapons out of the hands of people who cannot be trusted with them. That is a discussion that I welcome, and I am looking forward to that debate.

Some of the more far-reaching proposals would go way beyond initiatives to better screen purchasers and owners of guns, and would clearly infringe on our Second Amendment rights. We can only hope that the jerk of the knee in this instance does not take us into unconstitutional areas, which will only serve to continue to splinter our society into polarized interest groups, rather than

forming a legislative package that we can all get behind.

The things I'm talking about that would be appropriate and may actually do some good are better screening of would-be gun purchasers, and a more thorough background check prior to releasing a handgun into someone's possession. I am a proud lifetime member of the NRA and member of the Monocacy Pistol Club, and I enjoy shooting recreationally and competitively. But before I purchase my next gun, if some responsible arm of government wants to check me out a little further, I would have no problem with it. If that means I have to wait a few days before putting my new firearm in the case, affixing the trigger lock and taking it home, that's okay with me. I'm not in any big hurry.

And if that also means closing or at least tightening the so-called "gun show loophole" and requiring background checks for purchasers at gun shows, that too would be okay with me. For the most part, barring extenuating circumstances, I don't see the need for a rushed transaction when it comes to selling and purchasing a handgun. A few days wait to make sure everything is in order should not cause great hardship. And if there are situations where the wait would be detrimental or perhaps even dangerous to a prospective purchaser, then we can craft an exception for those few circumstances.

But if you are going to check us out more thoroughly before we are allowed to purchase a weapon, and if we pass the background check, then I think that should be it. Then we should be a "shall" carry state, provided we pass our background checks. That would mean that people who are mentally ill or otherwise not to be trusted with a firearm, but who do manage to obtain one illegally, would not have the advantage on the rest of us, and we would be able to defend ourselves. So, if you are going to check us out, and we survive your examination, then trust us to carry our weapon and use it responsibly. It is my firm belief that – if you meet those criteria – you should have the right to obtain a permit to safely and responsibly carry a firearm. In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the Supreme Court held that in areas under federal jurisdiction (such as Washington, D.C.), the federal government could not enact and enforce an outright ban against the possession of handguns. In 2010 in the *McDonald v. Chicago* case, that protection was extended to residents of the 50 states. We now have a very clear indication that you and I, as law-abiding citizens, have the right to own and keep a handgun for our personal protection.

However, in many situations that does not go far enough. We sometimes find ourselves in a situation where the responsible carrying of a

weapon outside of the home would make us feel a whole lot safer. Now, I know that's not for everyone. Many people are rightfully wary and too frightened to carry a firearm because of the unintended injuries it may cause. But in the hands of a fully trained, responsible owner, a handgun can be an important means for self-preservation and protection of one's family in these increasingly violent times that we have seen due to the downturn in the economy.

That seems like a fair trade.

Of course here in Maryland, modest suggestions like those I have set forth above are not good enough for our liberal Democrat Governor, Martin O'Malley. He wants to go much further and take weapons away from those of us who clearly can be trusted to own and possess them. For example, he wants to ban certain categories of rifles, commonly known as "assault weapons." In some instances, one person's assault weapon is another person's hunting rifle. The fact that a rifle can be operated in a semi-automatic mode does not necessarily make it a weapon that can be used only against people. We need to be very careful about classifying weapons, especially if we were only going to allow them to be sold to people who pass a vigorous background examination.

One thing that really bothers me is the Governor's suggestion that all magazines, or "clips" be limited to

no more than 10 rounds. The standard issue 9-millimeter semi-automatic pistols favored by most law enforcement, and by many competitive shooters, are designed for a standard 15 round clip. Should it be illegal to utilize the magazine for which a legal handgun was designed? I don't think so. Let's use a little common sense on this one.

Of course the fact that Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York has already (and astonishingly quickly) passed the toughest gun control law in recent memory, I am sure it has nothing to do with our Governor's suggestions. The fact that Governor Cuomo is widely considered to be one of Martin O'Malley's chief competitors for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016 is a mere coincidence. Certainly our Governor is looking out only for our safety and is not proposing gun legislation for political reasons. He wouldn't do that, would he?

In short, let's use a little common sense when it comes to the discussion about firearms. The Second Amendment to the Constitution is one of our cherished components of the Bill of Rights. We must be careful not to go too far, for if we do, the Supreme Court will remind us that the Constitution is not there for us to trifle with, but instead is there for us to respect. I hope our government, especially here in Maryland, will keep that in mind.

# From the Desk of Town Commissioner Chris Staiger

Cold weather and snow – it must be February. The Christmas decorations are finally down and tucked away in the attic for another 10 months - now it's time to enjoy some peace and quiet! Please remember to be kind to your pets during frigid weather. Make sure they're warm and have access to food and water if you are away at work. Otherwise, break out the snow blowers!!!

Perhaps the biggest "excitement" in January was Commissioner Glenn Blanchard's resignation as Board President via an e-mail to the town's other elected officials on January 8. However, after a visit from Commissioner Tim O'Donnell, Glenn changed his mind the next day and decided to "soldier on." It would certainly be embarrassing for Mayor Don Briggs and Vice President O'Donnell if their 'palace coup' fell apart after only three months...

More on point however, the New Year usually sees budget planning get underway for the next fiscal year (FY2014) which begins this July 1. I plan to assess how we allocate staff time and labor - and how we should fund those activities. The reality is that the town's "business activities" (providing water and sewer service), at more than 16 million dollars, are almost four times greater than its "governmental activities" (maintaining the town's other facilities and services such as roads, parks and municipal buildings and property).

I want to make sure that all activities are adequately funded by the areas they serve. One revenue stream should not

subsidize another. For example, if the town manager spends 70% of his time managing water and sewer issues, then the cost of his services should be funded 70% through revenue from water and sewer charges (collected for business activities), not property taxes (collected to support governmental activities).

We also plan to assess the level of revenue shared by the county and state or collected locally for the next fiscal year. Currently, the state government is considering the restoration of funding cuts from previous years. This could allow us to re-establish some services. We are waiting for the state's "constant yield" tax rate assessment which will provide some guidance on the town's tax rate. The largest negative impact on incoming revenue will be the 20% reduction in property values that went into effect last July. This could reduce property tax income by 20% - potentially opening a new budget hole. All of these factors will be weighed over the next few months as we move toward approving a new budget for July 1, 2013.

At the January 23 town meeting, our auditors presented their assessment

of the previous financial year's budget (FY2012). The final budget results yielded an approximate \$240,000 surplus – representing a little over 15% of the approved budget. Some of this excess was due to greater than expected revenue sharing by the county and some was due to 'cost avoidance,' since we didn't have to pay for much snow removal last winter. Regardless, the excess monies were placed in the 'fund balance' – a pool of unallocated funds commonly referred to as the 'rainy day fund.'

Most recommendations involved improvements to internal controls so that 'inconsistencies' are identified and corrected closer to the time of their occurrence – instead of at the budget's final reconciliation. In a small office without multiple management layers, this can be a challenge. There is also a large amount of money flowing through the town due to the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant. Budgeted at 18 million, the project requires increased reporting to federal agencies due to their role in providing approvals and loans. We need to do a better job defining an implementing these requirements.

In the final analysis, the auditors' report represents a positive assessment of our budget planning for the town's government and business activities as well as our debt burden and financial practices.

You'll be excited to know that I'll be sharing more on the town's budget process as we move into Spring. Please share your opinions by contacting your elected officials at [towncouncil@emmitsburgmd.gov](mailto:towncouncil@emmitsburgmd.gov).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Frederick County Government Boards and Commissions Volunteer Opportunities

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Persons having a desire to serve must be residents and registered voters of Frederick County. If interested, send a letter indicating the specific board/commission of interest and a current resume by mail or e-mail ([fcgboards@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:fcgboards@frederickcountymd.gov)) to Ms. Joyce M. Grossnickle, Frederick County Government, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Please include current contact information, i.e. home, work and cell numbers, home mailing address and e-mail address.

For more information please contact Ms. Grossnickle at 301-600-1102.

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## From the Desk of Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

Groundhog Day is held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania which is about 170 miles from us. If you are not familiar with the legend, you should watch the 1993 movie "Groundhog Day". The movie is a comedy about a self-absorbed TV meteorologist assigned to cover the annual Groundhog Day festivities. He gets caught in a time loop until he works things out. The self-improvement portrayed by the TV meteorologist, Bill Murray, to get out of the time loop was embraced by many movie goers as a way one should lead their lives using a theme of selflessness.

In 2013 maybe we all can concern ourselves with the needs of those around us rather than concentrating solely on our own wants. If you have room on your list of resolutions, add this one "Be patient and listen when someone is trying to converse with you. Be understanding of others." By the way, what did the Groundhog predict for 2013, "six more weeks of winter" or "spring is near". If you are interested go to [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org). February can also be thought of as the Presidents' month. Abraham Lincoln's Birthday is celebrated on February 12<sup>th</sup> while George Washington's is observed on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Remember Valentine's day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Two other days I would like you to recognize are "Do a Grouch a Favor Day" on February 16<sup>th</sup> and "Love your Pet Day" on February

20<sup>th</sup>. Both are self-explanatory.

The 2013 Farmers' Almanac has red flagged February 12-15 and March 20-23 for major coastal storms bringing strong winds and heavy precipitation. Not sure if the prediction will come true but we do know that winter can be hard on animals both domestic and wild. We want to help but we also have to be careful how we provide that help. For example, should we feed the deer population during winter? According to Pennsylvania Game Commission, the answer is "No". It is believed that during winter, the deer move less and rest more as a way to conserve their energy and thereby safeguarding their fat reserves. Setting up a feeding area can lure deer away from their protected areas, using their fat reserves for little gain. If you have an animal friend such as a dog or cat, be sure to clean their legs, feet and stomachs after an ice and snow storm. Remember, the trails are treated with salt and chemicals. These items are ingested when the animals clean themselves. If you park your car outside, be sure to bang your car's hood to frighten any animals before you starting the car. During cold weather, some animals (cats, squirrels, etc.) climb under the hood to spend time next to the warm engine. For more information, go to [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) website.

As of this writing, we have experienced two snow storms and if the Almanac predictions come

true there will be more. There are a couple of things to keep in mind. We need to help out our borough maintenance crew who are trying to clear the trails. This can be accomplished by you not parking your vehicles on the trails. It slows the snow removal process and in some cases can be dangerous to the plow operators trying to getting around partially parked cars. Remember, during a snow emergency, which include most snow events, it is illegal to park on the road or in the right of way just off the road and can result in your car being ticketed and towed. Please help us by doing your part and keep our roads clear.

The topic of emergency brings up the question "Are you prepared?" What happens if there is an ice storm or flood? You can learn about these threats and how to prepare for them by going to [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org). Recommend you download the Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness Guide. If an emergency/disaster occurs, you must be prepared to survive on your own for a minimum of three days. Do you need special care? If so, have you registered with the Adams County Department of Emergency Services.

The Adams County Department of Emergency Services has a compiled list of all the Disabled Persons located in Adams County who need special assistance when an emergency arises. When you register, the information is also added to the E-911 Telephone System, so when County receives your call for help, the system will automatically identify your disability and the type of assistance needed. If you are not registered, call (717) 334-8603 and ask to be added to the list. The information provided (over the phone or by filling out the Special Care form) is protected under the Privacy Act regulation.

Can you survive for three days on your own? Do you have an Emergency Kit? The recommended supplies to include in that Emergency Kit are: Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation); Battery-powered radio and extra batteries; Flashlight and extra batteries; Medical (prescription medications, First Aid kit); Food (non-perishable food); Tools (manual can opener, wrench and pliers to turn-off utilities); Garbage bags with ties (for personal sanitation); Whistle (to signal for help); and Plastic sheeting and duct tape (if you need to shelter in place) and cash. If there is a power outage and you have a cell phone, do you know your electric company's emergency number to let them know the power is out or to follow the progress the company is having in restoring power? If you are going to use a portable generator, do you know how to use it safely?

The biggest worry is carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning generated from the toxic engine exhaust. You should never use a portable generator in a garage, carport, basement, crawl space even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans will not prevent CO buildup in the home. Install home CO alarms that are battery-operated or have battery back-up. The Red Cross has information on how to use a portable generator when an emer-

gency or disaster strikes. The website address is [www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/power-outage/safe-generator-use](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/power-outage/safe-generator-use).

"Getting People Involved" is the theme for the Carroll Valley Citizens Association (CVCA) in this new year. Their new president, Chuck Whitlow, told me the 2013 community events are in the planning stages and we should expect details in the near future regarding their CVCA membership drive. Chuck said, "It is the residents' opportunity to take part in the community and to enjoy all that Carroll Valley has to offer". CVCA is scheduling a "Meet and Greet" event in order for everyone to come out and meet the new board members and see what CVCA has in store for you. For more information go to their website <http://www.carrollvalleycitizens.org>.

On Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield Fire Hall, the next Adams County Commissioners Community Forum will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm. The "State Of The County" will be the main topic. Please come join us and greet the commissioners. Light refreshments will be served. Carroll Valley Borough meetings in February are: Planning Commission (Feb 4<sup>th</sup>), Borough Council (Feb 12<sup>th</sup>), and Parks/Recreation Committee (Feb 27<sup>th</sup>). If you have any questions call me at (301) 606-2021 or email at [mayor@carrollvalley.org](mailto:mayor@carrollvalley.org).

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## From the Desk of County Commissioner Jim Martin

### The changing faces of county government

Over the course of 2012 Adams County governance has undergone a facelift brought about by an all-new Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Qualley reflected on this in last month's "From the Desk". The question I perceived in the minds of many was, would we (the commissioners) create a positive face for Adams County? Through the efforts of our courthouse team and a board of commissioners that genuinely recognizes the need to work together, a positive atmosphere has begun to take shape. The common threads that bring us together are equity, fairness, and respect. Our work in this direction is validated when we are greeted with, "Keep up the good work; you are doing a good job." We certainly appreciate those remarks, but to continue a good job will require a constant "foot on the throttle" through good planning and awareness. At our next community forum we will be sharing how we plan to accomplish this. This forum will be our first for 2013 and will be held at the Fairfield Fire & EMS, 106 Steelman St., Fairfield, on February 13, 2013, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

We would be remiss if we did not mention the valuable sup-

port and assistance that our state legislators have provided us. State Senator Alloway, State Representatives Moul and Tallman have helped us shape the face of Adams County. These men have regularly communicated and met with us to address issues from top to bottom and from bottom up. They have been instrumental in keeping our Redevelopment Assistance for Capital Projects financial grant on course. We are hopeful that Adams County will soon receive a positive announcement concerning the RACP awards. Should we receive these grant funds from the state, the funds would help pay expenses related to the new county-wide emergency radio project.

Another aspect of the changing face of Adams County is our availability and access to the public through meeting with various entities and individuals throughout Adams County. This advantage has been afforded to us by having greater latitude in our schedule. This is made possible by having capable staff effectively and efficiently presenting and researching administrative matters to be addressed. The latitude that we are afforded also represents the value of having a knowledgeable county

manager who multitasks well and having an accomplished chief clerk who brings a wealth of experience to the table regarding county operations.

We certainly value the time we have had to be available to the public. This has given us excellent networking opportunities to keep us informed of concerns from around the county. Most recently we were able to attend an Ag Issues Breakfast Forum. As a side bar of that meeting, it was said that if you feed the commissioners they will come. There may be a correlation, but truthfully it is our appetite for the content of the meeting. Through the forum we received greater insight into agricultural law and a pending challenge to Adams County's perishable fruit and vegetable production. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is promulgating regulations that will limit the withdrawal of water from surface or underground sources. This SRBC regulation would seriously limit the water needed to produce and process perishable agricultural products. With the commissioners' support, preparation of a county-leadership response to the proposal was initiated. A formal response will be de-

livered to the SRBC as part of public hearings regarding water withdrawal limits.

A challenge that we face for the coming year is, can we duplicate ending 2013 with a substantial general fund surplus as we did in 2012 and maintain our current level of services? I am not highly confident that the economy on the horizon will help us generate substantial revenues. Realistically, I anticipate tightening of state and federal funding coming to the county. Yes, real estate sales have increased, but the additional revenues generated do not appear to be sufficient for a significant impact. So looking at a very flat or diminishing revenue stream, we need to be vigilant to maintain efficiency of operation and seeking cost saving opportunities wherever they may be found. Is there a saturation point for finding means to save additional dollars? There probably is, but we are confident that investing in cost saving technologies, efficiencies of operation and affective utilization of employees and hours worked will help counter diminishing revenue and the inevitable rising costs.

One possibility that other counties are considering to reduce costs is the hiring of a risk manager. Adams County, as well as other counties, has recently been offered lia-

bility insurance premium reductions of 5% provided we hire a full-time risk manager. Our calculations show that the 5% reduction will more than pay the salary of a risk manager. Risk managers are commonly found in the corporate world as a sound practice to minimizing expenses. Studies indicate that when a risk manager is part of management, the number of insurance claims has sufficiently declined to produce additional insurance premium savings. I am sure we will be giving further consideration to the option of having a risk manager among other viable proposals.

As I close I am both grateful and thankful that our inaugural year ended with a substantial budget surplus and that the 2013 budget was balanced solely from projected revenues. This is a product of conscientious staff and elected officials exercising prudent financial management. Regretfully, we have witnessed the financial struggle of surrounding counties as they finished 2012 with depleted funds and entered 2013 having to raise taxes and dismissing more than 40 county employees. In 2013 we do not intend to go down such a path, but pledge to use the best information and resources available to guide our financial decisions.

## From the Desk of State Representative Dan Moul

### Moul Proposes Tighter Control of State Regulation

I plan to introduce legislation to give legislative committees greater input in the regulatory review process. My bill would amend the Regulatory Review Act to give legislative oversight committees the opportunity to review proposed regulations and prevent an agency from adopting them if the committee believes they are inconsistent with the intent of the law. Just as proposed legislation goes before the appropriate House and Senate oversight committees before being voted on and becoming law, I believe regulations should undergo the same level of scrutiny. When the Legislature passes a law, the responsibility for implementing or

enforcing it falls under the appropriate state department or agency. Determining how a law is implemented and enforced is accomplished through regulation. My bill will ensure that regulations are vetted and approved by the various legislative oversight committees to ensure they are consistent with the legislative intent of the law.

### Corbett to Present 2013-14 Budget Plan

On Feb. 5, Gov. Tom Corbett will give his annual budget address before the General Assembly. The administration's plan is expected to focus on the need for pension reform and transportation infrastructure improvements. The governor has proposed lifting the cap

on the Oil Company Franchise Tax, paid by gasoline wholesalers, as recommended by the governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission. Lifting the cap would generate an estimated \$1.85 billion in state revenue.

### House Committee Examines Lottery Privatization Plan

This week the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee held informational meetings on the Corbett administration's plan to privatize the Pennsylvania Lottery. The plan, which would give Camelot Global Services LLC a 20-year contract to manage the operations of the state lottery, proposes to generate additional revenue for the Commonwealth. Pennsyl-

vania has the only state lottery in the nation whose proceeds exclusively benefit senior programs. Programs include low-cost prescription drugs, property tax/rent rebates and long-term living services.

### Joint Hearing Held on Child Protection Task Force Report

The House Children and Youth Committee, of which I am vice chairman, and the House Judiciary Committee held a joint hearing at the Capitol this week on the recommendations issued by the Child Protection Task Force. The General Assembly formed the Task Force on Child Protection last year to review Pennsylvania's laws and procedures concerning child protection and the reporting of child abuse

following the Sandusky child sex abuse case. The task force presented its recommendations in November, and explained their findings and recommendations at the joint committee hearing this week. It is now up to the General Assembly to review the task force's findings and determine what can be done legislatively to protect Pennsylvania children from abuse. See the report here. [http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/publications.cfm?JSPU\\_PUBLN\\_ID=285](http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/publications.cfm?JSPU_PUBLN_ID=285)

As always, if you have questions about any of the initiatives mentioned here or if I may be of assistance with any state-related issue, please feel free to contact me or visit my website at [www.RepMoul.com](http://www.RepMoul.com).

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## COMMENTARY

# Words From Winterbilt

## Tragedies, politics, and solutions

Shannon Bohrer

Before Christmas there was a shooting at an Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. This was a horrific event and the news media covered it for weeks. First, I would like to offer my condolences and sympathies to the families that lost loved ones, to the other victims, witnesses, first responders and to the entire town. This was one of those events that shock our conscious. It was something we could not have imaged and even if we could and even had prepared for it, the experience exceeded anything we could have envisioned. And we weren't even there.

In response to this tragedy there has been talk of legislation to eliminate the sale of "assault weapons" and extended magazines, as well as requiring background checks for gun buyers at gun shows. The argument is that if specific guns were banned and if magazines had limited capacity, the tragedy in Newtown would somehow not happen again, or it would be less likely to occur, or there would be fewer deaths. In response to these proposals, the other side of the argument suggests that we allow teachers to carry guns and we should have an armed security guard at every school. The idea behind this is that an individual would not attack

and/or the attack would be repelled.

The following is a brief history of school killings:

Bath Township Michigan, Bath School Disaster of 1927— 38 children killed, ages 7 to 14, 2 teachers and 4 other adults were killed and 58 people were wounded. The incident occurred when a school board member set off a series of bombs.

Austin Texas, August 1966— a sniper (former marine) took to a tower on the campus of the University of Texas and killed 16 people.

Colorado, Columbine High School, April 1999— two students killed 12 other students and a teacher, and they wounded 33 others. The school police officer, a local Sheriff's deputy, exchanged fire with the killers.

Red Lake Minnesota, 2005— a student killed his grandfather and grandfather's girlfriend then drove to the high school and killed 7 more people, including a teacher and a security guard. The security guard was unarmed.

West Nickel Mines School, Pennsylvania, October 2006— a gunman entered a one-room, Amish schoolhouse and killed 5 girls, ages 7 to 13, and then killed himself.

Virginia Tech University, April 2007— a lone gunman killed 33 people, including himself.

Northern Illinois University, 2008— an armed student kills 6 and wounds 21.

Oikos University/Chardon High School, Oakland California, 2012— a gunman killed 10 people.

Keep in mind these are school shootings where multiple individuals died— they do not include incidents with single deaths or no deaths, and they also do not include killings in malls, churches or other locations where shootings have occurred. Other than the Bath Township disaster, where the school board member used bombs, all of the killers used long guns and/or hand guns and at Columbine the offenders also used bombs.

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With the press coverage of the Newtown shooting, the horrific crime, and the aftermath that continues, it was expected that political responses would be offered. Given our history of this problem you see how the issue has been successfully resolved in the past, so my optimism for the future is cautious at best.

While the politics are expected, this tragedy in Newtown has given new life to old discussions, specifically the second amendment. When the Second

Amendment was written, it gave people the right to keep and bear arms. However, the "arms" of the day were smooth bore muskets. I don't believe the Second Amendment was ever intended to give the right of the people to keep anti-tank weapons or surface to air missiles (SAMs). And when it does come to gun control, where is the line drawn? A reasonable person might believe that a citizen can own a single shot .22 caliber handgun but not a rocket propelled grenade (RPG). So where do we draw the line?

Eliminating the assault type weapons and large capacity magazines sounds good, and maybe it is, but if you examine the incidents listed above, the weapons most commonly used were handguns. Conversely, the proposal that we have armed guards/teachers at every school will not eliminate the problem. It has been reported that about one third of the schools in the country already have armed security, and some of those have been attacked, the most notables being Columbine and Virginia Tech. If arming individuals in schools is an answer, do we arm individuals in malls, churches and work places? What about kindergartens?

What we need is a non-political perspective of this problem. Something like; an individual person, with the intent to kill/injury numerous persons in a school, (or other public plac-

es) that has access to firearms is the problem. The question then becomes how do we create new laws that will address this? How many unstable individuals have had plans for attacking a school, but they could not access a firearm? How many individuals had plans and access to weapons, but the plans were discovered and the assault prevented?

I am not supporting and/or opposed to limiting guns that a citizen can purchase, nor am I for and/or against having armed officers in public schools. While both suggestion may help, both can also have unintended consequences. In some cases the consequences can make the problem worse—and in other cases they could create new problems. What we need are clear heads, without political agendas.

*"Given our history of this problem you see how the issue has been successfully resolved in the past, so my optimism for the future is cautious at best".*

I was in law enforcement for 42 years and was and continue to be an instructor in criminal justice topics, including firearms/weapons. Because of the strong emotions associated with this event I intentionally waited to comment on the suggested solutions. No law can eliminate a similar event, but that does not mean that we cannot do something. Hopefully, Hop, something that works.

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# Common Cents

## The Obama pivot

Ralph Murphy

During a State visit to Australia in late 2011, President Obama announced a "strategic pivot" which would have a major impact on the world's political, economic, and military communities. This declaration, which was quickly labeled the "Obama Doctrine" sought to neutralize the nuclear strike potential of East Asian countries through a Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) shield involving friendly nations in the region.

The administration claimed this pivot away from traditional concerns in Europe, and a less overt role in the Middle East was justified given North Korea's bellicose threats towards Western allies in the region. The Pentagon said the BMD was necessary to safeguard nations such as South Korea, Japan, and Australia from the North Koreans.

The Chinese saw the BMD development as personal, and shortly after the President's announcement presented photos of a new Chinese stealth fighter aircraft, and unveiled plans for a new, aircraft carrier. They also claimed to have a state-of-the-art ballistic missile that reportedly could sink moving sea targets at long range. China currently spends about 110

billion dollars on defense.

This figure might be much higher, but the Chinese do not provide exact defense expenditures.

While the US spends 43% of the world's annual military outlay each year, the momentum may be shifting towards a more heavily-armed China as their economy grows at a searing, annual rate of 7.5%.

Meanwhile, the President seeks defense cuts as part of an effort to avoid an impending fiscal cliff. In 2011 the President stated "With most of the world's nuclear power, and some half of its humanity, Asia will largely determine whether the century ahead will be marked by conflict or cooperation. The U.S. will play a larger and long term role in shaping this region and its future."

Japan is carefully monitoring a North Korea that successfully tested a nuclear weapon in 2006. These tests triggered UN sanctions against such testing and development of associated technology that might deliver the weapons. Nevertheless, the North Koreans launched a "weather satellite" in December 2012 despite the UN sanctions.

There is also China's troubled neighbor India, which has worked closely with the U.S. to

build a "multi layered defense system." India's efforts were thinly disguised as being against their, belligerent next door neighbor Pakistan not China.

The Philippines are also concerned about China and its growing military presence in the region. Especially in the mineral rich, territorial waters of the South China Sea. Philippine Defense officials expect "more U.S. ships, aircraft, and troops for multi-national, training exercises as well as support for disaster and relief operations.

Vietnam is also concerned about the threat of an economically, dominant China that can project its monetary power through military strength and adventurism. Vietnam is an unlikely U.S. BMD partner at this time, but this could change if, and when, they feel more directly threatened by the Chinese.

Japan is perhaps the most worried player at this time. They are so dependent on the U.S. for their own defense, and are currently "squaring off" against the Chinese over islands and a resource-rich territory in the East China Sea it calls Senkaku. China calls it Diaoyu. China recently included these islands in their passport listings—inferring political control. This set off an immediate diplomatic battle. In December, China flew a military aircraft over the re-

gion causing Japan to scramble eight fighter jets. No shots were reportedly fired, but things could heat up. There have been massive protests in China against the Japanese insistence that they now own the territory, and trade between the world's second and third largest economies has dropped precipitously.

The present administration appears to want to control the growth of China's influence and dominance in the region and is courting neighboring states. Unfortunately many of these states have strong economic ties with China. Australia, for example, is a major commodity exporter to China. Japan and South Korea are exporting manufactured goods to the growing Chinese markets. These countries want to protect themselves from China, but also have to keep an eye on their own pockets. This all could change if China were to become more aggressive. Adventurous.

In November 2012, Cambodia hosted the 7th East Asia Summit which included heads of state from the U.S., China, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and others, Russia sent a foreign minister.

At this event, President Obama focused on the need to "tackle" regional issues and solve the territorial disputes plaguing East Asia. China was present, but President Obama still offered the commitment of increased military cooperation between the U.S. and Japan, while promoting dialogue

and action on increased economic exchange between the attending powers.

While all this was going on, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) noted that despite the threat of an arms build-up there was also the specter of a rising economic super power in Asia. China was a nation with new, military, global reach that was forcing the Americans into "laying the foundation" for a region-wide missile defense system. A system that virtually surrounded an aggressive China and its nasty, little, hermit-neighbor North Korea.

How far the BMD concept goes is pure conjecture at this point, and will depend on regional hostilities and economic necessity. China is largely export dependent, and as such is vulnerable. It does however, hold over 3 trillion dollars of U.S. debt, along with that of others. It is therefore wealthy where we are indebted. It is probably safe to say an allied, defensive shield will continue to develop with an offensive capability already in place.

The world's economic power base is slowly shifting eastward towards Asia from Europe and the European Union and a cash-strapped U.S.

The Obama Doctrine may grow, but can we afford it? Time will tell!

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# Pure OnSense

## Finding Timbuktu

Scott Zuke

In 1550 a diplomat and author by the name of Leo Africanus published a multi-volume description of Africa, drawn from his experiences as a young man touring the region of Northwest Africa known as the Maghreb. His travels took him to a thriving city where pure gold nuggets were used in place of currency, and the king was said to possess a gold ingot that weighed nearly half a ton. It was a powerful, but peaceful kingdom where education was greatly valued, leading to the establishment of ancient universities and a significant accumulation of handwritten books purchased from merchants passing through the city on camels. The city came to be known as Timbuktu, and so captured the imagination of European readers that over time it gained an aura of mystery and even legend.

Today many people have either never heard of Timbuktu, or believe that it is an imaginary place, like El Dorado. Dictionaries even define it as a metaphor for a "remote or extremely distant place." Perhaps this helps to explain some of the difficulties being felt today by the modern city's very real residents, as well as those in the rest of the country in which it is located.

Timbuktu sits near the geographical center of Mali, a nation nearly twice the size of Texas that most people would struggle to locate on a map.

While not all that remote in modern times (it's just south of the more familiar North African countries like Morocco and Algeria and has several international airports), Mali has rarely drawn much attention from the modern international community because it is sparsely populated, has few natural resources of interest, and as a consequence is desperately poor. Up until last spring, it was noteworthy mainly for being one of a very few African nations with a legitimately elected democratic government. But its 20-year democratic establishment ended suddenly in March after a military coup overthrew the government only one month before a scheduled presidential election.

Since the coup, control of the country has become divided between the moderate, more economically developed government in the southern capitol of Bamako, and separatist Islamic tribes and other ethnic groups of the less populated northern section, which projects deep into the Sahara and includes Timbuktu, among other villages. The rebels began by demanding political autonomy, but extreme Islamic factions have become increasingly aggressive in asserting their harsh version of sharia law, from amputating the hands of thieves to stoning unwed couples for having children. Despite its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the rebels have sought to demolish ancient shrines in Timbuktu

and sent its Christian residents fleeing for their lives.

Mali's crisis deepened for months but evoked little reaction from the global community until January when it was finally realized that the country had become a magnet for the growing international terrorist organization known as al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). Like Afghanistan, Mali met the conditions for a promising safe haven for terrorists: weak border control, an impoverished population to provide recruits, and an influx of readily available weapons, smuggled out of Libya after the fall of the Qaddafi regime. When AQIM and other fundamentalist groups arrived they allied themselves with the separatist rebels who had first seized control of the north, but they soon turned against them and seized the cities for themselves, exacerbating an already chaotic situation.

After the rebels recently made advances against cities in the southern part of the country, Bamako urgently requested intervention from the international community. France, which administered Mali as a colony until 1960 and has economic interests in the region, finally stepped in with air strikes and (at the moment) a modest number of boots on the ground to push back against rebel-held territory. Understandably, there are concerns about this decision dragging France into its own version of the U.S.'s war in Afghanistan, but growing worries over AQIM have nevertheless led more nations to lend assistance, mainly at the logistical level.

Why should Mali matter to us? Well, first of all, from a practical standpoint



on international security, we ought to try to prevent the next Osama bin Laden from setting up camp in a city that most people believe not to exist.

It also serves as a new test for the doctrine known as Responsibility to Protect, or R2P, a United Nations policy of intervening to prevent mass atrocities when people's governments are unable (or unwilling) to do so themselves. The intervention in Libya against Qaddafi when he threatened to massacre rebel fighters in Benghazi was a clear, and seemingly successful application of R2P, but it has turned out to result in the wide dispersion and strengthening of AQIM and other terrorist organizations throughout North Africa. It has also met with political resistance from staunchly anti-interventionist nations, namely Russia and China, who felt uneasy about the Libya mission and have repeatedly blocked efforts to intervene in Syria ever since.

Finally, Mali's crisis provides strong evidence for the importance of continued international aid and development to national security. On a continent with porous borders, rampant

corruption, and weak government institutions, the disruption of tyranny and terrorist cells in one country assures the swift spread of extremists to others nearby that are unable to repel them. Withdrawing resources from countries Americans don't care about is politically easy, but could have dire consequences in the long run. Development assistance is much cheaper and more constructive than the massive military operations that are needed to eradicate terrorist cells that become entrenched in underdeveloped safe haven countries. When budget-hawks call for zeroing out foreign aid, just think of the money and American lives lost in Afghanistan—itsself possessing an almost mythic reputation as the "graveyard of empires"—over the past decade. Timbuktu may still seem to be cloaked in the mist of legend, and such remote and powerless states as Mali may simply seem too unimportant to pay attention to, but that's a fantasy the modern world can no longer afford.

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# Down Under

## The Rupert sanction

Submitted by Lindsay!  
Melbourne, Australia

*This house today is a theatre which is being watched by the whole world.*

—Stanley Baldwin, British Prime minister, December 10, 1936

Influence. A lovely thing, isn't it? We all use it, others use it on us, often without our realizing it. Everyone is influenced by something every day, even if it is only hunger or thirst, but how we respond to our neighbours, to the news, to our circumstances - these are far more telling, as our beliefs and decisions are formed by constant exposure to such things.

So - would you mind taking a little test? A simple one: jot down, or think of, the people you consider to be the most influential in the world. (No, it's not psycho-pop 1 A) Don't look at the next line until you have finished.

Did Rupert Murdoch make it onto your list? He really needs to be, because he is without doubt the single most influential person in the world, both personally and across the globe. Hardly a shadowy figure, he has the power to follow his dreams, come what may. And those dreams are not those of you or me, but of the origi-

nal demagogue intent on seeing the world shaped according to Rupert.

He didn't start out like that, but as an Australian at Oxford, a son worthy of his father's praise, he was a radical, a leftie, a fighter for the underprivileged. He could afford to be, as the family fortune had come from determination, brilliance, and hard business sense in newspapers, which Rupert inherited, then honed over the years with a magnetism that could attract or repel, and a cutting edge wielded with seemingly haphazard choice.

Money, of course, was vital, and that rolled in as his enterprises matured, but it was not and end in itself, unlike so many of his contemporaries. It was, and is, a tool to be used to shape the cosmos. We all dream of what might be, but unlike Martin Luther King his dream was not that all men will become brothers, but that all (western) men will love his ethos and do things his way. His was no idle reverie, because he had already shown it can be done. With America, Britain and Australia being politically shaped to his will, wars could be fought, insurrections mounted, governments coerced. You disagree? The Iraq war would not have occurred without him. Margaret Thatcher might well still be working in a shop;

Tony Blair would not have been Prime Minister, George Bush would have been unable to swing congress his way. The financial systems would not have been opened up for exploitation, the far right would have fallen on hard times, and the military-oil-transport complex would have been far less powerful.

NewsCorp, his flagship, is the largest communications group in the world, and includes The Wall street Journal, The Fox group, Harpers, BskyB, The Times, The Sun, (in England), the Herald Sun (here), and over 800 other companies. Having been privy to the way in which the 'ordinary' man thinks, Rupert knew, and still knows which buttons to push to ensnare the great unthinking majority. Busty topless girls on page three of the Sun, phone hacking anywhere it works, redneck attitudes and self-indulgent thinking, pop sports and stars, and always the news and views that conservatives want - whether they are on the right or left of politics. (Yes, the left is as conservative as the right, perhaps even more so at times.) The sheer sway that the ill-informed masses generate mean it is their voices that do his work and help fulfil his vision. At least, that's what has happened until the last presidential election.

The messages, prejudice and untruths embedded in the 'normal' news produced by his communication network was, and is, too subtle for the average news-byte analysis, the opinion forming headline, and

the digital glance. If you had the desire to be your country's leader, or even near the top, you needed him. That's something Sarah Palin learnt - she had a better chance with Rupert's backing, something not in the handbook of democracy. The piper always has to be paid, of course, and woe betide you if your agenda strayed too far from his - or you wanted to do what you were elected to do. George never did, Tony tried - and he got dumped, John Howard here thought Rupert was chosen by God. Power of the press? That it is, with bells on - the bells of the Murdoch circus. The circus that delivered on the guarantee. Well, one presidential race lost was a slap in the face, but could be borne.

Mind you, there's nothing illegal in this; Rupert is wholly above board, but without too many scruples, for the bottom line is that he doesn't much care about humanity, who are there to generate profit, support his opinion, and in short, to be used. In this he is very different to previous moguls, whose aim was profit and prestige with lobbying, but power is a heady sense, and manipulating governments presumably the most heady of all.

While elected officials deny forever any covert links to our man - although there's plenty of overt ones, reported with innocent joy - there are other groups who ostensibly have no links to him at all. "Rupert? The newspaper guy? Oh, sure, we adver-

tise with him. Nothing else." But underneath all those disclaimers they have enlisted him in their causes, for they have many of the same goals. Prime among these other groups are the oil cartels, who together with the armaments industry have so much clout it is difficult to quantify. But to see something of their joint work, a story reported from the early days of the Iraq invasion is instructive - and heartrending.

Rupert, who had never been much interested in watching television, is sitting in front of the big screen and sees the drones demolishing another set of buildings, smoke, flames and incredible noise. "Oh, boy! This is exciting. What a great show!"

Nearby is a certain friend from big oil. "Just think," he grins, "oil at \$20 a barrel."

And I have no doubt that the armaments chapter were also rubbing their hands at the thought of all that money the government were paying them. And would continue to do while they could whip up support for more conflicts. And could continue to deny climate change.

For, when the biggest businesses and the media get together on stage the words of Stanley Baldwin are once more most appropriate: 'This house today is a theatre being watched by the whole world.' And we watch and wait to see our world crumble.

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# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Christ's Community Church

Rev. John Talcott  
Christ's Community Church

I am Pastor John Talcott and I would like to introduce you to our new church in Emmitsburg, Christ's Community Church. We are currently leasing the building next to the swimming pool which used to be the UpCounty Family Center at 303 West Lincoln Avenue, Emmitsburg. Weekly we meet to celebrate on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Soon we are having our Grand Opening on Sunday, February 10th at 10:30 a.m. and invite you to join us.

My wife, Dana, and I have lived just outside of town since 1989. Our six children range in age from one through twenty-one and each one is just as excited as I am to have been called

by God to start a church here in Emmitsburg. He has given me such a passion and vision for the town of Emmitsburg, because it's a beautiful town, a town with many churches, but a town that still has a large percentage of people who haven't connected with God. And at Christ's Community Church our mission is "Connecting God and Community" so all of our praying, planning, and preparation is focused on our core purpose: to reach out, to connect, and to equip people to become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Of course, many still wonder, why another church since Emmitsburg has so many churches? And I think that is just like the many places to eat in town, whether it's McDonalds, the Carriage House Inn, or any of a number of other options, not

everyone is eating there. Not everyone is getting their needs met and we at Christ's Community Church hope to be that other option to reach those in the community who aren't being spiritually fed. We want to be there for those who desire more of God and just haven't connected, for those who've never been to church, for those who may have grown up in church but gave up, and for those who never really connected with God. We want to be there for them because God really cares.

We want to connect God and community and all of our services and ministries are designed to connect people to God and one another. Twice a week we offer contemporary worship, relevant, biblical teaching, and dynamic kid's ministry. Sunday morning services at Christ's Community



Church provide a place and the opportunity to celebrate God's love through music with a contemporary flare and a message that teaches the Bible in terms that all can understand and apply to their lives. Following every Sunday service we gather in the dining hall and share a potluck meal together. Wednesday nights we also meet for worship, but we dig in to God's Word a little deeper with Bible studies and prayer. The children also are invited to be a part of children's church during the message on Sundays and a special club called "Kids Connect" on Wednesdays. Everything we do has the goal of building relationships with others, so that together we may be nurtured in our faith, challenged to grow, and empowered to become servants of God in our daily lives, both inside and outside of the church.

We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus, loving, serving, and reaching out into the community. We have already begun monthly outreaches and are enjoying getting to know more of the people in our community. Over and over again, as I speak with leaders and citizens of the town, I hear of the need for something for the youth to do. I believe Christ's Community Church can provide for that need. We have a youth group that meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays for a Christ-centered devotional, food and fellowship. The church has a large activity room containing a moon bounce, ping pong, and other table top games

to provide a controlled, safe, and fun environment for the youth.

Christ's Community Church is here to help, serve, and care for the people of Emmitsburg area. Our goal is to use this building to benefit the community as a whole. Recently, we have hosted a Christmas Bazaar with St. Nick, sponsored a site for the annual Turkey Trot, and offered free movies on the big screen with popcorn for the kids. We have connected with the Head Start children's program and are looking forward to some fun play time twice a month. We provide meeting space for a community children's choir "Shine the Light" and I would like to see the building used for other community programs and support groups.

I have big dreams of how we can serve the community in the future. We are having an Easter bazaar on March 9th and an Easter egg hunt in the Community Park on Easter Sunday. Our future plans include holding a spaghetti dinner to benefit Seton Center, and also handing out free ice cream to people in the community this summer. We feel very blessed to be located right next to the Community Park and our desire is to continue to offer fun, family-centered, activities for the community.

Please feel free to contact me at (717) 642-9955 or cccemmitsburg@gmail.com with any questions you may have. If you prefer you may also visit our website at www.cccemmitsburg.org. I look forward to serving you and hope to see many of you at our Grand Opening on February 10th!

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# John of Gaunt

Edward the Third's fourth son, John, born at Ghent, or, as it was then spelt, Gaunt, during his father's expedition to Flanders, in February 1340, and called from that circumstance, John of Gaunt, has obtained a greater name amongst celebrated princes than his own merits would perhaps justify, probably in some measure from his inheriting the popularity of his elder and greater brother, the Black Prince.

John, when two years old, was created Earl of Richmond. After the death of the great warrior, Henry Duke of Lancaster, in 1360, John of Gaunt, who had married his daughter the princess Blanche, was raised by his father, King Edward, to that dukedom. In the adventurous expedition which the Black Prince made into Spain in 1367, his brother John accompanied him. Two years later, accompanying the Black Prince on a march which he made through France to the English possessions in the south, John took the command of the army, on his brother being obliged by the state of his health to return to England. Immediately afterwards John of Gaunt married the Spanish princess Constance, eldest daughter of Don Pedro, whom he had first seen at Bordeaux in 1367; and, as her father had been murdered by his rival, the usurper Don Erique, the Duke of Lancaster assumed in his wife's right the title of King of Castile and Leon. In the continuous wars with France which followed, John of Gaunt was a brave but not a successful commander, and they were put an end to by the truce of 1374.

The Black Prince died on the 8th of June 1376, two years after this peace. Since his return to England, he had espoused the popular cause against his father's government, and thus became a greater favourite than ever with the nation. His brother of Lancaster, on the contrary, was unpopular, and supported the abuses of the court. After his death, John of Gaunt became all powerful in the parliament, and high in favour with his father the king; but in his hostility to the opposition which had been supported by the Black Prince, he quarrelled violently with the Church, and especially with William of Wickham, Bishop of Winchester, whom he persecuted with inveterate hatred.

It is believed that the Duke's hostility to the bishops was the main cause of the support he gave to John Wycliffe, the great Church reformer, by which he certainly did good service to the English Reformation in its first beginning, and gained popularity among the Lollards. But even here he proceeded with the intemperance which especially marked his character. The prelates, provoked by the encouragement thus openly given to innovators in Church doctrines and government, cited Wycliffe to appear in St Paul's Church, before Courtenay, Bishop of London, to answer for his

opinions. He came there on the 19th of February 1377, supported by the Duke of Lancaster and the Lord Henry Percy, Marshal of England, in person, with a formidable array of knights.

The bishop was highly offended by this bold advocacy of men who came there to be tried as heretics, and high words passed between him and the Duke, who is said to have threatened 'to pull down the pride of him, and of all the bishops of England,' and to have talked of dragging him out of the church by the hair of his head.

A great crowd of citizens, who were present, spewed an inclination to take part with the bishop, and, further irritated by some proceedings in parliament which threatened their municipal rights, they rose tumultuously next morning, and rushing first to the house of the Marshal, broke into it, and committed various acts of violence. Not, however, finding Lord Henry Percy there, they hastened to the Savoy, the palace of the Duke of Lancaster, where 'a priest chancing to meete them, asked of some, what that business meant. Whereunto he was answered, that they went to take the Duke and the Lord Percy, that they might be compelled to deliver to them Sir Peter de la More, whom they unjustly kept in prison. The priest sayde that Peter de la More was a traytour to the king, and was worthie to be hanged. With which words they all cryed,

"This is Percy! this is the traytour of England! his speech bewrayeth him, though hee bee disguised in apparel." Then ranne they all upon him, striving who should give him his death wound, and after they had wounded him, they caryed him to prison, where he dyed.'

The Bishop of London now arrived and appeased the rioters, but not till the great courtiers against whom their wrath had been excited were in great terror. The Duke and the Lord Henry Percy happened to be dining with a Flemish merchant named John of Ypres;

'but the Londoners knew it not, for they thought that he and the duke had beene at the Savoy, and therefore with all hast posted thither. But one of the dukes knights seeing these things, in great haste came to the place where the duke was, and, after that he had knocked and could not get in, hee sayd to Haverland the porter, "If thou love my lord and thy life, open the gate I" with which wordes hee got entrey, and with great feare hee telles the duke that without the gate were infinite numbers of armed men, and, unlesse hee tooke great heede, that day should bee his last. With which words, when the duke heard them, he leapt so hastily from his oysters, that he hurt both his legges against the fourme. Wine was offered to his oysters, but hee would not drinke for haste. Hee fledde with his fellow Syr Henry Percy, no maniac following them, and, entering the Thamis,

never stinted rowing untill they came to a house neere the manor of Kenington (besides Lambeth), where at that tyme the princesse was, with the young prince, before whom he made his complaint.'

The Londoners were summoned before the King, who effected a reconciliation between them and the Duke; but, old Stow adds in his quaint manner, 'in the meane space some men ceased not to make rymes in reproeh of the duke, and to fasten them in divers places of the city, whereby the greater fury of the people might be kindled, the dukes flame blotted, and his name had in destestation.'

This was one of the last public audiences given by King Edward III, who died on the 21st of June following. At the beginning of the following reign, the hostile feeling between the Londoners and John of Gaunt continued, but his power had greatly declined, and for a while he took little part in public business.

In Wat Tyler's rebellion, when the insurgents had obtained possession of London, they proclaimed the Duke of Lancaster as one of the arch-traitors, and burnt his palace of the Savoy to the ground. John of Gaunt was at this time in Scotland, employed in a diplomatic mission. He had not long returned from a hostile expedition to France, the ill success of which had increased his unpopularity. From this time forward the Duke was involved in frequent quarrels with his nephew the young king, and they became more and more difficult to reconcile, until at last Richard was glad to get rid of him by allowing him to carry an army of ten thousand men to Spain in order to recover by force the kingdom of Castile.

He landed at Corunna in the month of July 1385, and marched through Galicia into Portugal, where the King of Portugal not only joined him with an army, but married Philippa, John of Gaunt's eldest daughter by his first wife. He was at first successful against the Spaniards, but eventually having lost the greater part of his troops by famine and disease, he was obliged to make his retreat into Guienne, and was glad to conclude a treaty with the de facto King of



Castile, by which John of Gaunt abandoned all his claim to the throne of Castile and Leon, in consideration of a large sum of money, and of the marriage of Henry Prince of the Asturias, the heir of Castile, with his daughter by his second wife.

On the return of the Duke of Lancaster from the Continent, he appears to have become suddenly popular, perhaps on account of his hostility to his nephew's favourites. He had been always accused of aiming at the English crown, and of a design to supplant the young King Richard; and it

is said that he incurred Richard's final displeasure, by pressing the king too urgently to acknowledge his son Henry of Bolingbroke, heir to the throne.

From this time John of Gaunt lived retired from court until his death, which occurred at Ely House, in Holborn, on the 3rd of February 1399. It is hardly necessary to add, that within a few weeks afterwards his son became King of England, as Henry IV.

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## THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

# What I learned from Stan

Bill Meredith

*"If someone throws you a spitball, don't complain about it; just hit it on the dry side."*

—Stan Musial

*"Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth."*

—Desiderata

I had intended to write about birds and weather this month, but on the day I started the first draft of my article, the news came that Stan Musial had died. It was no use to try to think about ecology for a while; my mind wandered off into the past, to remember his legacy and to ponder how it is possible for someone you've never met and who did nothing to affect your profession could influence your life. He did.

I was eight when he broke into the major leagues in 1941, and when he led the St. Louis Cardinals to the World Series the following year, he became my first sports hero. In an odd way, he influenced my education; it was by following his record on the sports pages that I learned to calculate batting averages, which had to be done by long division in those days before hand-held calculators. I had little natural aptitude for mathematics, but baseball taught me that math is

actually useful; it also started what became a lifelong fascination with statistics. Had that not happened when it did, I probably could not have become a scientist.

Musial influenced my life in an even odder way, which would have made him chuckle if he'd known about it. In my senior year in high school I started dating an attractive freshman, and in the course of time she prevailed upon me to help with her homework in English. She had to write an essay on someone in sports, a topic in which she had no interest and even less knowledge. I suggested Stan Musial, and was almost speechless when she responded, "Who's he?" After suggesting a few other names and getting the same response, I went back to Musial and explained that he was Polish, and his name originally was Stanislaw Franciszek Musial, before he changed it to Stanley Frank. This made an impression, since her grandparents were Polish immigrants; however, since she knew nothing about baseball, I ended up writing the paper for her. She behaved as if she was very grateful, but it has been a burden on my conscience ever since, compounded by the fact that, in my weakened condition, she persuaded me to write several other papers for her in the course of the next three years. She still maintains that it was



because of Stan Musial that she agreed to marry me.

Throughout elementary school, baseball was the only sport I knew. I went to a two-room country schoolhouse where there were only two teachers; one taught the "Little Kids," grades 1-3, and the other had the "Big Kids," grades 4-8. I was lucky that both teachers were good, and I was well prepared in the "3 R's" curriculum of the time. But there was no formal program for physical education; recess and lunch hour were simply the times when you could run and yell and let off steam, and they were almost always outside because there was no gymnasium. On one side of the schoolyard, the Little Kids played games like tag or dodge-ball, where the rules were simple and not much organization was required; on the other side was a small field used by the Big Kids. Sports like soccer and hockey were unknown in West Virginia in those days, and football and basketball were off limits because they were contact sports, deemed improper for girls and boys to play together. Baseball, the American Game, would have been favored, but Shorty May was the only kid who had a glove, and the 4<sup>th</sup>-graders... the smaller Big Kids... could have been hurt by line drives. So we played softball the year round. Since we had

only one field, there would be 12 or 15 kids on each team; one thing we learned was patience, because recess was usually over before everyone got a turn at bat. We had to do our own umpiring, and I learned that sometimes you had to accept decisions you didn't agree with; long disputes would hold up the game, and recess was short... and besides, Stan Musial was not a complainer. Looking back, it seems like a pretty chaotic version of baseball, but in fact it was a good way to learn the game. Most of the bigger kids played in the infield, where the ball was going faster; the smaller kids wandered around in the outfield where they had time to get out of the way before the ball got to them until they understood what was going on. It was reasonably safe, although I still have a noticeable lump on one finger to remind me of the time I lost a fly ball in the sun.

Every boy had a favorite Big League team and player, but girls were different. Several of them could run and throw as well as I could, but those were the days before gender equality, and it never occurred to me that a girl could actually be interested in batting averages or who played for which team. And besides, I was even shyer then than I am now, so I wouldn't have had nerve enough to ask a girl what her favorite team was even if I

had thought of it. Growing up was complicated, and there were some things you just didn't do in those days.

Newspapers and radio were our only source of sports information back then, and Pittsburgh was the nearest major league team, so I became most familiar with the National League, which was dominated by St. Louis. The Cardinals of the mid-thirties had been known as the Gas House Gang. The name had a romantic ring to it, but in reality many of the players were profane, brawling boozers, womanizers and racists. Their strategy for winning was intimidation; they were not the kind of role models a boy should emulate. These qualities were not publicized in the media; instead, the papers told of loveable goofballs like Dizzy Dean and Ducky Medwick, so I knew only the idealized version of the team's history. But by the time I was 10 and able to interpret box scores, the original Gas House Gang had been replaced by a new generation of stars that included Musial, Mort and Walker Cooper, Enos Slaughter, Marty Marion, Red Schoendienst, Harry Brecheen... I knew them all, their places in the batting order, their averages and era's. They were featured in *Boy's Life* as well as the daily paper, so I knew they were worthy heroes. That judgment was confirmed when they won the World Series in 1944.

I could not have picked a better role model than Musial. Both the way he played the game and the way he lived his life have inspired me from childhood onward. Baseball is a game, and in its own way, so is life; there are both formal and unwritten rules, and we are judged by how we follow them. Leo Durocher, one of the original Gas House Gang, famously said, "Nice guys finish last;" Stan Musial and my other hero, Brooks Robinson, proved he was wrong. Stanley Frank Musial, 1921-2013: Rest in Peace, and live on in my memory.

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IN THE COUNTRY

# Twitterpated

Tim Iverson  
Seasonal Naturalist  
Cunningham Fall State Park

As spring fast approaches or at least I am impatiently hoping so, things are getting ready to come back to life. Not long from now warmer weather will usher in a torrent of new life. Birds will be chirping, frogs will be croaking, and everything will be enveloped by a growing energy. Yep, pretty soon everything will be in frenzy and, to borrow a phrase coined by an owl in a Disney classic, becoming "twitterpated". Yes, it's something that happens to all animals and the process of finding a mate is just what being twitterpated is all about in the animal world. While toads, owls, and bears may not exactly celebrate Valentine's Day they do exhibit amorous behavior toward one another in hopes of forming a union.

As early as March, but generally in April, the Eastern American Toad will come out of hibernation and anxiously search for a mate. Males will begin calling to females with melodic and shrill chirps and then females follow the sound to the male and then breeding takes place. During breeding eggs from the female and sperm from the male are released simultaneously into water where the eggs are immediately fertilized. The eggs are laid in long strings of a jelly-like substance that can hold 4000-8000 eggs. These eggs will hatch in 3-12 days depending on temperature. From the very moment the eggs are fertilized the eggs are abandoned and the rest is left up to chance. Once hatched these oval shaped critters with a tale are called tadpoles, and will spend the next 40-60 days voraciously eating vegetation. After this period of time tadpoles will grow legs, shed their tale, and leave the water. Diet will also change from strictly plants and other vegetative material to insects and other small animals. While these new toads begin to make their way in the world it will take them about two to three years before they reach sexual maturity themselves.



Great Horned Owls are an oddity in the animal kingdom because once they pair off, they will stick with that mate for life.

Great Horned Owls are an oddity in the animal kingdom in that once they pair off they will stick with that mate for life. Nesting for these raptors will begin in January or February. The rite is initiated by hooting to each other, and then when they are close will bow to one another with drooped wings. This is all followed by mutual beak rubbing and preening of feathers. Once eggs are laid, usually in a group of two to four, the female will incubate them for approximately a month. During this time the female will do little else, and the male is responsible for catching prey and bringing it back to her. After the eggs have hatched the young will begin to venture out of the nest and onto adjacent branches in six to seven weeks and will begin to fly about this time. However, they will not be very strong at flying until the ninth or tenth week. Young Great Horned Owls will stick around the nest for a few more weeks while they are slowly weaned, and begin to search for a new territory all their own! A pair of Great Horned

Owls will generally claim a territory about the one square mile in size. It's not uncommon for the young to stay near or even within this area for the first year of its life. After the first year though the young will be considered competition for the parents and will need to seek all new territory.

Now the North American Black Bear operates on a different set of standards. Mating season for the black bear can run from May to August. During this time black bears (both males and females) will have several different mates. A female will leave scent trails by marking trees, small plants, and more in order to attract a mate. Males will follow these scent trails to find the female bear. Occasionally more than a single male will follow a trail, which leads to a fierce confrontation. After a male does eventually locate the female he will spend several days edging closer and closer to her while she becomes accustomed to his presence. Eventually the two will get close enough and they will begin to nuzzle one another and communicate.



Bloodroot is a wildflower that blooms earlier than the Pink Lady Slipper.

It's after this ritual when their relationship is consummated. The male and female will generally spend two to three days in throes of love mating several times. Once their amorous behavior has ceased they will go their separate ways in attempts to find another new suitor. While a female bear may have fertilized eggs they will not develop or attach to the womb until she settles down for hibernation. It's in late January and February that one to three cubs will be born and will nurse from their mother until they emerge in spring. These cubs will stay with their mother for ap-

proximately one year. After this period they will then set out on their own in search of new territory.

Cupid's arrow isn't limited to just mankind, but pierces the heart of even the beasts of the wild. Once the spring rains arrive flowers bloom and all that spring holds awakens plants and animals alike. This is when the flora and fauna will be taken with notions of romance and though delayed the theme of Valentine's Day will permeate. Yes, even the animal kingdom will awaken and everything will be as that old said "twitterpated."



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## IN THE COUNTRY

# Maple madness

**Kay Deardorff**  
**Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve**

On these cold winter mornings there's nothing like the smell of fresh pancakes combined with the aroma of sausage and eggs sizzling on the griddle. The only thing to, literally, top this delicacy is the sweet flavor of maple syrup flowing over the stack of pancakes. Wait! I don't mean the generic stuff. I'm referring to PURE, 100% sweetness that's been taken from the tree and boiled to the perfect consistency. The backyard hobbyist who taps a maple tree; hangs a collection bucket; and sets up his evaporator savors the sweet success of his labors as he treats himself to a breakfast of sugary goodness.

In February and March we will experience warm days and cool nights. This is just right for sap to flow in the maple trees. Warm sunny days, 40+ °F, and cold nights, 20°F, are ideal for sap flow. Sugaring season usually starts in mid-February and may last 4 to 8 weeks, depending on weather conditions. The harvest season ends with the arrival of warm spring nights and early bud development in the trees.

It's not certain how this process began, but some of the legends are interesting. One story is the Legend of Chief Woksis whose wife learned about it dur-

ing the "Season of the Melting Snow." She discovered it while preparing venison (deer meat) for the evening meal.

Woksis had thrown his tomahawk into a maple tree the night before and when he removed it, the sap flowed from the tree during the day into a bucket that was setting by the trunk. The chief's wife needed water to cook the venison and was on her way to collect it from the spring when she spotted the container filled with "tree-water." She tasted it and found it to be slightly sweet. Being a wise and careful woman she knew that using this liquid would save her a trip to get the water and she would not be wasting the liquid. So she cooked the meat in it for supper. Eventually the sap boiled down to syrup. This added a new flavor to the meal and the chief loved it. The Indians had found that they could process the maple sap beyond the syrup stage to become crystallized sugar. The sugar did not spoil when stored.

As the first European settlers arrived, the Indians traded the maple sugar with them. Eventually the Native Americans taught them the process of making what they called "maple water." It became a staple of colonial life and was soon the only sweetener used. This use of maple sugar brought the end of dependence on foreign sugar. Also there was no longer the need for the cane

sugar that was gained through the sweat of the southern slave prior to the Civil War. It wasn't until the 1800's that cane sugar from the Caribbean Islands was introduced to the American diet.

The colonists changed the process of gathering the sap when they realized that slashing into the tree created a lot of waste and caused damage to the plant. Therefore, the use of spouts or spiles tapped into the tree proved to be more successful. When a healthy tree is tapped properly, minimal damage is done and the tree lives to provide the sweet nectar for many years.

Sap was collected in buckets hanging on the tree and then boiled down in what was the first evaporator which was invented in the early 1900's. This large flat bottomed pan was placed on a fire. It was more effective than the kettles or buckets originally used to cook the syrup.

Every year, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, near Fairfield, presents one of the maple sugaring programs that allows participants to have a hands-on experience with all facets of the sugaring process. During this 90-minute program, attendees learn the history of maple sugaring and then are led to the forest where they select a tree; drill into it; hang a sap bucket; collect sap; and watch fresh sap being cooked down into syrup before their eyes. Participants even have a chance to taste the finished product.

Strawberry Hill owns a hobbyist sap evaporator which is a smaller version of the professional version that produces syrup so delicious, so sweet, that you won't believe it's the same product that's usually purchased in a grocery store.



Your taste buds will rejoice and beg for more of this tasty treat! Strawberry Hill demonstrates the boiling process to school classes, home schools, organized groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and the general public.

Growing in popularity are the pancake breakfasts which are hosted by Strawberry Hill and held at Camp Eder, 914 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield on two Saturdays during the maple sugaring season. This year Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve and Camp Eder invite the public to enjoy their combined festivities at Mount Hope Maple Madness! On Saturday, February 23rd and March 2nd the days will start with a pancake breakfast from 7:30 – 11:30 am. Diners can enjoy the ambience of music provided by lo-

cal musicians; then they can go into the adjacent room to view and/or purchase crafts from local vendors.

After filling up on pancakes topped with syrupy goodness, folks can participate in a program to learn the process of taking the sap from the tree to the syrup on the table. While no reservations are necessary for the breakfasts, you will need to call to register for a spot for the maple sugaring program. Public programs will be held at Camp Eder on Saturdays, February 23rd and March 2nd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and also on Sundays, February 24th and March 3rd from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Call the Strawberry Hill office at 717-642-5840 or email [info@strawberryhill.org](mailto:info@strawberryhill.org) to make your reservation.

If you are a scout leader, teacher, home school organizer, or someone who wants to bring an organized group to experience this fascinating backyard hobby, you can contact Strawberry Hill or visit the website at [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org) to join one of our weekday programs held between February 11th and March 8th. Each program is suitable for all ages. It's educational; it's fun; it's a wholesome family activity; and it's good exercise. After participating in the program, participants will have the knowledge needed to do sugaring in their own in their backyard. There will also be maple syrup for sale as well as maple sap collecting kits. Hope to see you in the "sugarbush;" the forest of maple trees, that is!

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# I got a recipe for beer bread

Jack Deatherage, Jr.

“You said you weren’t going to drink beer again.” DW stands with her head cocked to one side, her good eye jumping about as agitation builds.

“I’m not drinking beer.” I grumble. “Beer is disgusting.” I continue to eye the array of bottles on the rack in Gettysburg’s remodeled Giant supermarket where a beer garden replaces the old coffee shop, much to DW’s disgust. She used to enjoy a hot cuppa on our way home from shopping there.

“Then why are you looking at beer?” Her eye is now spastic in its jitering.

“I got a recipe for beer bread.”

She sighs. She used to think I was crazy, as my interests would jump from photography, to fish keeping, to gardening, to leather crafting, to... well, whatever caught my attention. Her eventual acceptance that I am crazy makes life simpler. That I tend to rein in my sudden enthusiasms, I’m only a year and some months from turning 60 (gods, how did that happen?), has also made her life easier as I’ve gotten practical in what I take interest in. Gardening has the potential to feed us, someday. Archery (now that I’ve settled into the type of shooting I enjoy) gets me out from under foot as I go off to watch over the IWLA kids a couple times a month during warm weather. Fermenting sugars into alcohol keeps me out of bars. Bread building fills the house with mouth-watering fragrances and tempts us to eat a food best gifted to others, neither of us needing the weight we tend to put on when I’m caught up in a bread making frenzy. (The current frenzy has run for several months and shows no sign of abating.)

“Beer bread? I hate beer. But go ahead.” Another long sigh. Turns out she hates beer bread made with dark, full flavored stout too. Nor is she wild over the wine bread I made a few days later.

Ever since my decision to sit among the pagans and listen to their philosophies I’ve been finding the universe opening door upon door upon door to lead me ever farther from the beaten path. What I have recently discovered as I step through these doors are rooms I’ve been in before, only now I’m seeing them from a different perspective.

Yes, beer is disgusting. During the ten-year inebriation, I drank a minimum of 3,600 bottles of beer and thought all but maybe a dozen of them disgusting. As I wasn’t chasing their flavor, I didn’t see the people around me who were. Now that I’m looking for shortcuts in bread building, (beer is a great shortcut for adding flavor to bread) I’m finding beer aficionados stepping up with suggestions of what they would like to see in bread I build. (And surprise! I’m not so far off the beaten path. There are more than a few local bread builders ahead of me.)

One home brewer (working at

Gateway Liquor store outside of Thurmont), after sampling bread I made using a Polish beer he’d suggested, got so enthused he now wants to make beer for my bread! A customer standing at the counter asked if she could taste the bread. Eyes wide, she allowed the bread had to be on her table next Christmas.

“I don’t suppose you’d be willing to share this recipe would you?”

I happily turned her frown to a delighted smile when I told her I’d found the recipe online and would print out a couple copies for her. (Should she not find time to make the bread herself I’d happily build as much bread as she needs for her seasonal feast. And why not? Her son works in that store, and like everyone else I’ve met there, has begun to suggest other forms/carriers of alcohol I might try in future bread.)

Not long after the Mad One tells me I should consider building bread professionally, Cousin Luke informs me one of his high school friends will be attending our next weekend feasting.

“Jack, he used to have a bakery.”

I find myself sitting with a once-upon-a-time baker as he finishes a plate of Paleo chicken with which the Mad One dazzled us. He uses a chunk of ciabatta I’d built (it’s the Mad One’s bread of choice if I give her a choice) to mop up the sauce. We’ve talked about food and wine, his bakery and why he isn’t baking for a living (no money in it). He mentions working part-time for a bakery/pizzeria in Biglerville. He’s cleaned his plate of sauce, the ciabatta no longer flavored with anything but my effort to give it life.

“What do you think of the bread?”

He studies it briefly. Takes a bite, chews and swallows. “This is good bread. Did you refrigerate the dough?”

I’m impressed. I had retarded the ferment overnight in the fridge.

“How can I improve it?”

The universe opens another door.



The baker, younger than I, clean-cut, soft-spoken, apparently a good Xian (possibly even a Christian, though I’d not go that far on such a short time with him) is about as opposite me as one can get. Yet we share a passion that allows us to consider the other favorably. He’s read most of the bread building books I have and a few I haven’t. He’s worked with master bakers in Phillie, toured the bakeries of Europe and has built a wood-fired oven in his backyard. (He seemed pleased that I recognized the design and took to urging me to bring him dough we can ready for the oven as he seldom has time to build bread these days.)

We got to talking about where I might go with this interest in crafting bread. He suggested I consider a commercial venture. I allowed the idea appeals to me, but I don’t want to make pig food.

“What you call pig food is bread made from mixes and shaped to look like artisan bread. It has additives to give it shelf life. The few bakeries in your area also use mixes, as far as I can tell from the breads I’ve had of them. What you make is NOT pig food. You need

to learn the bakers’ percentages and make ten or so loaves at a time so the handling and shaping becomes easy. You have a passion for this. I can teach you the rest.”

“What do I do with ten loaves of bread?”

“What do you do with the two or three loaves you make now?”

“Hmmm... I guess I can find ten people to gift bread to?”

“There you go.” He smiles. “It isn’t the finished bread we’re concerned with. It’s the making, the build-

ing, the constantly striving for better bread. Isn’t it?”

Yes. Yes it is. Now, I have to learn to create and keep a sourdough starter.

Adding a bottle of beer is so much easier. Which reminds me! I have three beer doughs ready for the oven and an olive oil bread to start building. And a cake. Honey cake! Gods, the frenzy be upon me!

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## PETS LARGE AND SMALL

# I want nothing but the best for her

**Jennifer Vanderau**  
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

They say I saved her. The folks at the shelter. They say if I hadn't fostered her and bottle fed her, she likely wouldn't have survived. If being a savior is supposed to be so noble, why does it hurt so very much?

Oh, she was so small when she came to me. The runt of the litter. A tiny little ball of black fluff and she was having trouble gaining weight. Her mom was such a mess when she gave birth at the shelter. She'd been a stray, a pup on the street, on her own, fighting for scraps. That's no way to nurture unborn puppies.

In retrospect, it was probably lucky any of them survived to even be born.

The folks at the shelter knew that the littlest one was in trouble and needed that extra touch, so they called me. They knew I would help.

I bottle fed her, tried to get her to eat almost anything. I just knew she needed nourishment and tried to entice her with so many different things.

It was touch and go there for a while. We were consulting with vets almost on a daily basis. The little girl was on all kinds of medications just to try to keep her going. On more than one occasion, I really thought we were going to lose her.

She went practically everywhere with me. She had to. Thankfully I was able to take her to work with me and my co-workers were more than happy to help me. She kind of became the glue that held a lot of us together. Everyone wanted to greet her and see how she was doing.

Eventually, thankfully, she got stronger. Better. Healthier.

She was able to eat puppy food and started playing and acting like a regular, happy four-legged baby. And she started growing. It was difficult for me to notice it because I was with her every day, but people who hadn't seen her for stretches of time would remark on how well she had filled out and how big she was getting.

Her ears even started to stand completely upright. It was so amazing to see her mature into the pup I knew she would become.

I'm so grateful that my canine bunch at the house got along so well with her. Sure, they'd roll her from time to time because she was so small and they are such big lummoxes who I swear don't know how far their own feet can go, but she'd jump right back up and hop around and play.

She was a real treasure.

And because we were together so long and because I would feed her, she started to look at me as mom. I know she did. She was so tiny when we took her away from her actual mom, she had no other frame of reference.

She would recognize my voice and get so excited just to hear me talk. Sometimes she would whine if she could hear me but I wouldn't stop in to see her.

It really warmed my heart. She was mine in so many ways.

At first we thought we would wait to spay her until she was a little older than they normally do at the shelter because of her rough start in life, but she did so well and grew so fast, we took a chance.

She came through with flying colors and that's when the people at the shelter started talking about putting her up for adoption.

She was so incredibly adoptable. I knew this, even going in. First, she's a puppy and so unbelievably adorable. She had the perfect personality — she loved absolutely everyone. She was so used to a life with other animals, she would fit into practically any home.

I have a canine group of my own at home who need me and she was only supposed to be temporary. A foster. I knew all this going in. I did.

It's just. When the day came that I said goodbye to her and sent her off with her new family, I just. I don't know how to explain it.

I helped get her situated in the back of the car and she turned around. Why did she have to turn around? She

turned around and looked at me with those gorgeous brown eyes of hers and I know, I swear I just know, she was saying, "Come on, Mom. Where are we going with these folks?"

Shutting that door may have been one of the hardest things I've ever done.

I wanted so badly to tell her — so that she would understand — that I was only a stop off in her life. I was a transition, just to make her well, get her better, get her on her feet, so she could have a happy life with another family. I wanted so very much to make her understand that it wasn't because I didn't love her — my God, it was never that — but because I loved her so much that I took on the responsibility of having her in my life.

All I can do is pray that they will love her as much as I have. That she will bring them as much joy as she did me. That they will know how truly special this little girl is and was to so many people before she came into their lives.

I want nothing but the best for her. I always did.

Good luck, sweet little Pixie. You meant more to the folks at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter than you'll ever really know.

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This column was written for one of our Animal Care Technicians who truly loved a little girl named Pixie. This kind of absolute, unconditional love — both given and received — is a rare gift in this world and should be valued and treasured and remembered. Pixie will always have a special place in our hearts, even though she's no longer a presence in our daily lives.

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Jennifer is a 5-year-old long haired calico cat who really is a gentle soul. She loves being petted and taking long naps after breakfast. Her previous owner had her front paws declawed. Jennifer is a sweet lady with a great spirit and unique looks. Come meet her.

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

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

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

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

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

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

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

-- Author Unknown



## PETS LARGE AND SMALL

# Metro Meteor

**Kimberly Brokaw, DVM**  
Walkersville Animal Hospital

I first met Metro Meteor and his owners, Ron and Wendy, a few years ago. They had just moved to a new boarding facility and wanted me to evaluate Metro's knees. Metro is a former race horse, with many miles of running in his past. Metro had two knee surgeries during his racing days, but his owners now needed other options to keep him comfortable. While Ron and Wendy had no desire for Metro to race, they wanted him to be comfortable for light trail riding.

We discussed several options including oral medications, IV and IM injections and the alphabet soup of joint injection choices (IRAP, PRP, HA, PS-GAG, etc). As Metro was already receiving injectable Adequan® and oral Cosequin® to help with his arthritis, joint injections were the next option. Soon after our conversation, Metro was sedated, his knees were shaved and cleaned, and I injected his knee joints with a steroid, a combination chondroitin/ HA (hyluronic acid) product, and antibiotic. His owners were instructed to give Metro an anti-inflammatory (Bute) for the next couple of days and then they could take him for a trail ride by weekend.

I was fortunate enough to be riding with Metro's owners the weekend after Metro's injections. Metro was feeling great. He was trying to run, jigging up hills, and acting very full of himself. As we were riding through the fields, with Metro chomping at the bit, I was wondering if the joint injections had almost worked too well. I remember another client who banned me from injecting his horse's joints when, after the procedure, the horse felt so good, that he ran off with his rider and bucked him off in a field. Luckily, Ron was so pleased to have Metro feeling good that he was willing to put up with the exuberance and added challenge to the ride.

Unfortunately for Metro, the positive effects of the joint injections were short lived and 6 months later we were repeating them. Again, after the procedure, Metro was back to being an energetic race horse. This time Metro's trainer took him out for the first ride

and got to experience the exuberance and speed of the former stakes horse.

Another 6 months passed, and we were repeating the injections again. I took x-rays of Metro's knees to see how much bone change and arthritis was present. It didn't look good for Metro. As expected, his arthritis was worsening. The joint spaces were collapsing and filling with bone. A horse's body doesn't always respond to injury in the most helpful manner, and unfortunately Metro's knees were not getting better. Metro had damaged and fractured a couple of the bones in his knees while racing. Although, the chips had been surgically removed, the trauma had made him more prone to developing abnormal bone deposits and osteoarthritis. Metro's joint pain, tenderness, stiffness, locking, and swelling were due to the degradation of the cartilage and subchondral bone as well as the growth of bone in abnormal locations of the joints. Metro Meteor's lameness and flexibility were going to worsen as unlike for people, knee replacements are not currently a feasible option for horses.

Over the next year, the joint injections became less effective and I took a new set of x-rays of Metro's knees. I found myself in the unfortunate position of telling the Ron and Wendy that Metro wasn't going to be rideable on most days. His condition had deteriorated and except for when he was having "good days," Metro couldn't even be taken on light trail rides. I've been in the position of telling many own-

ers that their horse should no longer be ridden. When given the news, some turn the horse out in a field and continue to take care of it, some owners have me euthanize the horse, and others load the horse up with so much pain reliever that the horse temporarily looks sound. Then, they take him to auction to dump their problem on somebody else. However, Ron and Wendy had a different approach. They were not going to downgrade Metro to a cheaper boarding facility where he'd just be turned out in a field with minimal care. Instead they asked if I thought Metro would be comfortable enough to paint. Yes, that is right, paint. I remember just looking at Ron when he asked me that question and asking him what he meant. Ron, who is an artist himself, wanted to teach Metro to hold a paint brush in his mouth and paint. After a brief discussion on which paints are toxic, I said to give it a try and see what happened. At the time I had my doubts about how successful Metro's new career would be. After all, I work on a lot of horses with different amounts of training and purposes but none of my other patients are artists. In no time at all, Metro was creating abstract artwork. Not only was Metro painting, but he was painting well and the paintings were selling.

Ron and Wendy decided that they would put Metro's talent to use helping other race horses. Unfortunately one of the downsides of horse racing is that it creates a large number of thoroughbreds, who, when at the end of their racing career, are in need of homes. Some of these thoroughbreds have old injuries that will need continued treatment. It is very rare to find



owners who are willing to take a horse that they know is lame, and will require expensive veterinary care to keep comfortable. Ron and Wendy decided that half of the proceeds from Metro's painting would go to New Vocations, a charity that helps to find homes for ex-racehorses.

Metro now has two stalls at his boarding facility. Metro's first stall is where he spends his time eating hay when not turned out on pasture. His second stall has been draped with drop-cloths and converted into an art studio. Metro seems to enjoy himself when he goes into his studio and paints.

Currently we are trying a new therapy for Metro's knees. While to my

knowledge it has not been used to treat knee arthritis, it has been shown to be effective for Navicular disease, ringbone, and hock arthritis. With any luck, it will help Metro's knees too. Metro's owners are realistic, and understand that Metro will never have normal knees. They are just content to see Metro enjoying himself, even if his artistic pastime is not a usual activity for a horse.

If you want to see Metro's artwork go to Gallery 30 in Gettysburg or to [www.paintedbymetro.com](http://www.paintedbymetro.com) or like him on Facebook at Painted By Metro.

*Note: The owners gave permission to use their real names and disclose medical information for this article. The owners also provided Metro's photo.*



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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Gardening already?

**Mary Ann Ryan**  
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er Coordinator and a mother of  
daughter who did not get a horse  
for Christmas

As we watch the temperatures drop, then rise, then drop again, we gardeners long for the spring that is right around the corner – or so we hope. But there are things we can do in addition to looking through those seed catalogs that can get us in the dirt and allow us to be ready for an early garden.

Cole, Cool, Cold. These three words are often used interchangeably in the gardening world. This time of year, many of us spend hours looking at seed catalogs, sketching our

new gardens, rotating crops on paper, and talking to one another about cool (or is that cold or cole?) season crops that we can start early, as soon as the ground has thawed.

Let's first determine how we should use these words when talking plants. Cool crops refer to plants that can be planted in our area in early spring. These plants are happiest when daytime temperatures are between the mid 50's through low 60's. Some of these crops would be peas, broccoli, cauliflower, chard, carrots, onions, potatoes, spinach, lettuce, and cabbage. Some of these are best started in the garden as transplants, others as seeds, yet others as bulbs or tubers.

Cold crops often refer to those crops that we could grow in the winter months with a season extender like a low hoop house. While in our area we probably couldn't grow all winter long, we certainly could prolong the growing season well into December, and begin in March. "Cold" is a term we typically would use in late fall when extending our gardening season through early winter.

Cole crops refer to a plant family. This plant family is the mustard family, the Brassicas. This plant family includes broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, brussel sprouts, kale, cabbage, and others. Notice any similarity? That's right, the Brassicas (cole crops) are cool crops as listed above among leafy crops and root crops and are also tolerant as cold crops. You can easily see why these terms are confused or used interchangeably.

Knowing the proper use of these terms is helpful to when starting a garden early in the spring, prior to last frost date, or continuing it late in the fall after first frost. The average last frost date in our area is April 30, so when considering starting seeds or setting transplants in the garden, this date is important to know as seed starting, whether indoors or out, becomes dependent on that date.

Because cool crops are tolerant of cool temperatures as well as a few



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frosts, we can plant our cole crops, root crops, bulb crops and leafy crops prior to the last frost date. There is one caution, though, when starting seeds in the garden early. We must be sure the ground isn't saturated with water, as this will rot our seeds and we will have to start over.

Cole Crops. Broccoli, cauliflower, kale and brussel sprouts are all cole crops that we can start early. Since we are looking to transplant plants into the garden by early April, sometimes even as early as late March, we can start our seeds indoors in late February. It takes up to 8 weeks to for a transplant of the cole crops to be hardy enough to set outside. The important part of starting seeds indoors

is the sunlight, so choose the seed starting location wisely. The sunniest window, with the warmest temperature should work well. Use a potting soil mix for the medium and keep the seeds well watered, but not too wet, as you don't want them to rot.

After the seedlings emerge and have formed their true leaves, you may want to transplant them into a bigger pot for a stockier plant. Keeping the plants in the sun is key to good starter plants. Then when the time is right to transplant, you can help the transplant adapt to the outside temperatures by setting them out during the day, and bringing them in at night for about a week, then you'll be ready to go!

The other option is to buy your transplants from a reputable garden center. That reduces the work up-front for starting the seeds, however, it doesn't allow great selection when it comes to varieties, so depending on how particular you may be, starting seeds could be the answer.

Root Crops. Not only are the "cole" crops "cool" crops, but we can start some of our root crops early as well; things like turnips, carrots, radishes and even beets can be started prior to the last frost date. These can be direct seeded into the garden. If you took time in the fall to cover your garden with mulch or compost, the soil should just about be ready to plant – maybe a bit of digging to turn over the compost will all you'll need to do before seeding.

Tubers. Potatoes can be planted early too. It can take up to three weeks for the potato plant to emerge, so planting them by late March in our area is common. You can purchase seed potatoes from catalogs or reputable garden centers. Potatoes should be planted in soil that has been worked or tilled with few rocks. Loose soil will allow for the tubers to develop properly. Digging furrows that are as much as 10"-12" deep will keep the potatoes underground as they develop.

Bulbs. Bulb crops can also be planted early. Crops like onions do very well when planted in early April. These can be started from seed indoors now, or you can get onion sets when you are ready to plant in April. If starting onion seeds indoors, the same considerations are needed for onions seeds as they were for cole crops. A sunning window and even watering will allow for the

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Small Town Gardener To buy, or not to buy

Marianne Willbrun

I was posed an interesting question recently. I said my examiner, "If you had to pick one purchase you have made that cost a good deal of money, but constantly contributed to the joy and fullness of your life what would it be?"

I had to think for a minute or two. I am teased for my frugality, but being frugal as a rule often allows one the occasional splurge - and certainly we have had a few, mostly centering around the restoration of our home and garden. Somewhere in that nine-year mess of plaster and paint and hundreds of nursery pots was the answer - I was sure of it - but what was the project?

When you take on the restoration of an old house, you are usually faced with a small amount of money and a disproportionately large amount of projects. These are often jobs that you will never be able to "sell-on" to another buyer in the far-off future. Discerning homebuyers expect that wiring shouldn't require the use of porcelain supports and will be able to handle more than two floor lamps and a small toaster; and a weak stream of brown bath water dribbling from rusty pipes just doesn't cut it.

And then, there are walls and floors and ceilings and cabinetry, not to mention plants and trees and fences. Every single job highlights four others in equal need of attention. Eventually, the money slows to a trickle, priorities are shifted...and yet you had such plans for a working fireplace, or a bathroom addition, or clapboard siding....or...a deck.

That was my special something I decided, standing there, musing over garden walls and slate floors and light switches that switched, not sizzled. A deck. And not just a deck but a deck that fluidly connected our lives in the garden with our lives indoors. Six years have passed and I wouldn't replace it with the zoned climate system we once considered, nor put the money back against the rapidly dissipating home equity we borrowed from to fund it.

My love affair with my deck begins in the early spring. Cold frames hold great colonies of four inch pots, waiting for warmed soil and a sunny Saturday. As the season progresses, tarps are lifted from ancient tables and chairs, lettuce seeds are liberally distributed in washtubs, window boxes are installed and prepped with the first pansies. The first glasses of Sauvignon Blanc are raised in toast by happy friends shivering in the lengthening evenings.

Summer brings more plants and more friends. The hammock has been stretched and usually hosts a child or a dog, or a husband playing hooky from seasonal chores. Breakfasts

are enjoyed in the sunshine and dinners are enjoyed under the stars. How sweet my little town looks in the evening, all lights and steeples, rooftops and towering trees! Citronella candles are lit and unreasonably chilled guests that wish to stay inside are mercilessly teased until they grab a spare cardigan and conform.

But autumn doesn't bring an end to our lives on the deck. A low fire now burns in the fire pit, wire hangers are bent and endless marshmallows are roasted. My husband and I often find ourselves laying in the hammock under a blanket when the children have gone to bed, staring at the night sky and wondering where twenty years have gone - and where the next twenty might take us.

In the winter, the deck acts as an extra refrigerator, storing pots of broth that need to be canned the next day, or for beverages earmarked for a Marti Gras party in deepest February. A plastic tote holds hundreds of pounds of wood pellets for easy access, and a large tub of parsley fights the good fight until late January. On a mild evening I wrap up and watch the winter sun set over the Virginia ridge and say a quiet thank you for the blessings in my life.

The actual cost of our deck doesn't begin to reflect the amount of joy it brings us. Yet there are other splurges we've made that did nothing more than empty our pockets and forever symbolize the fleeting fancy of desire. But how does one discern the difference between them before the check is written?

Ask yourself whether a proposed purchase reflects the type of person you are, or merely who you wish to be. There are plenty of empty, lifeless decks spotted through suburban neighborhoods that attest to self-delusion; and indeed many other expensive toys that, for some reason, didn't fundamentally change the nature of the person who paid for them. Before you slap down hundreds, or thousands for that matter, on that 'one thing' that will change your life - remember that true change comes from within, and our best purchases only expand the lives we already lead.

Eleven years ago at the beginning of a devastating layoff, my 'deck' was a \$150 glider rocker with which to rock my newborn daughter to sleep. It still sits in the family room and makes me smile when she climbs into it now with long lanky legs and pink fingernails. Your 'deck' may be a fabulous \$15 camel hair coat you found at a yard sale, or an \$800 patio with a few pots and a reading chair. Take a few moments to think about it, and then contrast that purchase with one of those impulse buys that didn't quite change your life, but made a large dent in your bank account.

It may just make you think before you swipe the card next time.

seeds to germinate. When purchasing onion seeds, be sure to do a little research. There are long day onions and short day onions. In our area, we want the long day onions.

Leafy crops. Spinach, lettuce, mustard greens and other leafy crops do very well when direct seeded in early April. Although there has been some work done on varieties of leafy crops that are more tolerant of the heat of the summer, nothing really beats the taste of salad greens, ready to eat from the garden, in early May. Direct sown in the garden is all that is needed for great greens.

Perennial Crops. And what about asparagus, rhubarb and horseradish? All of these crops are perennial, which means they come up year after year. If you are considering starting a patch of either of these perennial crops, you may want to get your order in now. It seems that if you wait too long, you'll miss another season of planting. Perennial crops are quite easy to maintain. You do need to keep up with the weeds, as they will compete for moisture and nu-

trients necessary for the perennial crops to produce good yields. Both asparagus and rhubarb are harvested early in the season, so if starting your perennial vegetable patch this spring, you will need to wait a year before reaping the benefits of the planting.

Peas are a cool season crop. This vegetable is not tolerant of the summer heat and has its best flavor when grown in the spring. Direct sowing in the garden in early April will allow you to harvest the peas and still get in a summer crop of beans, tomatoes or cucumbers (among others).

So consider starting some seeds indoors. A caution if you are starting this early, you must work with cool season crops as discussed here, not summer crops. Tomatoes and peppers are best left till April! Not only will you get a head start on your garden, you'll be able to select exactly what varieties you wish to grow, and start playing in the soil now!

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## CIVIL WAR HISTORY

# The invasion of Pennsylvania

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## Part 3

After General Hooker learned of his resignation had been accepted after midnight on June 28th, General George Meade was appointed commander of the Army of the Potomac. Not liking the layout of the Army of the Potomac on South Mountain as well those encamped near Frederick; General Meade started withdrawing his forces off of South Mountain and ordered them to Frederick. Later that day, General Meade issued his marching orders to march northward to Emmitsburg, Taneytown and Union Mills. He wasn't sure of General Lee's intentions as far as attacking York and Baltimore or swinging back down the valley and maybe attacking Frederick and on to Washington. The worst possible scenario for General Lee would be to make a stand at South Mountain in Pennsylvania. By ordering the Union Army northward, General Meade would have control of every road leading to Baltimore, Frederick or even Washington.

By June 28, General James Longstreet and Ambrose P. Hill's corps were at Chambersburg, while the divisions of General Richard Ewell's corps had crossed South Mountain and were located at York and Carlisle, and were preparing to move against Harrisburg. The next day on the 29th, while in Chambersburg, Lee had learned that the Army of the Potomac was at Frederick, and that General Joseph Hooker had resigned and was replaced by General George

Meade. General Lee decided to bring his entire army to the east-side of South Mountain and if given the offer, he would fight it out there. General Lee also issued orders to General Ewell to concentrate his corps and move them southward toward Gettysburg or Cashtown.

Since most of General Ewell's Corps was already at their attended destinations, General Hill began to move some of his divisions to Cashtown. General Henry Heth's Division would encamp at and around Cashtown on the eastern edge of South Mountain. South Mountain acting as a barrier, the rest of General Hill's Corps as well as the divisions of General Longstreet's Corps would be forced to encamp of the western side of South Mountain.

As General Lee was on the march, General George Meade began to move his army north, on June 29th, General Meade ordered his army as follows: The First and Eleventh Corps were to cover the mountain areas marching along the foot of the Catoctin Mountain to Emmitsburg and then into Pennsylvania. The Second Corps was to march to Uniontown. The Third and Twelfth Corps were to march to Taneytown sending the Twelfth Corps to Bruceville. The Fifth Corps was to march to Libertytown and the Sixth Corps was to march to New Windsor. The First and Second Cavalry Brigades of the First Cavalry Division was to move from Frederick to Monterey Pass and then onto Fairfield. The Reserve Cavalry Brigade of the First Cavalry Division was to march to Thurmont. The Second Cavalry Division



was to march to New Windsor and the Third Cavalry Division was to march from Frederick to Littlestown and the Artillery Reserve was to march from Frederick to Bruceville. General Meade himself would encamp at Middleburg that night.

Private M. S. Schroyer of the 147th Pennsylvania recalled: "While passing thru Frederick we first learned that General Hooker had been relieved of command of the Army of the Potomac. While marching along rumors were afloat that General McClellan, the idol of the Army of the Potomac, was again recalled to take command. Cheer after cheer was given for Little Mack, as he was familiarly called. Every one seemed to look to him to lead the army on to victory. We learned later on of the appointment of General Meade. All knew of General Meade's sterling worth as a soldier and all had confidence in him as a leader. The entire army had concentrated at Frederick City and so far as we know General Hooker's plans were not changed in the least by General Meade."

Lt. Colonel Rufus R. Dawes of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry wrote about the Union advance toward Pennsylvania: "We left South Mountain in great haste on the 28th and marched to Frederick through a drizzling rain as usual. Next day we moved from Frederick to Emmitsburg, Md., and today we came here, where we are having a muster for pay. I don't think I ever before saw at this time of the year such a long continued, misty, drizzling storm as we have been marching through since we crossed the Potomac. General Meade as commander of the army was a surprise."

Lieutenant William Wheeler of the 13th New York Bat-

tery also reflected on the movements of the Army of the Potomac. "The artillery took a road for itself that day, in order not to be encumbered by the infantry, and we made a march of about thirty miles to reach Jefferson City, where we camped in long, wet grass, exposed to a heavy rain storm. The next morning my Battery marched with one brigade to Burkettsville which lies at the foot of South Mountain, and was the scene of the battle of that name in last September. We passed through Frederick after nightfall, and did not see the place; the next day we marched to Emmitsburg and rested there, preparatory to the approaching conflict."

The Federal cavalry and Battery A of the 2nd U.S. Artillery under John Buford moved toward Pennsylvania investigating the Confederate forces in the area. General Buford left Middletown and took the National Pike to Boonsboro, Maryland where he then took the road to Smithsburg; from there he traveled up to Monterey Pass. As General John Buford stood at the opening of Monterey Pass through South Mountain, overlooking the Cumberland Valley, he saw the dust in the background toward the mountains in the Greencastle area. At this time it was evident to General Buford that a major battle would soon erupt in south-central Pennsylvania.

From Monterey Pass, General Buford traveled to Fountain Dale and that evening using the highest point, he looked down the valley toward Fairfield, and saw the campfires of those troops belonging to General Henry Heth's Division of General A.P. Hill's Corps. From there, General Buford counter-marched back to Fountain Dale and traveled toward Emmitsburg where, he would inform General John Reynolds of the situation.

As General Hill's Corps began to move, the march over South Mountain at Cashtown Gap was hard. With so many troops of Hill's Corps on the eastern side of South Mountain, General Longstreet was not able to get his entire corps across, leaving General George Pickett's Division who was still in Chambersburg behind the wagon train of General Ewell's Corps in which they were guarding. The next day, both armies were converging upon Gettysburg and a battle was set to commence the next day. General Longstreet finally managed to get his corps across South Mountain, was able to start deploying troops at Gettysburg during the evening of July 1st. Some of his corps such as Pickett's Division did not reach the battlefield until July 2nd.

During the battle of Gettysburg, General Wesley Merritt and his cavalry were ordered near Thurmont, Maryland (Called Mechanicstown during the Civil War), after being ordered to guard Harman's Pass on the Catoctin Mountain and watching Wolf's Tavern Pass upon South Mountain. These soldiers were the Army of the Potomac's U.S. Cavalry. The U.S. Cavalry was to guard and to protect the roadways and communication lines in the vicinity of Mechanicstown. Its duty was also to guard the Army of the Potomac's supply wagons consisting of an aggregating ten thousand four hundred wagons. A dispatch came to General Merritt on July 2nd to move forward with the wagon train to Emmitsburg, Maryland. General Merritt then received orders to meet with General Judson Kilpatrick on the battlefield of Gettysburg that night.

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# HISTORY

## Glimpses of Fairfield Area's Past

### Interesting Facts About Early Times

#### Part 2 of many

#### Fairfield and the Surrounding Area

The beautiful apple and peach blossoms in the spring on the hill-sides and the fields being plowed and planted, makes one pause and take in all the color and freshness, for this is Fairfield and its surrounding area.

Moving back to the middle 1700's the picture differs with scattered log cabins and settlers in the fields scratching out a living from the newly made fields and meadows.

John Miller of Castle County on the Delaware acquired land in Carroll's Delight, Maryland, as shown by an indenture dated December 19, 1755 from Charles Carroll of Annapolis in the province of Maryland. In 1786, John Miller sold three lots in the town. Later, in 1787, two lots were sold, and in 1793 three lots, and again, two lots in 1796.

William, his son, became the new proprietor of the plantation after the death of John Miller in 1794. Behind the beautiful stone manor house, the barn still stands with the date marker of 1791. The Miller plantation house became a tavern and inn. Although it has changed ownership many times, it is still being operated today as a tavern and inn.

Tavern keepers in 1753 displayed a sign stating that during the period of their licenses they may not "suffer any drunkenness, unlawful gaming, or sell any liquor to the Indians to debauch or hurt them, but in all things shall well and truly observe and practice all laws and orders of province to the business of tavern keeping belonging."

In 1801, Squire Miller had the land surveyed and plotted for a town. It was named Millerstown, but the post Office rejected the name since a town of Millerstown

already existed on the Juniata River. However, Fairfield for many years was also referred to as Millerstown.

The hills and mountains could tell many secrets of past history as they overlooked the Indians hunting and tilling the soil, of the wars which were fought, of the settlers taking up residence, of villages being planned, the rise of saw, grit and grist mills along the creeks, the coming of roads, taverns, day stops and drovers inns along the way. These mountains viewed the struggles and hardships of the pioneers along with the happiness in this new country.

Two miles south of Fairfield another community flourished and faded in the early years of this area. McKessensburg as shown on the 1792 map of York County, lay along the road and Tom's Creek at the foot of Jack's Mountain. A number of McKessens lived in this area, operated a sawmill on Tom's Creek and collected quitrents from those who bought their lots and lent their name to the community. For almost fifty years this village existed as shown by tax receipts and a later 1821 map which called it "McKissen."

Further south over Jack's Mountain road at the intersection of the Emmitsburg and Waynesboro road was Fountindale. From 1842 to 1854 a Lutheran Church and cemetery were located at this site. The church was dismantled and the stones used to build a house close by. The cemetery has persisted to the present time although a portion was recently covered by the Sunshine Trail road construction. Over the years the community of Fountindale has moved westward several miles.

Moving eastward towards Emmitsburg is the intersection for Track Road, which passed through Carrollsburg and into Carroll's Delight. Going north along Track Road is the old Car-

rollsburg Cemetery in Liberty Township. In the 1830's this land belonged to the Zimmerman family (Carpenter). Both names are used in identifying this community cemetery. Besides the family names, others such as Eiker, Topper, McDevit, Krise, Overholtzer, and Loman are buried there. The earlier settlers of this land were the Cochrans and the Porters.

Southwest of Fairfield, between Jack's Mountain and Culp Ridge, flows Tom's Creek with hemlocks drooping gracefully over the edge of the water. Here one effort was made to exploit some of the local natural resources. A group of men, Thaddeus Stevens, Colonel James D. Paxton, John B. McPherson and General Thomas Craig Miller, organized a company to mine the iron ore, smelt the iron and produce some manufactured outputs. It was called Maria Furnace after Colonel Paxton's wife. The furnace was not too successful because the stove plates which were produced were too brittle and the iron was of a low-grade. In two years, McPherson and Miller sold out their holdings. The furnace was abandoned in 1836.

During this period, Thaddeus Stevens introduced legislation in the state to build a railroad southwest from Gettysburg. Stevens' political opponents named it the 'Tapeworm Railroad' for its meandering nature. The roadbed wandered around the mountains touching many of Stevens' properties and greatly extending the length of the road. Finally, after upwards of a million dollars had been spent, the funds were shut off and no track was ever laid on the bed.

Further out, at the beginnings of Tom's Creek near Kepner's Knob, lies Snyder's Cemetery. Quite lacking in care, many of the stones are without names, just plain stone.



Fairfield~1912

One of the stone markers has Elizabeth Snyder, born 1700, and another, Nancy Mackley.

Northeasterly, towards Gettysburg, are a few of the cemeteries used by the first settlers in the latter part of the 18th century. Lower Marsh Creek or "Sanders" burying ground is near the junction of Big and Little Marsh Creek in High land Township. Burials date back to 1749. Some of the family names here are, McCullough, Stewart, Morrow, Hart, Wilson, Agnew, Withrow, Slemons, Porter, Cunningham, Alexander, Reed, and McKesson.

Old Marsh Creek Cemetery, also called "McClellans" lies on the bank of the creek along Black Horse Tavern Road. A short way from the bridge on the Fairfield Road'. The McClellan family who were originally buried there have since been removed with their headstones to Evergreen cemetery in Gettysburg. Other family names Wele, Kincaid, McDonough, Crawford, Cross and Dunwoodie, along with many others.

#### Jack's Mountain

A very dominant feature of the Fairfield Area is Jack's Mountain. Only a few miles southwest of Fairfield rises one of the larger mountains in the lower Adams County area called Jack's Moun-

tain, a part of the South Mountain range. Much local history occurred on the slopes of, at the foot of, and in the valley adjoining Jack's Mountain. Its name apparently came from a local settler by the name of Jack.

One of the earliest land grants containing the name Jack's Mountain was issued in 1792 to Dr. James Crawford. This grant was for two land sections on top of Jack's Mountain totaling 41 1/2 acres and joined together by a narrow land corridor. A probable explanation for this grant was the establishment of a base for the extraction of ores or minerals.

Atop the southwest portion of Jack's Mountain a Mr. Thompson mined low-grade copper ore, which was not commercially profitable. This was the plight of a number of other copper mines in this vicinity. However, just east of Iron Springs, iron was successfully mined and smelted, and manufactured items, such as stoves, were produced at Maria Furnace from 1826 to 1838.

As with all mountains, this one got in the way of the people trying to get around. However, travel and transportation networks did develop to bring them together.

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# OBITUARIES

## Frances Louise Eldredge



Frances Louise Baer Eldredge, 84, of Emmitsburg died peacefully Friday, January 18, 2013 at Gettysburg Hospital Center in Gettysburg. Born May 19, 1928 in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Raymond F. and Anna E. Knell Baer. She was the wife of the late Gordon R. Eldredge, who died in 1978.

Frances served as county clerk in Barnstable County, MA many years ago. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg. She enjoyed spending time with her many nieces and nephews.

Surviving are brother, Walter Hafner, Jr. and wife Ann, of Newark, DE; sisters-in-law, Frances Baer of Ellicott City, and Pat Hafner of York, PA; brothers-in-law, Louis Fallon, Jr. of Virginia, and Leo Tate, Sr., of York, PA; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by siblings, Mary Ann Baer, Raymond Baer, Doris Fallon, John Baer and wife, Rosalie, Joan Baer, Jeanne Tate, and Richard Hafner.

Inurnment will be in Island Pond Cemetery in Harwich. Arrangements are by Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Emmitsburg, and Doane, Beal and Ames Funeral Home in West Harwich, MA. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).

## Mary Ledlie Rial Cunningham



Mary Ledlie Rial Cunningham passed peacefully at home on December 23, 2012 in Oakland. A devoted mother and wonderful friend to so many, Ledlie was born in Pittsburgh to Marie Gloninger and Dr. Bruce Poole Rial on September 7, 1917, the third of four daughters.

Revered as the family "Matriarch," she was the highlight at family gatherings. She started her education in the little red schoolhouse near the Emmitsburg Grotto of Lourdes then moved to Europe with her family where she was educated in Italy, Switzerland then France before returning to Emmitsburg to evade the winds of war and graduated from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg.

Ledlie's fascinating life found its roots in Italy, Switzerland and France where she attended boarding schools and developed her special talents in languages and sport. Her fluency in French, German and Italian not only made her indispensable during family travels in Europe and homework assignments; it made her a valuable asset to the military during and after WWII.

She served as an interpreter and spy for the Office of Strategic Services. She was trained during the London Blitzkrieg under the tutelage of Arthur Schlesinger, and then carried out post-war assignments in France and Germany.

During the post-war investigations and the prosecution of war crimes in Germany, she translated documents relating to the Catholic Church and the Nazis as well as transcripts from the Nuremberg trials. These experiences and talents, coupled with her philosophical insights into humanity and life, enabled her to make meaningful contributions in her civilian life as well.

She was married on July 8,



1950 to John L. Cunningham, a U. S. Army officer who served in both WW II and the Korean War. During the first ten years of her marriage, she lived in the Washington, DC area and worked for the Red Cross. She accompanied her husband during his assignments to Camp Ritchie, Camp Meade and Ft. Holabird, Maryland and to Oberammergau, Germany for several years.

She resided in the Blue Ridge Summit, PA area from 1968 until the last two years of her life when she moved to California. An active member of her community, Ledlie held volunteer positions at St. Rita's Catholic Church and the Blue Ridge Summit Garden Club. Catholicism was a central theme and a core value she held throughout her life. She loved singing and traveling with the St. Joseph's Church Choir.

In 1974, a memorable moment in her life included singing for the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton at the Vatican. An additional, special religious experience included a 1987 pilgrimage to Carmel CA where she received communion from Pope John Paul II. In 2004, during the dedication of the WW II Memorial in Washington, DC, she coordinated the foreign language interpreters assisting the non-English speaking attendees.

Ledlie is survived by her six children Larry, James Ledlie, Philip, Francesca, Mark and Christian Cunningham, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband John, daughter Aileen, grandson Michael and three sisters: Mimi Borst, Rebecca McKenna and Aileen Schwartz.

An eternal optimist with an uncanny ability to overcome adversity, she was the source of great inspiration to those who knew her and witnessed this sterling example of the unfailing human spirit. Her enduring "joie de vivre" knew no bounds.

A graveside ceremony at the St. Anthony Shrine Cemetery on Grotto Road and Memorial Service at St. Anthony's Church are being scheduled for May 2013.

## Jeremiah P. Conway



Jeremiah P. Conway of Orrtanna passed away at Gettysburg Hospital on Monday, January 14th.

Jeremiah was born on September 5, 1918 in New Haven, Connecticut, son of the late Patrick Conway and Nora Courtney. He grew up and lived most of his life in New York City before moving to Pennsylvania seven years ago.

He attended La Salle Academy, Dunwoodie Seminary and Cathedral College. He worked at the New York Daily News where he met his wife, Gertrude Tobin, to whom he was married for fifty-five years. He is predeceased by his parents and sister, Patricia Tobin. He is survived by his brother, William and his two children, Jeremiah Conway (Portland, Maine) and Trudy Conway (Orrtanna), their spouses Nazaré (Matos) originally of Portugal and Huschang Banan originally of Iran, and his four grandchildren, Brendan and Patrick Conway and Sedra and Daniel Banan.

He received a fine classical education which instilled a lifelong love of inquiry and reading, especially of poetry and literature. He was an enthusiastic assistant to his wife's lifelong teaching vocation at St. Anne's Parish School in Flushing New York. He collaborated with his wife on field trips, student activities, plays, even playing Santa for her students. He was a gifted athlete in multiple sports but especially baseball, pitching in high school and college and proudly was invited to try out for the NY Yankees. Anyone who knew him heard multiple times that he pitched in Yankee Stadium. He and his wife traveled ex-

tensively in the U.S., the Caribbean and Europe and instilled in their children a deep appreciation of foreign cultures, religions and people. He reveled in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, moving up and down the East Coast for every significant event of their lives.

He was an extremely social man and loved being in the company of friends, telling stories, sharing jokes and entertaining as many as possible — true to his Irish heritage. While he deeply missed New York, he came to treasure this area due to its beauty and primarily the local community that embraced him. His participation in the Fairfield senior citizens exercise class was his ticket to joyful friendship. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church in Fairfield on January 18th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Francis Breadline (135 West 31st Street, New York, New York 10001-3439), an organization he supported throughout his entire life. Online condolences and tributes may be made at [mohanfuneralhome.com](http://mohanfuneralhome.com).

## James "Jef" E. Fitzgerald, Sr.



James E. "Jef" Fitzgerald, Sr., 70, of Emmitsburg, MD died Thursday, January 10, 2013 at Gettysburg Hospital Center in Gettysburg, PA.

Born April 9, 1942 in Gettysburg, he was the son of the late Frank and Julia (Topper) Fitzgerald. He was the husband of Beverly Kelly Fitzgerald, to whom he was married for 49 years.

Jef was a graduate of St. Joseph High School, class of 1960 and attended Mount Saint Mary's University. He was a construction engineer and part owner of Frederick Contractors. He was a life member of Vigilant Hose Company, serving the community of Emmitsburg for over 55 years.

Jef held the position of president at the fire company 9 times. He was also a past-president of the Frederick County Fireman's Association. He loved spending time with his family, friends and his two golden retrievers, Hank and Belle. He also enjoyed keeping records on the family genealogy.

Surviving in addition to his wife are sons James E. Jr. and Kevin J. Fitzgerald of Emmits-

burg, MD; sisters, Peg Arcidicono and husband, Tom, of Hagerstown, Elizabeth Garner of Emmitsburg, Josephine O'Rourke and husband, Ed, of Augusta, GA, and Anna Jeanne Virbal and husband, Paul, of Delmont, PA; brother-in-law, Hugh Rocks of Berwyn, PA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by sisters, Patricia Rocks and Dorothy Coleman. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at January 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with the Rev. Charles F. Krieg, C.M. serving as celebrant. Interment followed at New St. Joseph Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).

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## COLD WAR WARRIORS

# Was it real?

Major Ted Streefer, USA Ret.

In my previous article I mentioned standing in front of the Kremlin, gazing in awe at the huge red star that sat atop the building. It was almost a religious experience. There I was, at the center of international communism- our worldwide, monolithic enemy during the Cold War. The center of a nation bent on the subjugation of the western world and the transformation of its citizens into robotic figures in a socialist world. In thinking thusly, I was echoing the overwhelming opinion of western civilization – that the Soviet Union was a huge bear, ready to pounce and devour at the first sign of weakness. Always probing for soft spots in the West.

But then was then and now is now- and now..... I'm not so sure. Before I go farther, I must issue a caveat. I am neither a Sovietologist nor a trained historian. I was, from 1961 until 1995, merely a participant in the east-west conflict. Therefore, what I will offer in this article, is a Wikipedia of ideas. A series of questions and answers, compiled from my own observations as well as those of others. I will leave it to the reader to accept or reject them.

### Was the USSR a Monolithic Empire?

The first question I would ask is

whether the Soviet empire really was as monolithic and unified in purpose as it was portrayed in the West. I would submit that it was not. The obvious example is the Peoples' Republic of China (PRC) which proclaimed its undying comradeship with the Soviets when Mao took power in 1949. But, as we saw, that lasted for about six years at which point a rupture took place and almost culminated in a nuclear exchange before an uneasy truce was achieved. But, the question applies more subtly I believe to the Soviet's empire in Eastern Europe- commonly referred to as the "Soviet Bloc". Although the term implies monolithism, the reality in my opinion, was anything but.

Look at the means by which the Soviets gained dominance over Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and Albania (I purposely do not include Yugoslavia). In the northern states, dominance occurred by outright military invasion and occupation during World War II. In the southern states, it resulted largely from a deal gone bad that was crafted by the Western Allies. A deal which granted the Soviets hegemony in the south, which allowed them to install their own

puppet leaders. While these leaders remained loyal to the Kremlin, their people were anything but- as evidenced by the 1953 East German uprising, the 1956 Hungarian revolt, the 1968 "Prague Spring", and the continuous military occupation of Poland.

### Was the Soviet Union Aggressive?

That situation impacts directly on the next issue, commonly referred to as "Soviet Aggression". Was the Soviet Union really as aggressive as it was portrayed by the west? Despite such statements as Nikita Khrushchev's, "We will bury you!", and other saber rattling by the Soviets, I would argue that it was not. But what about the supposed Soviet attempts to spread communism worldwide? Let's take a look at that picture.

When, as Churchill famously declared that an Iron Curtain had descended over Europe "from Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic", the world became firmly divided into "two armed camps"- Washington vs. Moscow. An understanding was quickly reached, whereby each side was free to act as it pleased in its own sphere of influence without risk of significant or meaningful interference from the other. An unspoken protocol was established. Eisenhower, despite calls to do so, refrained from physical involvement in the 1956 Hungarian uprising. The battle between Socialism and Capitalism could take place in non-aligned countries, many of which (e.g. India and Egypt) exploited to their advantage. Washington could act overtly against Soviet incursions in the Western Hemisphere outside of Cuba (Nicaragua, Granada, etc.), but not in Afghanistan, which lay within the Soviet sphere of influence. Similarly, the Soviets recognized that they could not act overtly against the U.S. during our Southeast Asia involvement. Overall, a line was established which both sides understood, and could not be crossed. Khrushchev breached that understanding when he foolishly introduced Ballistic Missiles into Cuba in 1962, thereby bringing the world the closest it has ever been to nuclear war. Fortunately cooler heads prevailed. So, were these and other acts committed by the Soviets "aggression"? No more, I would say, than those committed by the U. S. Of course, the away-team is always labeled as "bandits" and the home-team "freedom fighters", but I would argue that the Moscow-Washington competition was just that – not aggression, and was carefully calculated to avoid open conflict.

Imagine being in the Politburo in 1945, gazing westward out the window, and seeing (if you could) 1500 miles of flat, open terrain – nothing between Moscow and the German border except excellent country for armor and mechanized infantry operations. You would recall that in the previous 150 years alone (and before that



A 1955 map of the Warsaw Pact and NATO.

as well), the motherland had been successfully invaded across that very same terrain, in 1812 by Napoleon, and in both World Wars by the Germans. In each instance, the only thing that saved Russia was its winter. Can you take the chance that it won't happen again? That would be unwise. But, obviously, although you can't change the terrain you can change the borders. By expanding them as much as possible- you can create a well fortified buffer zone through which an enemy must fight before reaching the Russian border. The question is how to do it?

### A Soviet Buffer Zone- the Warsaw Pact

I briefly discussed this previously, but will now indulge myself in a short review. Gaining control in northern Europe was not much of a problem. Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia really didn't count. They were occupied by the Russians with little objection from the West. Likewise, occupation of Germany by the Soviets was also a fait accompli and was legitimized when Germany was divided into four zones of occupation. Poland, however, was another problem. Not only did it have a history of democracy, but during World War II, ex-patriate Polish divisions had fought with the Allies and there was a legitimate government (the London Poles) resident in England. To get around this sticky point, the Soviets simply set up their own government (the Lublin Poles), that they claimed truly represented the interests of the Polish people. That government conducted elections which, of course, the Communists won, and that was that. Parenthetically, I worked in NATO with a German officer who, as a child, walked 400 miles from Danzig to Germany during the summer of 1945 to avoid being subjected to Soviet rule. He was certainly not alone.

In the south - Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, etc. - presented a different, but not insurmountable problem. They had not been occupied by Allied forces but had, in fact, been virtually ceded to the Soviet sphere of influence by Churchill in accordance with his "balance of power" theory.

Rather than use overt military occupation as they had in the north, which occurred during active hostilities and couldn't really be justified now that the war was over, the Soviets resorted to "agit-prop" (a Russian acronym for Agitation and Propaganda) and other means of organizing small, dedicated, cadres of true believers, along with a series of mysterious disappearances and "suicides" of pro-western government officials. By 1949 all of Eastern Europe lay behind the Iron Curtain and within the "Soviet Bloc".

A couple of interesting asides. First, while the leadership of the Soviet Bloc was decidedly Communist- the people were not, as previously noted by the uprisings that took place in East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland. The exception to this pattern was Bulgaria, which placidly accepted Soviet domination. Why the exception? There had always been a "big brother – little brother" relationship between the two slavic peoples. The Bulgarians, for instance were the only country outside of Russia to use the Cyrillic alphabet. But, another example is, I believe, more telling. You will recall that the election in 1981 of John Paul II as the first Polish Pope presented a serious threat to Soviet domination of overwhelmingly Catholic Poland. And, you will recall that his would-be assassin was Bulgarian. A Soviet connection? I'd bet on it!

Secondly, there was Yugoslavia. The Soviets never occupied Yugoslavia because Marshal Tito, a dedicated Communist, threatened open resistance if it were attempted. And, as the Germans learned, the Yugoslavs were excellent guerrilla fighters. So, the Soviets wisely thought better of provoking that conflict and left the Yugoslavs alone. Again, parenthetically, the Yugoslavs had one of the best intelligence services of the Soviet Bloc.

So, by 1949 the Soviets had their buffer zone - Eastern Europe - firmly in their grasp, and insured it by constructing a physical barrier, culminating in the Berlin Wall, from north to south. Although the barrier was ostensibly to prevent socialism from being tainted by capitalism - in reality it served



A western cartoon showing eastern bloc citizens being cut off from the rest of the post-WWII world by the Iron Curtain.



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to stop the hemorrhage of eastern citizens who were deserting the socialist paradise.

### The Warsaw Pact – Alliance for Aggression?

Military consolidation occurred in 1955 with the establishment of the Warsaw Pact. Again, like the term “world communism”, “Warsaw Pact” assumes a monolithic force of Russians, Poles, Czechs, and Hungarians. Dedicated Communists poised to strike as one at Western Europe given the slightest opportunity. But, is this assumption valid? Was the Warsaw Pact an organization of aggression? For that matter could it be?

I think not for the following reasons.

First, personnel. We all remember the U.S. “hollow army” of the ‘70s. After Vietnam was concluded and the draft was stopped, the U.S. Army Europe consisted largely of half-filled units, rife with racial tension and drugs. But, it is not widely known that the Russians suffered from similar problems. A study of photographs of Russian military units from the ‘60s through the ‘80s will show a gradual demographic shift from purely Caucasian faces – Great Russians and White Russians – to the infusion of more and more Asiatic faces – Tajiks, Azerbaijanis, etc. World War II had killed off many Caucasian Russian, potential parents. When the ‘70s and ‘80s arrived and those who might have been born would have reached the age of military service – there were not enough Russians to fill the draft quotas. Consequently, other sources had to be tapped. This situation resulted in racial tension and unrest in the Soviet ranks, at least equal to that in US units, as evidenced by the many reports we received. Obviously a detracting factor to unit cohesiveness and fighting ability.

There was also the issue of maps – an indication, I believe was one of trust placed in the troops. Each side had Military Liaison Missions on the other’s territory. These units were essentially intelligence collection units although they were

officially deemed to monitor the activities of the opponent. The Soviet Military Liaison Mission (SMLM) (known as the “Smell-ums”) in the German Federal Republic, were based in Frankfurt. Each morning the Soviet Sergeant Major would go to the American PX to pick up a copy of “Stars and Stripes” and, when published, copies of the Army, Navy and Air Force Times to glean information on troop movements, personnel transfers, and other items of interest to the Soviets. At any rate, the Soviets also monitored US and allied field exercises, and were amazed to find that maps were issued to squad leaders, i.e. Corporals and buck Sergeants. In the Soviet system, no one below the grade of Colonel was entrusted with a map. Imagine the difficulties this would produce in maneuvering troops in combat.

A short aside. A German officer told me that on one occasion a SMLM vehicle pulled into the middle of a Bundeswehr (German Federal Defense Force) exercise in which he was participating. A German NCO then pulled two vehicles up tightly on either side of the Soviet car, so they could not get out, and placed a tarpaulin over the vehicle so they could not see. I asked the officer whether the NCO had received a medal for his actions. “No,” he replied. “He was just doing his job.”

Secondly, equipment. No doubt the Soviets produced some fine equipment. The AK-47 is still considered one of the world’s best assault weapons. But, the Soviet weapon philosophy contained two flaws – one in design and the other in its maintenance. As for the first, during my tenure in NATO, I spoke to many German officers who had attended the Indian Defense College. You’ll recall that during the ‘60s and ‘70s India played both sides of the fence, accepting what it could – from both the U.S. and the Soviets. From the latter it received a great deal of military equipment – tanks, armored personnel carriers, etc., – which my acquaintances had the chance to try out. To a person – they told me that the Soviet armor was



Beatlemania in the USSR: Modern communication developments made the youth of the USSR more aware of the realities of life beyond the Iron Curtain.

cramped, poorly organized in terms of controls, awkward, not air-conditioned, etc. This is not to say that armor should have had the amenities of a Greyhound bus, but crew comfort accounts for a lot in sustained combat as I’m sure any tank-er will tell you. In addition, the Soviet Hind helicopter, pictured and feared as a giant flying battleship, could not hover when fully armed. Unlike the US Apache or Cobra helicopters, the Hind had to keep moving at all times, which severely affected its ability to spot, aim, and shoot at targets.

Thirdly, maintenance. The Soviet philosophy on maintenance was directly opposed to that of the U.S., in that they believed that the less equipment was used, the better shape it would be in when needed. Anyone who has stored a car in a garage for months, let alone years, knows the fallacy of that thinking. But the Soviets had huge tank storage barns in which their equipment sat unused. Again, imagine jumping in the vehicle when needed and expecting it to fire up right away. Additionally, in the Soviet T-54/55 tanks at least – the turret had to be removed to service the engine – not an easy thing to do under combat conditions.

Curiously, this “no use” philosophy seemed to extend to the So-

viet Navy as well. While I was on the intelligence watch at the Pacific Command headquarters in Hawaii, we used to watch the Soviets transfer their fleet every six months from Vladivostok, back and forth to Socotra, a spot in the Indian Ocean off the horn of Africa. On each occasion, half the fleet towed the other half. They would then sit for half a year at Socotra, and be towed back to Vlad. Very strange.

Lastly, and in my opinion most importantly, Soviet fears. We’ve recounted how the Soviets came to occupy and subject eastern Europe, and how, as demonstrated in riots and uprisings, the people resented Soviet domination. The Russian political and military commands must have known that the moment the Warsaw Pact forces crossed the border into western Europe, they would have a two-front war on their hands. Who would follow the Russians? The Czechs? The Hungarians? The Poles? While there were undoubtedly loyal Communist officers, what about the average troop? Men who had been inducted against their will to defend a cause they didn’t believe in? To fight for a nation that had subdued their own? I have no doubt that there would have been immediate anti-Soviet uprisings in most, if not all, eastern bloc countries, as evidenced by the fact that they all broke away from the Soviet Union as soon as Gorbachev said he would permit it. And, NATO, by the way, had maps for their pilots – showing safe areas where they could bail out in the east and be protected from capture.

All of the above is a hodgepodge of bits and pieces of information drawn from memory and opinion. But, I believe that, in sum, they dispel the notion that the Soviet Union was an aggressive force capable of and bent on destruction of the West. They had severe limitations and I believe they knew it.

### The Soviet Empire Collapses

By the 1980s, for a number of reasons, the Soviet Union was spent. The Old Bolsheviks had died off; the World War II siege mentality was gone and the command economy had failed. Finally, technology and modern communications

had improved to the point where the younger generation could tune in on the Western media – despite government attempts at jamming. Also, U.S. space and other technical achievements (e.g. moon landing, space shuttle) had far outpaced the Soviet ability to keep up. The telling blow, in my opinion, was Ronald Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), known as “Star Wars”, which I believe to have been a monumental bluff. I just don’t believe that we had the necessary technology to do what SDI said it could, but through hype (I remember seeing a film of a laser punching a hole in a rocket shell) and the Soviets’ knowledge of our past achievements, they became convinced that we could do it and that it would break their bank if they even tried to counter it.

And so, in 1991 the Soviet Empire ended. And a much safer world was created. Was it all a misunderstanding? Was Eisenhower right in warning us of the “military-industrial complex” that allowed defense contractors to make billions? I’ll leave it to somebody else to address those questions. I don’t know.

The final question to me is, “Will it happen again?” Obviously eastern Europe won’t be occupied again, but Russia seems to be heading back toward an authoritarian, dictatorial form of government. A government that chooses to be confrontational with the west. My own answer to the question was voiced by the Beatles – “Let It Be.”

I enjoyed my 35 years in the Cold War intelligence and security business. I would do it again in a heartbeat. Truth be known, I kind of miss it.

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# FIRE COMPANY AWARDS BANQUETS

## Vigilant Hose Company



Incoming Auxiliary President Diana Hoover presents VHC President Tim Clarke with a check for \$40,000.



Bob Rosensteel, Sr. beams with glee as Chief Click presents him with his 50 years of service certificate.



Chief Frank Davis presents the Member of the Year Award to Derek Rosensteel.



Top Responders (L to R): Cliff Shriner, Alex McKenna, Chris McKenna, Derek Rosensteel, Josh Brotherton, Shawn Wetzel, Bob Rosensteel, Jr., Tyler Bennett, Dale Fogle



President Tim Clarke presents the President's Award to Bill Boyd.



Steve Valentine receives his life service award from Chief Davis.

### Vigilant Hose Company Officers for 2013

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 Assistant Secretary Thomas Vaughn

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### Top 10 Length of Service Awards

1. Derek Rosensteel
2. Bill Boyd
3. Cliff Shriner & Tom Vaughn (tie)
4. John Damskey
5. Gene Fauble & Chris McKenna (tie)
6. Josh Brotherton
7. Alex McKenna
8. Tyler Bennett

### Top Ten Responders for 2012

1. Cliff Shriner (283 calls)
2. Alex McKenna (240 calls)
3. Chris McKenna (233 calls)
4. Derek Rosensteel (219 calls)
5. Josh Brotherton (197 calls)
6. Shawn Wetzel (177 calls)
7. Kenny Shoemaker (172 calls)
8. Bob Rosensteel, Jr. (153 calls)
9. Tyler Bennett (150 calls)
10. Dale Fogle (139 calls)

Special thanks to Bob Rosensteel for the photos of VHC banquet

## Rocky Ridge Fire Company



Administrative Officers:  
 Seated (L to R) Dale Kline Sr. - President; Dennis Mathias - Vice President; Melissa Mathias - Secretary; Christina Hurley - Asst. Secretary; Bernard Wivell - Treasurer. Standing: Rev. James Russell - Chaplain; Board of Directors Craig Hovermale, Robert Eyler, & Paulette Mathias; Bonny Hurley - Asst. Treasurer.



Auxiliary President Betty Ann Mumma presents President Dale Kline with a check for \$12,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary.

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# FIRE COMPANY AWARDS BANQUETS

## Harney Fire Company



Harney Fire Company officers for 2013: Bobby Baughman, Lee Bowers, Gene Curfman, Jenning Martin, Richard Yingling, Leonard Bowers, Jeff Sowers, Charles Blocher



Lee Bowers receives his award from Harney Fire Company Chief Donald Yingling.



Chief Donald Yingling presents Richard Yingling with an award for being at the top of the list in the length of service.



Left side: Neil Roop & his fiancé Sena Hohman  
Right side: Dave Bollinger & his wife  
Standing: James Waybright



Harney Fire Company Chief Donald Yingling

### Harney Fire Company Officers for 2013

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Vice President	Charles Blocher
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Secretary	Richard Yingling
Recording Sec.	Robert Baughman
Chaplin	Jennings Martin
Trustees	Larry Bowers, Donald Yingling Jr, Lee Bowers County Delegates Richard Yingling, Jeff Sowers

### Top Ten Responders for 2012

1. Donald Yingling
2. Lee Bowers
3. Donald Yingling JR
4. Bob Baughman
5. Chris Waybright
6. Matt Vosburgh
7. Kyle Nye
8. Mat Nye
9. James Yingling,  
Craig Yingling (tie)
10. Richard Strickhouser

### Top Ten Length of Service Awards

1. Donald Yingling
2. Lee Bowers
3. Donald Yingling JR
4. Bob Baughman
5. Chris Waybright
6. Jim Waybright
7. Leonard Bowers
8. Larry Bowers
9. Richard Yingling
10. Matt Vosburgh



Rocky Ridge Junior Auxiliary Members: Ashley Hurley, Kelsey Mathias, Sadie Finneyfrock, Heather Hurley, Kelly Kaas, and Brienne Combs



Rocky Ridge 4-H members



President Dale Kline presents Helen Burrier with the President's Award.

### Top Ten Responders for 2012

1. Christina Hurley	151	7. Jim Rice	68
2. Bonny Hurley	149	8. Kevin Albaugh	47
Matthew Moser	149	9. Matthew McKeel	40
3. Leon Stover, Jr	133	10. Patrick Reaver	30
4. Alan Hurley	108		
5. John Reese	90		
6. Larry Humerick, Jr.	81		



Alan Hurley – Chief, Larry Humerick, Jr. – 2nd Asst. Chief, Kevin Albaugh – Captain, Jim Rice – 1st Asst. Chief



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# SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

## Budget time

Katie Groth  
Frederick County  
Board of Education

In January, it is budget time for the Board of Education of Frederick County. The Board has just received Superintendent Dr. Theresa Alban's "recommended operating budget for fiscal year 2014." Thus begins the budget process for this year.

Over the years, we have established a process for the development and approval of an

operating budget to run our school system for Fiscal 2014, beginning on July 1, 2013. The process begins with that first presentation by the Superintendent. After that comes time for Board deliberation and citizen input. It also begins the process of looking for ways to fund the various parts of the budget.

The Board will hold a Public Hearing on the FY2014 operating budget on February 6 at Walkersville High School. This will be the time for the public to come forward and let the

Board know what programs and services they believe are most important. The hearing will begin at 6 PM. Subsequently, the Board will have public deliberation of the budget at meetings on February 13 and February 27. During this time, the Board will make modifications to the budget as they see fit.

On March 1, the Board of Education must submit their budget request to the Board of County Commissioners. While it may seem that all will be finalized by this time, the process is far from complete. Neither the Board of County Commissioners nor the Board of Education will know the final budget allocations from the State by that time. We may not have reached final agreements with our employee groups. There are many unanswered questions in March. Usually, we do not have our budget finalized until May.

Just over half of the operating budget for Frederick County Schools comes from the State. Somewhat less than half comes from the County. A small percentage comes from other sources. Dr. Alban's request for

FY2014 totals just over \$547 million. This includes a 4.6% increase over the FY2013 operating budget.

This year, the Board is taking a look at administrative staffing as well as programming to support the requirements of state mandated curriculum and accountability. Due to the implementation of the new Common Core curriculum, much professional development is needed so that our teachers will be completely familiar with the new materials and testing requirements. We have learned that our instructional staff needs support and time to make the necessary changes to maintain the high standards we have come to expect in Frederick County Public Schools.

The Board of County Commissioners has told us that there will not be any more than "Maintenance of Effort," or MOE, available for the school system for next year. That means no additional resources will be given to the school system than we received last year except for funding for increased enrollment. In other words, the

school system will be "flat funded." If that is the case, there will not be money to pay for mandated programs or enhancements we need to provide without cutting something else. What will we have to cut in order to do that?

Frederick County Public Schools spends nearly the lowest amount of money of any county in Maryland for administration, based on pupil enrollment. In other words, we are a "lean machine" when it comes to administration. However, it may be a real challenge to provide support for our instructional staff as we implement new mandated curriculum and other federal and state mandated programs and services if we do not receive necessary funding.

At FCPS, the single most important educational objective is student achievement. Soon, part of a teacher's performance evaluation will be based on the achievement of their students. This is a new requirement from the state which has come from the Race To The Top federal law. Our teachers have been fully apprised of this new initiative and have been part of the development of the accountability guidelines. Training will be provided during the interim period next year and the program will go into effect in the 2014-15 school year. We think this will strengthen student achievement. We think we will see a further narrowing of the achievement gaps which have historically existed between groups of students. We believe public education in Frederick County will be enhanced by this effort.



Public input on our school system's operating budget is very important. Please plan to attend budget hearings and stay in touch with Board of Education members. Let us know what is important to you. Everyone has a stake in our school system and the success of our students. Frederick's 40,000 students belong to all of us!

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## SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

# New experiences, new resources

## What's new at your library

**Erin Dingle, Administrator, Thurmont Regional Library/Emmitsburg Branch Library**

### Celtic Fun

The annual Celtic Fest concert happens on Thursday, March 7 when 'Enter the Haggis' takes the stage at Mount St. Mary's Knott Auditorium. **ADVANCE FREE TICKETS REQUIRED.** Tickets can be obtained (four per person) at either the Thurmont or Emmitsburg libraries. Call 301-447-6329 for more information. This annual event is the Irish critic (Gaelic for fun) that grew and grew from a few people to standing room only last year. With a ticketing system we are hoping to make sure everyone has a seat. Ticket holders must be seated no later than 6:50 pm and after that time, unoccupied seats will be filled by attendees without tickets. Don't delay. Get your ticket today. The auditorium is located on the west side of US 15 (not the sports complex).

### Friend Us the Old Fashioned Way

The Emmitsburg Public Library's rich history continues to expand. An essential source of a library's success is the people who visit and use

it and support it. If you've lived here for many years, you probably have memories of coming in as a child or bringing your own kids in for a story program or to choose books for fun. If you're new to the area, you can count on the library staff to help you find the right book or movie and with all types of information requests. An unbroken tradition at the branch is that the staff is always very friendly, ready to help and interested in providing fresh ideas through book recommendations, programs and displays.

Another tradition is that citizens in Emmitsburg and surrounding areas have always been strong supporters of library services. Through the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library Branch, you can personally become part of the tradition. We are actively seeking members. The commitment of time is minimal because they only meet several times a year. They are in the process of finalizing their 501C3 status and the donations they receive are used to support the many programs presented at no charge to area children and teens. Collectively, the group supports library programs that otherwise simply would not happen. Tax dollars are not used for the "bells and whistles" often associated with public libraries. Private

contributions and fundraising, managed by the Friends, enable the library to offer a higher quality of programs and services than would be otherwise possible.

### VITA is here!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is free and all you need to do is come to the Emmitsburg Branch on Wednesday afternoons from noon until 5. Courtesy of United Way of Frederick County, Mount Saint Mary's University, Seton Center, Inc. and the Housing Authority of The City of Frederick, this service is provided at no cost through when VITA on Wednesdays from February 6 through April 10<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:30 pm for anyone making \$51,000 or less.

### Make it a Playdate

The library has many programs for children but Playdate is a little different. The librarians put out toys and games in the storytime room and you are welcomed to come in and enjoy the fun of relaxed play with other area children. You and your young child or grandchild will have an opportunity to try new things and maybe meet new people. This special Playdate program is designed for children ages 2-5. The fun happens Tuesday at 11 a.m. on

February 5 and 19 and will continue if there is an interest. Tell your friends, come on over and let us know if this is something you'd like us to continue.

### Pa\$\$port To Wealth Kickoff News

All kinds of exciting workshops and programs will be held throughout Emmitsburg courtesy of a partnership between many local businesses, agencies and civic and charitable organizations during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pa\$\$port to Wealth event. It all happens April 6 through 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to save the date of April 6 at 1 pm for the big kickoff featuring noted author Jeff Yeager, The Ultimate Cheapskate, appearing free at Mount St. Mary's University Knott Auditorium. This family event will feature activities for kids and more. You'll be hearing more about this event on the pages of your hometown newspaper, The Emmitsburg News Journal.

### Free Programs for Kids & Teens. Register at [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org).

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I have a small correction to my January article. I've been with the library for 25 years (not five). And I've enjoyed every minute of working with everyone who has visited the library. As always, I invite you to contact me anytime with suggestions and comments. Just email me at [edingle@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:edingle@frederickcountymd.gov).

# Saint Valentine and laptops

**Lynn Tayler  
Mother Seton School**

Love is in the air at Mother Seton School! It's adorable to see the little cards classmates hand out to one another, pushing them through the slots into cereal boxes covered in pink and red construction paper. For some odd reason, I still have a bag of valentines from second grade; they haven't changed in thirty years, still the same silly sayings and puns. Like many of my mom friends, I've been putting my Pinterest addiction to use and I've amassed several non-traditional valentine ideas I'd like to try with the kids. Still, there's something sweet about that tiny piece of cardstock that says something like "Bee My Valentine" under a cartoon bee.

But Valentine's Day wasn't always about sweet nothings. An advantage to celebrating the holiday in a parochial

school is that our students learn to look beyond the superficiality, as fun as it is. In fact, there really was a Saint Valentine. Though historical accounts vary to some degree, most agree that he was a Roman priest martyred in 269 during the reign of Claudius II. One of his crimes was marrying couples under the Christian faith, thus he's the patron saint of lovers, engaged couples, and happy marriages. In 469, Pope Gelasius I canonized him and established February 14<sup>th</sup> as his feast day, which coincided with the pagan festival of Lupercalia. During this festival, young men were to draw the names of women to keep as their lovers for the year. For obvious reasons, the Pope encouraged Christians to instead draw the names of saints to emulate. But Romans being Romans, they kept part of the tradition and used the occasion to send notes of admiration to one another, invoking the name of St. Valentine.

Cupid, one of the most famous symbols of the holiday, has its origins in Greek and Roman mythology. His story begins with revenge gone wrong and ends with triumph over tragedy. We all know him as the chubby little cherub who uses his bow and arrows to bring couples together. For us, however, Cupid came early in the form of a grant from Mission and Ministry, Inc (MMI), certainly a non-traditional valentine gift. Instead of chocolates and flowers, the

students now have laptops for use in the classroom, a far more useful gift than sweets. Using the grant from MMI, MSS has instituted Mobile Laptop Computing with the purchase of 25 laptops and five smartboards. The laptops will be wheeled into the classrooms for individual use by the children. This technology will allow for interactive learning, access to the internet for research, and hands-on exploration of a variety of topics. In addition to the laptops, we also

purchased a server to allow for centralized file sharing, storage, and back-ups for the students and staff. No, it's not a diamond ring, but bringing advanced technology to our students to enhance their learning experience is worth much more in building the future.

Love comes in many forms, and it is said that the greatest gift is to love and be loved in return. At MSS, we are grateful to be recipients of such gifts due to the support of our families and patrons. May your own lives be blessed with an abundance of love—and chocolate. Just don't eat it all in one sitting! Happy Valentine's Day!



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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

# Freshman Year

I am here now

Lydia Olsen  
MSM Class of 2016

Wow! My first semester of college is already over! I can't believe how fast time is going by. It seems like it was just the other day that I was at freshman orientation, about to begin my college career. I remember stepping onto the Mount campus with my mother by my side. Butterflies filled my stomach with the unknown lying ahead. Throughout the day, the word "Veritas" kept being thrown around, though the meaning was at first unclear. After I entered the Knott Academic Center and took a seat at a wooden desk, the chatter about the new Veritas program for freshmen students unrolled. I remember thinking, "What is that?" and wondering what the word even meant.

It turns out that "Veritas" is the name of the Mount's new core program that all incoming freshman will go through. The Class of 2016 is the first class to experience this new system that includes roughly 50 credits to fulfill the curriculum. The Veritas program works to ensure a common background of liberal arts education within all students. The course requirements are organized into different levels throughout one's years at the Mount. As a freshman student, there are 21 credits that should be taken to fulfill the Veritas program, along with 9 credits of a student's

own choosing. The number of Veritas courses required per year decreases as the grade level increases in hopes of having the students become well rounded and educated in liberal arts upon the time of their graduation.

So, I signed up for my Veritas classes. Among the required courses are two semesters of a foreign language. This was not something I was excited about based on previous experience. Having had a very rough time taking Spanish during high school, I was determined that if I had to take a language, I would start fresh. I decided to take a language I had never taken or even considered before. Thinking it would benefit me the most, I chose Latin. I pondered, "How hard could it really be?" After all, it is a "dead language."

Latin was my very first class in college. After locating the classroom, I walked in and sat down a few minutes before class was scheduled to start. I recall smiling politely to my new classmates and wondering what to expect. With his briefcase in hand, Dr. Sollenberger walked into the classroom and all side conversations ceased. In anticipation, we waited to see his plan of action for the upcoming class. He began by calling roll and we learned our first phrase in Latin: "Ad sum," meaning, "I am here."

Simple phrases in Latin like "ad sum" are eye openers because they make you aim to discover a greater meaning in the translation. For

this reason, Latin and all languages, are extremely intriguing. I was surprised to find out that the language I thought was dead is actually the basis for nearly every other language. It is fascinating to be able to recognize the tremendous influence Latin has had on the words we say every day. I have been astonished while discovering the connections between the vocabulary in English and the vocabulary in Latin. The similarities make the language easier and more interesting to learn. Latin has helped me grasp even more of an understanding of English, so much so that it seems like I am studying both languages. I guess in a way, I am.

It has been a privilege to have Dr. Sollenberger as a professor. He has been a truly caring educator. Thankfully, he is always available to provide extra explanation if it is needed. He is extremely knowledgeable and Latin is just one of the multiple languages he can fluently speak. Dr. Sollenberger is inspirational because of his clear passion for the language and his enthusiasm for teaching. His obvious love for the subject matter he presents to his students is infectious. He implants a desire within his students to seek mastery in the information and to reach their full potential in every aspect. His sense of humor has made learning a difficult subject engrossing and cheerful. It has been very comforting to know that I will have the same professor for a full year.

The hardest part about college is settling into the new changes and the different environments. Luckily, I will remain in class with Dr. Sollenberger throughout my entire fresh-

man year. I am looking forward to his instruction in Latin and his ability to provide me with phrases to which I can give daily meaning. Maybe it was part of Dr. Sollenberger's master plan to open with such a simple phrase, knowing that it would lead a student to think about what it actually means on a deeper level. In my opinion, the best teachers are the ones who make you think more profoundly about life in their effortless actions and statements.

My friend Claire McGrath raised a question to me recently. She asked how often I am fully present. Of course, my immediate thoughts were highly in my favor. It is only after discussing with Claire and reflecting on Dr. Sollenberger's opening phrase that I now realize how important it truly is. After thinking about it for a couple of days, I have finally found out that the real answer to Claire's question is that I am rarely fully present.

You see, we now live in a society that encourages multitasking. We have the luxury to do nearly everything with instant gratification at the touch of a finger. Even when we are not enthralled with technology, we still distance ourselves from each other and from the tasks that lie ahead of us. We focus our thoughts, feelings and attention onto past regrets and mistakes or onto ideals for the future. We deny ourselves the joy of being present by constantly living in comparisons between the past, the current and the future. Somehow, the present doesn't ever seem to be enough to satisfy us. Personally, I know my thoughts wander from one thing to the next. Too often I am think-

ing about what is upcoming or what has just happened instead of thinking about the importance of what I am currently doing.

Although it sounds like a contradiction, I am looking ahead with the goal of being fully present at each and every moment, now and throughout the future. Ad sum nunc. I am here now. Isn't this the way that we should all live our lives? If all of our attention, feelings, and thoughts are not focused on the present, how can we expect to learn or grow? There is that old cliché that we should live in the moment. Maybe whoever said that was on to something after all. It is in the moment that we are truly ourselves. So I challenge you when you go through your everyday tasks to say, "ad sum" and give it the meaning it deserves.

As the spring semester lies in front of me, I am excited for the opportunities, challenges and memories it will bring, but I am more focused on what is here and now. I have learned so much in my first semester of college. It is exhilarating to think that I have three and a half more years of learning, laughing and being present. It has been in Latin class that I have finally discovered the meaning of "Veritas." It turns out that "veritas" is Latin for "truth." The truth that I believe the Mount is trying to teach its students cannot be achieved if the students are distracted from the true message of their education. Don't be absent. Be present. Be excited for what is ahead and learn from the past but vive hodie. Live today. I am here. Where are you?

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# Sophomore Year

Lessons learned

Kyle Ott  
MSM Class of 2015

Returning to campus after break is always a bittersweet experience colored by the sadness of leaving the sphere of safety and comfort that comes along with being home. It comes with returning to trees struck bare by the cold and quietly missing the presence of family and friends that surrounded you for the past month. However, this melancholy is always accompanied by a sense of frenetic excitement that permeates the air. This vibrant sense of being seems to go along with every activity. It's present when roommates reunite after a long absence, when friends help each other unpack all the items and experiences they brought with them from home, and when students discuss the new and exciting classes to take and people from which to learn. Everywhere you look, there is a feeling that anything and everything is possible and that a new beginning is poised to leap into our lives at any moment.

It is that second feeling that has captured my imagination and my very sense of being now that I am back home on the mountain, with my friends, my teachers, and the

residents in my hall. With the semester beginning, I have decided to take full advantage of the clean slate that I have been given and work on some of the things that have been setting me back both as a student and as a person.

For several years now, I have struggled with being organized. Yes, I know it sounds like a humorous, almost comical issue to have, but for years I have been the poster child for procrastinators everywhere. If there was a project to be done, it was a safe bet that I would do it at the last minute. If there was a meeting that had to be attended for one important reason or another, then I was the guy who showed up five minutes late at the very least. Although the problem improved my first year here at Mount St. Mary's University, there are still moments when I am forced to work really hard and quickly because I have forgotten a vital detail or important assignment. As we return to campus and the next chapter of my life begins, I would like the pages to tell of my complete organizational 180-degree switch, how one young man slew the mighty dragon that has been dominating over him for years.

This year I have come prepared

to wage my battle against a lack of organization or go down trying. As the great philosopher Aristotle once said, "Habit leads us to the good," and in addition to my responsibilities as a columnist for the *Emmitsburg News-Journal*, a full-time student, and a Resident Assistant, I have embarked on a habit-building regimen to help me in my quest. As I have progressed (and to my great surprise, improved markedly), I've realized that there are a few small principles that can help one lead to a better tomorrow and seize the new beginning that everyone deserves. So, I submit for your consideration a few lessons from a formerly disorganized person:

### 1. It's All About the Little Things

I thought I was going to have to grit my teeth and deal with this habitual disorganization. Then I received a gift from my parents in the form of a small personal planner. This planner was a gift from my mom and dad when I had started college; the planner had collected dust on my shelf for several months before I finally decided that enough was enough and that I was going to try and use it, if for no other reason than to quiet my parents' nagging. For two weeks I carried that little book around to each of my classes, using a different colored pen for meetings, homework, and projects. Within a few days I saw improvement; I was less stressed, I

forgot less, and most of all I had something that gave me just a little peace of mind. It wasn't elaborate or expensive and it did not take a ton of time. All it took was a few minutes each day and some colored pens.

When we face a problem, especially one that seems to permeate every aspect of our lives, it can be incredibly easy to lose ourselves in overly complicated solutions and ornate plans. However, the path to change is often the simplest, the one most easily missed, but most effective.

### 2. Make a Plan and Stick to It

The most effective part of my plan was that every single day I would do the same thing over and over again without fail. When I went to bed at night, my keys and wallet were always put in the exact same place. When someone told me about an important upcoming event, I would immediately write it down in my calendar with a description, time, and location of whatever I had to do. Then I started to do it for everything, not just events. When I had homework do later in the week or a reading for a class, it went to the calendar, even something as little as spending time with friends or going to lunch found its way to the large parchment on my desk.

At first it was tedious and obnoxious having to stop whatever I was doing to write down all the things that I thought were going

to be easy to remember, but as I continued to follow my routine it became second nature and without realizing it, the habits that I formed turned into my own nature. A wise man once said, "Small strokes fell mighty oaks," and this adage holds completely true.

### 3. Never, Never, Never Give Up

Cliché as it may seem, there is no substitute for genuine persistence. If I had decided to stop my journey of self-improvement after my first time failing, I guarantee I would not be where I am today. There isn't any hidden secret to this concept. It's the idea that when everything gets hard, you respond by throwing your weight behind the task at hand. Many times I considered giving up my quest for self-improvement, but there is no achievement without the blood, sweat, and tears. Since I kept going, I have been able to not only improve but also achieve my goals.

In summary, this year I can honestly look forward to a chance to continue to succeed at my goals and to reap the benefits of the lessons that I have learned. In these months of rebirth, we all have something to look forward to and perhaps that can be a positive change in your life. I'm Kyle Ott; won't you sit and read for a while?

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## LOOKING AHEAD

# Junior Year

The best is yet to come

Nicole Jones  
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Have you ever tried to learn a language? Most of you have probably had a taste of Spanish or French in your years of high school or college. Such beautiful, fluid languages are always popular among to the majority of people, not to mention their practicality as we see an increase in America's Spanish-speaking population. I took two years of French myself when I was in high school. The French teacher, Mrs. Wood, was one of my favorite teachers. She was full of life and sarcasm, wasn't afraid to call you out and embarrass you, and had a love for teaching that always made her classroom a fun place to be. Mrs. Wood was also the school's librarian, which meant French class was held in the library – my favorite room in the entire school.

That library introduced me to two of my favorite novels: *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan and *Man O' War* by Walter Farley. Of course there were many other books as well which sucked me into their pages, into worlds of fantasy and danger, of history and mystery. Reading had always been one of my greatest pleasures, but before I had to go to the public library to find what I wanted. Now the school was able to fulfill my need, feeding my curious mind.

That curiosity never really went away. I realized this just this week as I was watching television. Not able to fall asleep, I turned on the TV and flipped to the Discovery channel, which was airing a program about elephants. My mind soaked in the information like a sponge. Did you know other animals follow elephants, trusting their leadership to find water? I almost felt childlike while I watched in wonder as a herd of African bush elephants lead buffalo and plains zebras through the dried Okavango Delta to a watering hole. I hadn't felt that curiosity for a while and it was refreshing. It gave a reminder of why I'm really at the Mount – for leadership, community, discovery, and faith.

For the rest of my time here at the Mount I want to make sure I'm achieving these four things to my fullest ability, so in a very Benjamin Franklin-like fashion, I decided to analyze what I've done so far to determine where I need improvement.

**Leadership.** I have a couple positions of leadership on campus. I am both the managing editor of the campus paper, *The Mountain Echo*, as well as a resident assistant. Just because I hold the positions, however, does not mean that I am a strong leader. I asked myself: How does one become a good leader? I think the first step towards betterment is recognizing one's own weaknesses, so I have arranged to sit down with my supervisors at both jobs for some constructive criticism.

**Community.** Anyone who read my

last article knows that I was recently offered a volunteer position at the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program of Carroll County (TRP). This program provides horseback riding lessons for the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped and has been struggling to maintain reliable volunteers. I volunteered there for four years throughout my high school career, but coming to the Mount forced me to give it up – until now. Now, I am training for the position of volunteer riding instructor, a job which requires thorough testing to gain certification.

While TRP is no small task and contributes to my home community, I think of what I have done for my Mount community, and the answer, I'm sad to say, is not much. All of the service trips and opportunities to give back are so prevalent on campus, but I've never gone on them. I'm ashamed to say that emails from the Office of Social Justice often go ignored with the claim of, "I don't have enough time," or something similar. How could I have been selfish enough to think that college was all about taking the knowledge for myself and not giving something back in return?

There is a phrase which I carried away from some book whose title I have long forgotten. "Equivalent exchange." It is the idea that in order to obtain, one must give something of equal value. Of course, this is easily explained with the example of purchasing milk. You gain milk by giving the milk's equivalent worth in cash to the grocery store. I realize it may sound a little strange to apply this to life, but why shouldn't I? Of course, I'm not saying that we should only do some-

thing nice in expectation of a reward, but wouldn't it be a more generous world if we always gave something in return to those who have benefited our lives? If our only concern is receiving without giving anything back, then eventually our society will wither like a field that has not been fertilized. If that field does not receive the nitrogen and nutrients it needs, it will not produce crops. Likewise, our society needs generosity in order to function and remain healthy. A world without charity is a world with suffering.

In my case, the Mount has given me an education, friends, opportunities and experiences unavailable anywhere else. Now I'm determined to give back to the community that has given me so much. I'm not quite sure where to start – perhaps just signing up for a service trip can be the beginning of a more benevolent me.

**Discovery.** There is so much to discover at the Mount, and in the three years that I've been here, I feel as if I've barely scratched the surface. Each class brings a new question or topic to explore. Who was Emily Davidson? Do animals have souls? What are kangaroo words? Could we ever revert to living without robots? These are the questions I've faced today alone.

But I learn just as much outside of the classroom and mostly through my friends. I am constantly inspired by them to learn and try new things. My friend Olivia has inspired in me an interest in history, a subject I used to hate. Now, I see past the memorization of dates and see the events, time periods, and people involved. I see a story just

waiting for someone to read it.

Another friend of mine, Lisa, is what one might call a "free spirit," and thanks to her, I'll be going on one of the greatest adventures in my life. We'll see Chicago, Denver, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Antonio, New Orleans, and Atlanta on a two-week-long transcontinental train trip across the United States.

I think I have Discovery pretty well covered.

Finally, there's Faith. As a Baptist attending a Catholic university, I honestly didn't think there would be a lot of room for my spiritual growth. I had been raised in a small community of like-minded individuals, and I was afraid of some of the opinions I might face once I left my church. I was so comforted by how many people believed the same things I did at the Mount. It took me a while to learn, but I've realized that you don't have to believe the same thing as someone in order to get along with them, but it sure helps! While there are certainly differences, I was amazed at the similarities between Catholicism and Baptism. It's showed me that no one form of Christianity has all the answers.

While I've certainly grown in all four areas – leadership, community, discovery, and faith – I know I can improve. My goal this semester is to begin my own Four-Pillar Journey and enhance my experiences in these four areas of my life. I have a renewed excitement to see what the Mount can teach me, and I look forward to the well-rounded person I will become.

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# Senior Year

4 months...here we go

Samantha Strub  
MSM Class of 2013

Four months. It is the beginning of the end. Graduation is 4 months away. In four months, the Class of 2013 will walk across the stage and receive our diplomas to culminate four years of hard work. We will complete our undergraduate careers and move on to graduate school or a career. We will become upstanding citizens in the world and make a difference after our years of studying in college.

As this realization sinks in that graduation is four months away, there are a plethora of emotions that circulate through my mind. I'm excited, afraid, nervous and ecstatic all at once. It is unreal that the four years of college are almost over. It seems like just yesterday when I got my acceptance letter in the mail and I started to prepare to move five states away. Applying for jobs was something that seemed so far away, but now it is suddenly upon me. After completing Internship II, compiling my resume, cover letter and reference list has become a reality. Once those were completed, the task at hand became calling schools to see if they had openings. Usually that involved being transferred to the principal, and I then proceeded to introduce myself and explain my reason for calling. It is an incredibly nerve-racking task, but by the end of this job application pro-

cess I will probably be a pro. It is all a part of the final semester of senior year. I'm thinking about and preparing for a successful future by planning ahead.

While I do have to look ahead to what comes next, I also have to focus on the task at hand—finishing my last semester. It is important to remember how much there is to experience in the coming months. I have grown so much over the past few years, but the opportunity that awaits me this semester is something that I must grasp. Seniors, we need to cherish the time we have at the Mount and take advantage of everything this campus has to offer us. Here are some suggestions to the Class of 2013 to make our final semester a memorable one.

Live it up. As the old saying goes, it only comes around once so live it up. You are only in your 20's once. You only have one last semester of college. You only have one more chance to take the opportunity and run with it. You may never have the chance again. It's our moment so make it count. Stay up all night (or at least until 5am) hanging out with your friends. Play cards all afternoon. Yell and cheer for your favorite football team while surrounded by your friends. Have a roommate dinner or have a dinner where everyone brings something to pass around and share. Help your friends with a project, homework or editing of a paper. Just do it. Don't put it off for another day or next weekend. Don't tentatively make plans, knowing they

will fall through. Do the activities and hang out with the people that are really important to you. Make every memory a lasting one that will stay with you forever. Enjoy every moment.

Make a Senior Bucket List. There have been important moments when you put off doing an activity that you really wanted to do because you had impending responsibilities and duties to perform. Take a few moments before you fall asleep to make a bucket list of all the things that you want to do before you leave our mountain home. That list will entail different things for different people, but have fun with it. Go to college night at Mamma's and Ott's. Go to High Rock. Go to Big Slide. Go to a performance in the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center. Swim in the pool. Go up to the Grotto. Run all the trails on campus. Make a list and then make plans to make it happen.

Dream big. There is the saying that if your dreams don't scare you, then they aren't big enough. Always go after what you want out of life. This includes what you want out of your last semester. Make it everything that you have ever dreamed it should be. Make your last semester at college everything that you have ever dreamed college would be. You know what you want—get out there and make it happen. Never settle for anything less than what you deserve and always go after your dreams.

Work hard. Don't slack off on your schoolwork just because it's the last semester. Still work hard. Don't forget your grades during the last semester will still affect your GPA. If you blow

off your homework and assignments, you will regret it at the end of the semester. It is important to always stay on top of it and continue to stay focused on your studies because in reality, that is why you are here in the first place.

I have a full load this semester, so I will be very busy with my classes. However, I'm very excited because four out of my five classes are English classes. I have never taken that many English classes at one time before. That is scary and exciting at the same time. It's exciting because these are all classes that I look forward to taking and I want the knowledge of my professors to enhance my own knowledge. It's scary because I have so much reading to do. I will be reading the whole semester. That is how I will spend my days. I'm especially excited for "Shakespeare" and "Literature and the Environment." I am excited for "Shakespeare" because I have always thought of him as an influential man, and the class will be seeing one of his plays performed professionally in D.C. at the Folger Theater. "Literature and the Environment" will encourage me to study a type of literature that I have never done before, using a perspective that is not traditional. We will be looking at British and contemporary literature and doing creative writing about nature. It should be a wonderful class.

Have Faith. The typical college senior will spend a lot of time worrying about what is coming next. He or she will constantly be thinking ahead and trying to make sure everything goes

according to plan. It is very important to plan and accomplish all of the necessary tasks, but have faith that everything will work out. God has a plan for you, so trust that He will make everything turn out according to His plan. Do your best and let God do the rest.

Four months to go, MSM Class of 2013...there is a plethora to look forward to! Let's make it count!

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## MOUNT SPORTS

## The women behind the ball

Elizabeth Puleo  
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In my article for January, I wrote about how sports have always been a staple in our society and how we hold some athletes up on pedestals, often forgetting that they are also regular people, just like you and me.

I am definitely guilty of this. When I meet any professional athlete, my jaw drops and I get so star-struck. As you all might know, I am a Pittsburgh Steelers fan (I know I am outnumbered by Ravens fans in this area!). A couple of years ago, I met my favorite player, LaMarr Woodley, and I couldn't stop smiling for the next month. I thought meeting him was the greatest thing ever. I even wrote about him in my autobiography. Yeah, I'm a little crazy, but even though he is a celebrity, it was nice to be able to see how, despite my previous belief, he is indeed a normal human being. He has his own story just like we all do, and that story is what makes him unique.

The best part about it all is finding out just how unique each person's story is, and delving into them to learn even more. This is what I want to do with the Mount basketball team. At Mount St. Mary's, we love our incredibly talented, Division 1 stu-

dent-athletes and take great pride in their athletic achievements, especially when it comes to basketball. The Mount is well known for basketball and people from within the Emmitsburg community come out to support the Mountaineers. Many see the team on the court, but not the men and women behind the ball.

As I mentioned earlier, these players are just "normal" college kids, trying to balance academics, athletics, and college life. Each athlete has their own story. Behind the numbers on their jerseys, there is a past to discover and a future to be molded. Let's get to know Sydney Henderson, a member of the Mount's women's basketball team.

When Sydney Henderson arrived to the Mount back in the fall of 2009, she made an immediate impact on the women's basketball team. In her collegiate debut against Colgate, Henderson had two rebounds, scored eight points, and had a steal all within 12 minutes. Not a bad start! Henderson has proved herself to be a key asset for the Mountaineers and a player to watch by competing teams. She has been selected as the Choice Hotels NEC Player of the Year twice and this season, she scored 30 points in the game against Rider back in November. Henderson is constant-



ly hustling and is always trying her hardest to help lead the Mountaineers to victory. She is incredibly talented and the Mount is lucky to have her on their side.

If you ever get to meet her, you will find out just how beautiful she is and how she is always there to help anyone in need. She works as hard off the court as she does on the court. Every time I see her around campus, she is always smiling and happy.

Henderson grew up in Richmond, Virginia with her younger sister, Taylor, and parents Toni and Jay Henderson. She is very close to her family and mentioned they have played a big role in influencing her decisions. "God and my family are number one in my life," she said.

Henderson says that she grew up constantly playing basketball. She says sports have always been part of her life but basketball is her favorite sport. She owes much of this love of basketball to her parents. "My mother and father influenced my love for sports. One day they signed me up for basketball and I loved it ever since."

Henderson played for Atlee High School, where she became known as a clutch player. Whenever the Raiders needed help, she was there for her

team. Atlee is part of the AAA Capital District, a district in the state of Virginia that includes schools from within the Greater Richmond Area. Throughout her career at Atlee, Henderson racked up over 1,000 points and 343 assists.

After high school, Henderson chose to come to the Mount. "The coaches as well as the girls on the team led me to the Mount. The coaches and the team were a big part of the reason why I came to the Mount, but I also came because the campus is beautiful and it's not too big. Another plus is that the people are very friendly here and it's a very warm environment to be around."

Henderson is a redshirt junior, which promises her one more year of eligibility after she graduates. She is majoring in Sports Management and is considering the idea of playing overseas. She also has thought about being an athletic director or an event manager for a professional team.

Even if a team is full of talented players like Sydney Henderson, success also requires assistance given by the behind the scenes staff who support the players.

Dominique Young is a senior at the Mount and a Communication Stud-

ies major. If you go to the games, you might see her sitting on the bench and talking with the coaches. Why? Dominique is the student manager for the women's basketball team.

Young grew up with her brother and parents and when she was growing up, Young played a little bit of everything, from basketball to track to football. "I was that girl who played football with the boys," Young admits.

Her family had a huge influence on her love for sports, particularly basketball. "My mom and dad supported me in all of my sporting events and made sure that I was getting the best coaches there were." To this day, Young plays basketball whenever she gets a chance.

Young transferred to the Mount for its academic program and ended up rooming with Sydney Henderson. Young says being manager is a great way to cheer on her roommate. "I thought that since I was still in love with the sport, I might as well help manage the team. This way I could play in my spare time and support my roommate as well."

Some responsibilities as a manager include making sure things are in order before games and during practices, running the clock for practice and making sure the girls have water or whatever else they need. Young says that her biggest responsibility is to be the team's support system. "I kind of pride myself of that," said Young.

After graduation this May, Young wants to pursue a career working in radio or television, although she would like to stay involved in basketball. "I would love to coach a high school girl's team one day. I would actually love for that team to be at my old high school, Bishop McNamara." Although we may all know of Sydney Henderson as one of the great basketball players at the Mount, she and her teammates rely on behind-the-scenes staff, like Dominique Young, to help her perform at her best and go on to win games.

It is great to see the camaraderie that these two bring to the team. Their relationship is one that fosters both friendship and teamwork, and they are a great representation of the strong connection between the players on the team and the staff that supports the team.



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# Living things go against the stream

Kelly Conroy  
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Once, *The Times* asked a number of prominent authors to write essays on the subject, "What's wrong with the world." G.K. Chesterton, an English author of the 20th century, answered succinctly: "Dear Sir, I am. Sincerely yours, G.K. Chesterton."

At that time, it seemed like everyone was pointing fingers for the causes of problems in the world. I think we do same thing today. We point to the government, or to certain political parties, teachers, or parents; Chesterton recognized his own contributions to the evil in the world. Instead of looking inside ourselves to find the sources of problems, we look at the outside world. Instead of improving ourselves, we point out how others should improve.

We are influenced by what we do — and this includes what we do during our free time. There is a Law of Exposure that states that what we expose ourselves to dramatically shapes how we think, feel and act. Many of us spend countless hours a week, or even a day, consuming and producing media. This can be used for the good, or for the bad.

The Law of Exposure makes it easy to eat junk food. Just think about it — if we start eating junk food and continue eating junk food, it starts to change what we desire — we no longer feel like eating fruits and vegetables, but we desire the potato chips and French fries.

The same goes for our interaction with media. If we watch and create junk on TV and the Internet, then that's what we'll desire. Maybe we try to be really good in all of the other areas of our life — we thrive at work, have a great family life, and strive in our spiritual lives. Then, during our free time, our "goodness filter" simply turns off.

We justify that it's ok to watch certain movies because we aren't doing the bad — we're just watching the actors and actresses do them. We spend hours stalking our friends on Facebook and become depressed because everyone else's

life seems so exciting.

The way that media portrays serious topics is important and can differ drastically from production to production. I went to see the movie, *Les Misérables*, over Christmas break with my friends. Fantine, a pretty, naïve and poor girl in the movie becomes pregnant by a rich student, who then abandons her. She is left to take care of her child, Cosette, on her own. After losing her job and becoming desperately in need of money to send to her child's caretakers, Fantine slowly slips into prostitution. She sings a song, "I Dreamed a Dream," which is about the loss of her innocence, youth, and carefree days: "I dreamed a dream in time gone by, when hope was high, and life worth living, I dreamed that love would never die."

It's difficult to hold back tears as Fantine resorts to prostitution. It is such a sad scene. We want to reach out and help Fantine — to show her another way to care for her child. Prostitution is portrayed as a nasty and horrible option.

On the other hand, in the movie *Pretty Woman*, prostitution was almost advantageous to Vivian, who meets a successful businessman and the two fall in love. Prostitution is portrayed as very casual and useful source for income — a very different picture than the one painted in *Les Misérables*.

G.K. Chesterton said, "A dead thing goes with a stream, and a living thing goes against it." It's difficult to surround ourselves with good media when that's not always what is common in society. It takes time and effort to research movies, television shows, books and video games — and then really make a choice as to whether or not you want to support it with your money and attention.

We might not always agree with the descriptions of good and bad in media today. The "good guys" are often ordinary, passive, boring and not very funny. On the other hand, the "bad guys" are charismatic, glamorous, fascinating, passionate, unpredictable . . . and of course, hilariously funny.

How many times do we end up being

more excited to see what the "bad guy" is going to do next rather than what the "good guy" is doing? This way of thinking can slip over into our "real" lives and we are no longer looking for what is true and beautiful in the world.

Some good news is that we are no longer just consumers of media — we can also be producers. Welcome to the world of social media. Media is no longer just one-way communication; it is a conversation.

It's a conversation involving people of all ages and of all places. We can almost instantly interact with someone with a completely different background and culture. People are united or divided around topics that are meaningful to them — football, politics, or the latest toy for kids. But it's still just type, images, and videos on a screen. The full effect of being with people and conversing with them is not observed via the flat screens of computers, laptops and iPads. And right now, you're hearing about new media through an old media means — the Emmitsburg News-Journal. Perhaps this is one example of the many ways that both new and old media are useful.

Social media is neutral in itself; it can be used for good or bad purposes. It can become an addiction, a way of becoming excessively narcissistic, and a means for promoting hatred and violence. Too much time spent on social media is time spent away from real human interactions and helping others. Facebook will ask me "What's happening, Kelly" or "How are you feeling, Kelly." Posting status updates about our own lives all day every day can lead to an unhealthy sense of ourselves as the "center" of the universe. People can feel bullied and attacked on social media. If we're looking for affirmation online, we are probably missing love in real life.

However, social media has unlimited positive potential uses, such as a means to keep in touch with family and friends, an opportunity to read and write insightful posts, and a source of creativity. Social media can be kept in moderation and promote good.

Blessed John Paul II wrote in his message for the 36<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day in 2002, "The Internet causes billions of images to appear on millions of computer monitors around the planet. From this galaxy of sight and sound will the face of Christ emerge and the voice of Christ be heard? For it is only when his face is seen and his voice heard that the world will know the glad tidings of our redemption. This is the purpose of evangelization. And this is what will make the Internet a genuinely human space, for if there is no room for Christ, there is no room for man."

The Internet can never take the place of real human interaction. We should also never use it to fulfill the void in ourselves only God can fill. Perhaps that means that we should take advantage of the many ways we can share what we believe online — in ways that invite others to see the love of Christians.

Pope Benedict XVI has also addressed the use of new media for the faithful:

"Without fear we must set sail on the digital sea facing into the deep with the same passion that has governed the ship of the Church for two thousand years. Rather than for, albeit necessary, technical resources, we want to qualify ourselves by living in the digital world with a believer's heart, helping to give a soul to the Internet's incessant flow of communication"

Rather than running and hiding from the new technology, Pope Benedict en-

courages us to transform the media. Pope Benedict XVI even has his own Twitter, a social media site that allows postings in under 140 characters! During Advent, Pope Benedict posted his first tweets under the twitter handle @Pontifex, including:

"Offer everything you do to the Lord, ask his help in all the circumstances of daily life and remember that he is always beside you," and his most recent tweet on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, "If we have love for our neighbor, we will find the face of Christ in the poor, the weak, the sick and the suffering." Be sure to start following @Pontifex!

So, this new year of 2013, I'm going to try to be a little more like Chesterton. He was willing to take responsibility for how he was adding to the problems of the world. His simple reply that "he" was what's wrong in the world shows a great depth of humility. We can contribute to the good in the world by being conscientious users of media and becoming a "living thing that can go against the stream."

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# Majestic Theater tops digital cinema campaign goal

Jean Grubeský  
Marketing Director

Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater proudly announced today their "Save Our Downtown Movies" campaign has raised \$161,703 which exceeds its \$150,000 goal to convert its two cinemas to digital projection. The U.S. movie industry is abandoning 35mm film production after more than 100 years in favor of high tech digital cinema. By summer 2013, all cinemas in America must be converted to digital or go out of business.

"I am truly humbled by and grateful for the community's titanic wave of support to preserve the Majestic's 87 year-old tradition of nightly movies," said Jeffrey W. Gabel, founding execu-

tive director of the Majestic. "As far as I know, Gettysburg is the smallest community in Pennsylvania to so quickly raise the dollars needed to save their historic downtown movies. Independent movie theaters in Carlisle, Middletown and Harrisburg are still struggling to raise their conversion funds. It proves that we've built a loyal audience for independent, award-winning films such as "The Artist," "The Iron Lady," "The Help" and "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel." As importantly, our movie goers also patronize downtown shops, restaurants, bars and the borough parking garage."

The Majestic launched its fund-raising campaign in May 2012 at a meeting of its community advisory committee where members imme-

diately pledged \$32,000. Throughout the summer and into the fall, the committee solicited \$99,950 from 32 gifts from friends and businesses. The committee is particularly grateful for major gifts from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust, the Thomas L. Cline Foundation, and the Margaret Trew Cline Foundation. Additionally, \$29,753 was received from nearly 261 donations from 39 zip codes in 9 states in response to nightly, in-theater, pre-recorded video appeals by Gabel.

Adam Birnbaum, the Majestic's film booker, who programs more than 30 historic theatres and 70 screens on the east coast remarked, "The Majestic's 'Save Our Downtown Movies' campaign was brilliantly executed; a well-timed, wisely planned effort, complete with a smart brochure and promotional pitch, including a terrific DVD pre-show announcement. I don't know of any other small town digital cinema campaign that succeeded on all cylinders with such speed and efficacy. It is a testament to the perfect marriage between the hard work and ingenuity of the Majestic team, and the amazing level of dedication and inspiring support provided by the community. It can be looked at as a blueprint model for other non-profit cinemas trying to make the transition to digital cinema."



The funds will be used to purchase two, top-of-the-line Christie Digital CP2220 Projection Systems, as well as a new digital light projector in the historic Majestic Theater for the Met HD Operas and summer classic film series. Any unspent monies or additional contributions will be placed in a restricted cinema account for future maintenance and upgrades. The new projection systems are expected to be installed later this spring.

Current members of the Majestic's Community Advisory Committee include Suzanne Flynn of Gettysburg College, Lynda Glass of ACNB, Ron Hankey of ACNB, Wayne Hill of Gettysburg Construction Company, Wayne Lau of East Berlin, Jean LeGros of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, David LeVan of Battle-

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*"Auld Lang Syne"*  
Should auld acquaintance be for-  
got,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be for-  
got,  
And auld lang syne!

CHORUS:  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,  
For auld lang syne.

*And surely ye'll be your pint stoup!*  
*And surely I'll be mine!*  
*And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,*  
*For auld lang syne.*

CHORUS:  
We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pou'd the gowans fine;  
But we've wander'd mony a wea-  
ry fit,  
Sin' auld lang syne.

CHORUS:  
We twa hae paidl'd in the burn,  
Frae morning sun till dine;  
But seas between us braid hae  
roar'd  
Sin' auld lang syne.

CHORUS:  
*And there's a hand, my trusty fere!*  
*And gie's a hand o' thine!*  
*And we'll tak a right gude-willie*  
*waught,*  
*For auld lang syne.*  
—Robert Burns, 1788

We sing it every year when the clock strikes midnight and we welcome in the New Year with open arms, assuring ourselves that we will indeed keep our resolutions this time. We associate it with happiness, prosperity, and hope. But do we really know where it comes from? For this sentimental poem and tune, we should thank Robert Burns, Scotland's great poet and bard. On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. [snow date Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>], the Carriage House Inn will be hosting Burns Night. Held in JoAnn's Ballroom, 200 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md., the event will commemorate the 254th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's "favourite son." Bill O'Toole, the organizer of Burns Night in Emmitsburg, shares the following information about Burns and traditional Burns suppers:

## Burns Biography

"Robert Burns was born on January 25, 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire. His father was a poor, hard-working farmer who died in 1784, worn out and bankrupt. This greatly influenced young Robbie to write satirical verse opposing the social and political oppression of the time. He gained a working knowledge of French and some Latin, mostly from formal schooling. Knowledge of Biblical history, physics, astronomy, grammar, geography, and botany was obtained by reading books on these subjects. He read extensively the great British authors who preceded him, such as Shakespeare and Milton. He also read great Scottish authors; the 15<sup>th</sup> century poem 'Wallace' filled him with nationalistic fervor.

"As a youth, he learned Scottish stories and legends the old-fashioned way — by oral traditions passed from generation to generation. By the time he wrote his first poetry in 1783, he could freely switch among old Scottish dialects, contemporary Scottish, and contemporary English.

"At this time, he began to collect his writings in notebooks. His first publication, *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, appeared in July of 1786. Burns was a strikingly handsome man who gained a reputation as a 'ladies' man' early on. He had at least a dozen children, some legitimate, others not. He married Jean Armour in 1788, after she bore him twins in 1786. All told, they had nine children together, but only three survived to adulthood.

"Burns quickly gained recognition as a great poet, composer, letter-writer, and lecturer; he traveled to many areas of Scotland, including Edinburgh, where he was lionized and praised as a national hero. However, he found the city disagreeable and soon returned to his roots in the country. He and Jean lived in the Dumfries area of south-western Scotland the last eight years of his life. He died on July 21, 1796 at the age of 37, most likely from a rheumatic heart condition. He is buried in St. Michael's Churchyard in Dumfries. The roundabout in the center of Dumfries has a beautiful statue of Burns that dominates the circle.

"Within just a few years after Burns' death, the practice of gathering for a dinner that concludes with his poems and songs began and spread, not just in Scotland, but in countries around the globe. This ceremony is known as Burns Night or Burns Supper, and has become so widespread that there is no other person of the last thousand years who is honored by a ritual celebration attended by so many people. Burns Night is usually held on or

near his birthday, January 25, but can be scheduled at any mutually-agreed-upon date, even late July in far southern hemisphere countries where January is summer and July is winter. The very first Burns Night events were organized at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century by his friends in Ayrshire and took place on July 21<sup>st</sup>, the anniversary of his death."

## Burns Suppers

"The format of a Burns Night has been well-established for 200 years. It begins with guests gathering and socializing informally. At the scheduled time, the Presider gives a welcoming speech, including the agenda for the evening. This often includes one or more Scottish jokes. (Example: Two gents are walking through a Glasgow cemetery and come across a headstone that reads, 'Here lies a lawyer and an honest man.' One gent says to the other, 'That grave is too narrow for two people!')

"Next, the guests are seated for the recitation of the Selkirk Grace, followed by the Piping of the Haggis for which all stand. Haggis is a type of sausage peculiar to Scotland. A bagpipe player marches around the assembly playing appropriate tunes; right behind the piper, the chef carries the haggis high on a large platter. When they reach the serving area, a guest or the Presider recites Burns' *Address to a Haggis*. Then, all toast the haggis and the meal is served.

"When the dessert and cof-



Burns Night Suppers have become a valued tradition in Emmitsburg.

fee stage is reached, the period of speeches, readings, and songs begins. The required speeches are as follows: 1) Immortal Memory, in which a guest reflects on some aspect of Burns' life or influence on literature; 2) Toast to the Lassies, given by a gentleman in sincere or humorous praise of the ladies — but, caution! They get to reply; 3) Reply to the Toast to the Lassies, given by a lady, of course. The evening continues with volunteered readings of Burns' poetry and the singing of his songs, and it ends with the whole assembly singing *Auld Lang Syne*, accompanied by the bagpipe player."

Burns Night suppers have been held in Emmitsburg, Maryland nearly every year since 2004. Before this tradition of Burns Night dinners began, Bill O'Toole and Cathy Bodin had private gatherings in their home to celebrate the birth of Robert Burns, the first of which was in 1999.

All proceeds from the tickets sales will benefit the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC). Both Bill and Cathy are generous supporters of the EOPCC and Cathy has served on EOPCC's Board of Directors for a many years. Together, they wanted to broaden the home gathering that they had previously held every year and, at the same time, create a funding event for EOPCC, a 501c3 charitable organization.

The idea was well received by the public, and it has transformed into an event that is filled with Scottish tradition! For more information about the event, please visit [www.burnsnite.com](http://www.burnsnite.com) or call Bill or Cathy at 301-447-2690. And next time the New Year rolls around, be sure to reflect upon how that tune really came to be.

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## CREATIVE WRITERS

## Home is where the heart is

Alexandra Tyminski  
MSM Class of 2015

The first drawing I ever gave to a girl was on Valentine's Day. I gave Lucy a heart with two skinny stick figures holding hands.

"Here Lucy," I said. My hands were shaking, and I looked down at my size six white Nike kid's shoes.

"Oh, um" Lucy said. Her bleach blonde hair was tied in two pigtails on the top of her head. The blue scrunchies tying her hair together matched her crystal blue eyes.

So, umm, was that it? I know we are only in the second grade, but I thought we had a connection. My mom was a friend of her mom. Her school cubby was next to mine, and she always placed her color paintings next to mine. Lucy turned around to play house with her friends. I tapped her on the shoulder.

"I made this for you." She didn't even bother to turn around.

"It's a heart...my heart," I said.

"I don't think she wants your heart, Dane," her friend Maggie said.

I wasn't sure what to say to that. I left the heart in front of her lying on the brown desk in front of her perfectly tiny body.

I walked away, and when I looked back Lucy was looking at my card. I was hoping she would make me a picture back. Days went by, but she never returned the favor.

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The middle school years were going to be my peak years. I finally made it to the "big kid" years, and I felt confident. I found myself feeling more comfortable with girls. Since I was at a new school, I thought it would be easier to become friends with them. No one knew me here, so I could leave my embarrassing moments behind and start over.

I remember the first day like it was yesterday. She sat right next to me and smelled just like fresh berries.

"Hi, I'm Madison," she said. Her long, curly brown hair was extremely distracting, and her purple brace infested smile was hard to miss, but she was so pretty. Her eyes were not blue like Lucy's, but they were a beautiful deep brown.

"Hi, I'm Dane."

I thought she was pretty confident too, considering most sixth grade girls are always in groups with their friends.

"Is this Mr. Fitzpatrick's home-room?" she asked.

"Psh, yeah it is," I replied trying to sound like a cool eighth grader.

"Okay thanks," Madison said. But, that was it.

We didn't talk much throughout the year except when we had an occasional talk about how odd Mr. Fitzpatrick was or how bad the cafeteria food was that day. When the New Year hit, I resolved to speak up and talk to her more.

"It's raining," I said to her one day.

"Yeah, it is," Madison smiled, and it gave me assurance to keep talking to her.

"So, what are your plans for this weekend?" she asked me on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

"I'm not sure yet. What about you?"

"Well, Bobby is having a bowling party tonight. His parents apparently rented out the place. You should come. It will be a lot of fun."

I took this as an open invitation for Madison and I to hang out at this sixth grade bowling party. After some compromising with my mom and talking with Bobby, I attended the bowling party with a few friends. It was, without a doubt, a lot of fun. Madison and I were able to talk a lot and hang out. I found out she really was as cool as I first thought she was.

The next week arrived, and I felt prepared to make the next big step. I bought her a box of chocolates and wrote a note with my number in it. On the back of the box, another sticky note was attached; it read "Happy Valentine's Day, Madison. I hope we can hang out again another time."

After school, I approached her and gave the box to her.

"What's this?"

"It's a present, turn it over," I said.

I watched as she turned it over and read my Valentine's Day note. Her expression was extremely shocked. She glanced up at me.

"Oh, Dane. I'm sorry I just..." Madison stopped saying anything.

"Thanks," she said with a shriveled smile and shifty eyes. "Well, I will see you later," she said, quickly walking away toward her circle of friends.

I quickly learned that girls can definitely send some mixed signals. And we can never be too confident. But, at least she said thanks. That is more than Lucy ever said.

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"So, are we still on for tonight?" Erica said to me.

"Yeah, I'll pick you up at 8?"

"That's perfect! I'm so excited for our dinner date, Dane!"

"Me too, I'll see you later," I said. Erica hopped out of my car and walked gracefully toward her bright red front door.

Erica and I have been dating for a year. Well, a year today. She is the best thing that has ever happened to me. We met in high school, but we didn't actually become friends until we met on the track team. I asked her to be my girlfriend on Valentine's Day last year. Not because it would be easy to remember our one-year anniversary, but because I have always admired the idea of Valentine's Day. I was excited to spend our night off from track together. I booked a reservation at Erica's favorite Italian place that her family takes her on her birthday every year.

"Where are we going?" she asked eagerly. Her voice was always so high-pitched when she was extremely excited about something.

"You'll see, you'll see," I assured her that we would get there eventually.

When we pulled up she released a

loud shrill. She was a bit of a girly girl even though she was one of the top track athletes in the county.

"Eeeeeeeekkk! You made reservations for Carlo's Italian?!"

"I did, indeed," I smiled at her and asked her if she wanted her other surprise now or later.

"Wellllllll," she debated.

"How about now? Because then I won't have to keep guessing what it is during dinner!"

"Okay, close your eyes and open your hands," I insisted. "Okay, now open your eyes!"

"Ahhh!" A big gasp came from her again, and I began to explain what it exactly was that I had placed in her flawless hands.

"Now, I know that we have been together for a year. It has been a pretty long time for high school relationships, and we have had some pretty fun memories. So I made you this. It is a scrapbook of all of the places we have ever been, with funny quotes, pictures of us, just a bunch of memories into one place," I said.

"I love, love, love, love, lovvvvve it," she said, beaming with an even brighter glow than she already had.

"And, I love you," I said, staring at her.

She glanced up at me and didn't say anything. I could feel my face getting red, and my heart started to beat at an incredibly fast pace. She began to cry. "Can you take me home please?" she asked.

I didn't understand what was going on at all. I couldn't even ask her what was wrong because I couldn't fathom what had just happened. I felt like an idiot. We drove to her house, she got out of my car, grabbed her stuff and surprisingly the scrapbook I made for her. Later that night, I got a text from her that said, "I think we need to take a break." The first time I ever cried over a girl was on Valentine's Day.

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I finished my first semester of college with a 3.8. I would say it was one of the times I felt most successful. I was ready to tackle the second semester just as well and become even more independent. After a few weeks, it was time to head back home again.



"Are you packing up, Dane?" Pat asked.

"Yeah, finally ready to go home, man. It has been a fun, but productive few weeks I'd say."

"Agreed, but I'm ready for Spring break," Pat said.

After packing my things, I said goodbye to Pat and some other hall mates. I headed back home and when I pulled up to my driveway, I felt the way Pat did when we parted ways. It was good to be home. My younger twin brothers were in the front yard passing the football. The front door was wide open like always, and my mom was in the kitchen cooking dinner. My dad was teaching my two younger sisters how to play pool while another sister and brother were in the family room fighting over who gets the TV controller. My only older sibling, Jackie, came down the stairs in a towel yelling for my mom asking about where she put her laundry.

"I'm home everyone!" I yelled. Everyone greeted me as I walked through the door. It felt weird coming home in February since it didn't yet feel like spring.

"We are so glad you made it safely," my mom said. She walked over and gave me a kiss on my forehead, and my little sister instantly launched into the project she did at school.

"I love that you are finally home, Dane. The twins were wondering when you were coming home. They want you to teach them some football skills," Jackie said walking into the kitchen. Jackie was only two

years older than me, so we were pretty close.

"I'm happy to be home, I love being with you all again," I said.

"I have a surprise for my little Dane," my mom said. She walked to the fridge and pulled out her homemade (and my favorite) chocolate cake.

"Because I love you, I made your favorite dessert. Happy Valentine's Day, kid," my mom said smiling.

That is more than Lucy, Madison, or Erica ever did for me.

"Thanks a lot ma, you are the best!" I could not express how good it was to be home.

My mom didn't need to return any favors like Lucy; she just did something nice for me on her own. I didn't have to hope that she would hang out with me; she just did it because she loved me. I didn't have to make my mom anything for her to tell me she loves me; she just says it because she cares for me as her son.

Dane finally recognized that for him, Valentine's Day was about his love for his two parents and seven siblings. But it doesn't have to be Valentine's Day for someone important in your life to tell you they love you; that's just a bonus. You admire the idea of Valentine's Day even more when you realize it is not just about a significant other or a crush, but also about those who have helped carry you through life.

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## COOKING WITH LOVE

# Hearty dishes to fill your bellies

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February is traditionally the coldest month of the year in our region which means lots of hearty dishes to fill our bellies! Soups and Stews are some of the easiest and heartiest dishes out there. What makes them so great is that you can add anything you want....have fun and be creative! As always, at Gunner's Grille at Taneytown we like to put a little twist on our favorite comfort foods; thus we have several options from the not so heart healthy to heart healthy.

First on the agenda is Beef Stew, a long standing favorite in all households and second will be a lighter and healthier stew, Chicken and Artichoke. And finally we will honor Gunner with his favorite soup.

## Beef Stew

**Ingredients** – stew beef, carrots, celery, sweet onion, red potatoes, green beans, whole wheat flour, extra virgin olive oil (EVOO), red wine, lemon pepper, truffle or kosher salt, dry thyme, dry parsley, Montreal Steak seasoning, dried bay leaves, beef bouillon or beef stock.

- Cut beef and vegetables into bite size pieces
- Combine flour lemon pepper, salt, thyme, parsley and Montreal seasoning and lightly toss in the stew beef until completely covered.
- Coat the bottom your pot (be sure to have a lid for it) with EVOO and allow to slowly heat up
- Layer beef to cover the bottom of the pot and brown beef on all sides
- Add red wine to just cover the bottom of the pan. Allow to caramelize a bit. (5 minutes or so)
- Add just enough stock or bouillon to deglaze bottom of pan and form a "gravy"
- Lightly coat remaining ingredients with remaining flour and mix with beef. Cook approximately 10 minutes or until the "gravy" is almost completely soaked into the beef and vegetables
- Pour stock or bouillon to just about ¾ high and turn heat on high. Bring to a boil, stir and deglaze bottom of pot
- Reduce heat and simmer for one hour
- Serve with your favorite biscuits in a soup or pasta bowl!

## Chicken and Artichoke Stew

**Ingredients** – white chicken breast meat, unsalted butter, carrots, celery, sweet onion, canned artichoke hearts, whole wheat flour, white wine, EVOO, dried parsley, fresh basil, lemon juice, lemon pepper, truffle or kosher salt, chicken stock or bouillon

- Cut chicken into bite size pieces, artichokes into lengthwise quarters and carrots, celery and onions into ½ bite size pieces
- Place chicken in bowl with EVOO, dried parsley, lemon pepper and salt; toss to coat
- Heat pot and lightly brown chicken on all sides. Deglaze pan with white wine, just enough to cover the bottom of the pan.
- Add carrots, celery and onion; toss with chicken and cook until slightly softened.
- Add butter and toss to coat, sprinkle with whole wheat flour and cook until flour is attached to chicken and vegetables; add artichoke hearts and

mix in (be careful not to break the hearts up)

- Add basil (leave whole and on stem, you will remove before serving) and lemon juice and stir
- Add chicken stock or bouillon to ½ high and turn heat on high. Bring to a light boil, deglaze bottom of pan and reduce to simmer for approximately 30 minutes
- Serve over your favorite rice in a pasta bowl!

So, we now have our "fly by the seat of our pants" recipes with stews. Let's move on to soup. While most of the soups I prepare do not have recipes, there are two that definitely do. I would like to share one of them with you this month. This is a very special recipe to me as it is one that honors my father, Gunner. If you have eaten at Gunner's than you know that we have New England Clam Chowder on the menu. This is in honor of my father who ate "Chowda" and Grilled Cheese most days for lunch at one of his favorite lunch spots.

## New England Clam Chowder

- **Ingredients**, 1/3 pound bacon; medium diced, 1/3 Vidalia onion; medium diced, 4 celery stalks, small diced, 1/3 tablespoon dried thyme, 1/8 to 1/4 cup dry white wine, 1/2 teaspoon each lemon pepper, truffle salt, and Montreal steak seasoning, 1/8 cup unsalted butter (not melted), ¼ cup whole wheat flour, 2 cups red potatoes, small diced, 32 ounces canned clams (with juice), 1 pint half and half, 2 quarts, heavy cream.
- Cook bacon in a large pot until just browned on medium heat. Add onions, celery, thyme, lemon pepper, truffle salt and Montreal – stir. Add white wine and reduce for minutes.
- Add butter and stir to coat until melted. Add flour and cook until slightly browned
- Add clams and bring to a boil, stirring almost constantly. Add half and half and every cream and bring to a boil. Reduce to simmer for approximately one hour.

## The Wine Connoisseur Savoring the Moment

Grace Lauer-Simmons

Ah, love! Such an intricate and wonderful emotion gives us the capability of passion, devotion, elation, and joy. What is your Valentine's Day fantasy? Perhaps you see candles, roses, violins, expensive wine, and chocolates set against the ambience of a fine restaurant? In addition, a limousine at the end of the night escorts you to a luxury hotel. No? Maybe that's just me! Always with fantasy, there is that niggling component of reality! What sort of expectations do we set up in our minds each year for the 14<sup>th</sup>, only to be, if we're truly honest, a touch disappointed?

Let us come back to reality this year. Living in the present moment allows us to experience this very second, now, now, now. Love is living presently with others; not thinking about the past or trying to figure out the future; simply enjoying the now is all that is required. Wine is

an excellent aid in this type of meditation! A glass of wine slows everything down and forces us to use our senses and focus; it demands our attention by the captivating colors, aromas, and tastes it beholds.

As a child, I remember waiting in line to leave a community event. In front of me, an older lady waited patiently as well. When suddenly, up from behind us came another woman, seemingly from nowhere.

"There you are," she smilingly addressed my line companion. "I was wondering, would you be willing to [insert tedious volunteer activity nobody wants to do] this Saturday?"

"Actually," she responded, "My husband and I were hoping to split a bottle of wine and just relax together; Saturday is our anniversary!" she finished with a triumphal arch of her brow.

That brief interaction made an impression on me! First, that time with your spouse/significant other is important and therefore deserves celebration and protection and second, that

wine provides the capacity for a unique experience with the one you love. This memory reminds me of an old English toast: "May our love be like good wine, which grows stronger as it grows older." We here at Hauser wish for you always good wine and strong love.

Now, while we do not necessarily bottle love; we do bottle good wine! Imagine a quiet night-in sitting across your candle lit dining room table from your love. The soft glow of the candles dance, play upon each of your faces, and display a simple rustic fare of bread and cheese. You are relaxed and enjoying each others' company. Conceivably, you might share reasons why you feel such affection for each other all while splitting an amazing bottle of Hauser Estate wine.

A few suggestions, if I may: our 2010 Meritage, 2010 Reserve Cabernet Franc, and the Sweet One. All of these wines are experiences to be shared with another. Meritage is a dry red with sensuous luxurious layers of complexity that will keep you engaged all night. The Reserve Cabernet Franc is another great dry red with deep enchanting aromas of berries and spice that are sure to please. The Sweet One is for your sweet—pink and arguably charming with its tropical nose and honeyed drops of goodness! Whatever wine you choose for this special night we hope it evokes the magic of romance, strong love, and the passion of living in the moment. Happy Valentine's Day!



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## IN MY OWN WORDS

# The dumbing down of America

Nick Pane

I have recently read several articles about how a degree in communications is one of the more popular routes to go in college these days. A communications degree is something that has become very appealing to employers, and why wouldn't it be? It's a flexible study to take on while in school, and if students can harness their communication skills effectively, the possibilities are certainly plentiful.

With technology ever on the rise and the ability to communicate instantly by way of the internet, strong communicators are as important as ever. The field of journalism - a huge beneficiary of technology, and one of the more obvious ways to go with a communications degree - has expanded, and the number of aspiring journalists, yours truly included, continues to grow.

If I am ever lucky enough to see my career as a journalist truly take off, I can say in confidence that I will not be picky about the path that I take. Whether I am traveling the world seeking out human interest stories, covering future presidential elections in Washington, or providing player interviews from the sidelines of the Super Bowl, I think I'll be able to eventually look back on my career and say that I made it.

Of course, the important thing to remember about a career in television is that regardless of the stories you are covering, your number one commitment is to the Fourth Estate and providing accurate, researched, and above all, fair and balanced information to the best of your ability. This is a commitment expected of all journalists, yet honored by very few in an age when being first seems to trump being right.

Good reporting makes for good television, so anyone hoping to make it in journalism should understand that. I would strongly recommend the 2005 movie "Good Night and Good Luck" as an excellent example of both good journalism and enlightening television.

"Good Night and Good Luck" is set in the 1950s and follows the story of Edward R. Murrow, a host of the CBS program "See It Now". The program had a reputation of covering controversial topics, perhaps none bigger than the Red Scare and Senator Joseph McCarthy. Murrow, with the assistance of a dedicated group of CBS staff members, challenged McCarthy on his now-famous claims about there being communist spies in the government. Because of his efforts, Murrow struck a huge blow to McCarthy's cause and reputation by providing news stories with accurate information that gave viewers the truth.

As for the movie, the setting begins with Murrow (played by David Strathairn) speaking to an audience of TV reporters and executives about the future of television. Murrow suggests that America has become a fat and comfortable country, and the

content of television is beginning to reflect those traits. He refers to television as "decadence, escapism, and insulation from the realities of the world in which we live", and predicted that if things did not change soon, television would merely dilute our brains instead of supplying them with useful information. Keep in mind, Murrow said all of this during the 1950's - he was dead on in his prediction about the future of television.

The average American household now has well over 100 different channels available to them, almost all of them focused on entertainment, such as sports, sitcoms, the occasional movie, and the dreaded reality television, which took over in the last decade.

It is almost impossible to calculate the number of reality television shows that are currently on air. There are more than 170 new reality television shows set to air during 2013 alone, and that number could easily grow if writers and producers find enough content that they are looking for. Many of these shows revolve around some type of contest, families dealing with personal issues, drugs, sex, or some combination of the three, or aimlessly following the lives of people that add literally nothing to our society - shows like Jersey Shore, Keeping up with the Kardashians, and Here Comes Honey Boo-Boo come to mind. The worst of it all is that people actually tune in to watch. As of September 2012, ratings suggest that Keeping up with the Kardashians averaged more than 3 million viewers an episode. In comparison, Modern Marvels, an ongoing History Channel program that explains and focuses on technology's impact on society today, hit its peak in 2004 when an ep-

isode about the importance of rubber drew 1.8 million viewers.

Now even normally reliable channels like the aforementioned History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and National Geographic have joined the party, putting out reality shows of their own, such as Hardcore Pawn, Amish Mafia, Alaska State Troopers, and Swamp People. This all goes without talking about the number of crime-related reality shows on air today, which can't be doing anything to help influence some viewers. The sheer number of reality shows is unbelievable.

I understand the need for entertainment, and people deserve to have shows that cater to their interests. However, there is a fine line between entertainment and what is honestly just plain trash.

Television can and should be used as a tool to teach and inspire, something our present offering of TV dribble is not even remotely close to accomplishing.

On Oct 15, 1958, Murrow sounded a clarion call to rescue television from the debasing programs that were chocking its channel in his closing remarks at the Radio-Television News Directors Association and Foundation convention, remarks that ring even truer today and are well worth repeating:

"I began by saying that our history will be what we make it. If we go on as we are, then history will take its revenge, and retribution will not limp in catching up with us.

"Just once in a while let us exalt the importance of ideas and information. Let us dream to the extent of saying that on a given Sunday night the time normally occupied by Ed Sullivan is given over to a clinical survey



American broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow

of the state of American education, and a week or two later the time normally used by Steve Allen is devoted to a thoroughgoing study of American policy in the Middle East. Would the corporate image of their respective sponsors be damaged? Would the stockholders rise up in their wrath and complain? Would anything happen other than that a few million people would have received a little illumination on subjects that may well determine the future of this country, and therefore the future of the corporations?

"To those who say people wouldn't look; they wouldn't be interested; they're too complacent, indifferent and insulated, I can only reply: There is, in one reporter's opinion, considerable evidence against that contention. But even if they are right, what have they got to lose? Because if they are right, and this instrument is good for nothing but to entertain, amuse

and insulate, then the tube is flickering now and we will soon see that the whole struggle is lost.

"This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise it is merely wires and lights in a box. There is a great and perhaps decisive battle to be fought against ignorance, intolerance and indifference. This weapon of television could be useful.

"Stonewall Jackson, who knew something about the use of weapons, is reported to have said, 'When war comes, you must draw the sword and throw away the scabbard.' The trouble with television is that it is rusting in the scabbard during a battle for survival.

"Good night and good luck."

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## COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

# The Year of the Snake

Renee Lehman

The Chinese New Year (also called the Lunar New Year) is a time to welcome prosperity, wealth, and longevity, and a time to remove any negative qi (pronounced "chee") from the past. There is even a tradition prior to the New Year for every family to thoroughly clean the house to sweep away any ill-fortune in hopes of making way for good incoming luck

### Chinese Calendar History

The Chinese calendar was originated by the Yellow Emperor Huang Ti, and has been in use for centuries. The Chinese calendar is called a lunar calendar, but is really a calendar based on the moon and the sun. The Gregorian calendar, which the world uses today (originated 430 years ago) is a solar calendar.

### The Twelve Animals of the Chinese Calendar

The Chinese calendar is made of five, twelve-year cycles. Each of the twelve years of the Chinese calendar is appointed one of the following 12 animal's names (in this order): rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon (the only mythological animal), snake, horse, sheep, monkey, fowl, dog, and pig. The animal that rules the year of your birth is said to exercise a major influence over your life, and that year in general. Much of the information used for this article is taken from The Handbook of Chinese Horoscopes by Theodora and Laura Lau, 2007.

Last year, the Year of the Dragon, was characterized by enthusiasm, excitement, potential, and intensity. The Year of the Snake which begins on February 10, 2013 will be characterized by

great transformation (just think about how a snake sheds its skin). This Year of the Snake is meant for steady progress and attention to detail. Focus and discipline will be necessary for you to achieve what you set out to create, because the Snake strives to achieve great heights and has unshakeable determination.

Ancient Chinese wisdom says a Snake in the house is a good omen because it means your family will not starve. This statement gives you an inkling into the nature of the Snake's character: it could be taken metaphorically to mean that a Snake's family would never starve because she is such a great mediator, and a good business-person; or it could mean that a Snake would be willing to sacrifice her possessions, something the Snake has a lot of, in order to pay for her family's food. Either way, this is representative of the Snake's character and is a measure of the value she puts on her material wealth.

### The Snake

*Mine is the wisdom of the ages. I hold the key to the mysteries of life.*

*Casting my seeds on fertile ground,*

*I nurture them with constancy and purpose.*

*My sights are fixed.*

*My gaze unchanging.*

*Unyielding, inexorable and deep,*

*I advance with steady, unslacked gait,*

*the solid earth beneath me.*

—I AM THE SNAKE.

(Lau & Lau, 2007)

### Snake Personality

If you were born in one of the following years, your sign is the Snake (1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, and 2001). A person born in the year of the Snake is con-



Henry Ford II, American Inventor  
Pablo Picasso, Spanish Artist

### General Predictions for the Year of the Snake

The 2013 Year of the Snake will bring people unexpected changes, instability, and transformation. This year it is important to plan carefully and adequately evaluate before taking any actions. Research and investigation are supported in all of your endeavors. A new-found ambition to greatness will inspire you to be all you can be, and allow you to achieve your goals. This is a great year to realize your goals and advance spiritually.

During this year, people will become more aware of their sixth sense or intuition. Deep transformation and healing are often represented by the Snake. Slowly we begin to see the reasons for events in our lives. We will realize the root cause of some dysfunction(s), and just like the snake, slowly we will shed our skin. We become shiny and new as we acknowledge and release the past.

It will be a year when everyone could see an improving trend. Natural or man-made disasters and energy of hostility will reduce considerably. A new sense of peace will fill the year. Countries will display better diplomacy and goodwill among each other.

### Words to Live by in the Year of the Snake

*The only real valuable thing is intuition.*

—Albert Einstein

*Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.*

—(Steve Jobs)

*Listen to your intuition. It will tell you everything you need to know.*

—Anthony J. D'Angelo

*Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.*

—John Wooden

*Personal transformation can and does have global effects. As we go, so goes the world, for the world is us.*

*The revolution that will save the world is ultimately a personal one.*  
(Marianne Williamson)

Do any of these resonate with you? If so, write it down and place it somewhere you see it every day. Use it to help you to be more self reflective.

### Slow and steady wins the race in 2013 Year of Snake.

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# Keep Moving

## From Christmas cookies to Valentine's candy

**Linda Stultz**  
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**Therapist**

The Christmas holiday is over but the cookies are still around. Everyone wants to share a bit of the season with friends, relatives and neighbors and they think the best way to do that is to bake cookies, cakes and candy. I know everybody likes cookies and baked items over the holidays but they aren't very happy when January rolls around and they make the same old New Year's Resolution. The number one resolution almost every year is to lose weight and eat healthy. I like the last part of that resolution, to eat healthy. Eating healthy, while eating the correct portion size is the way to lose weight without torturing yourself. Changing just one thing at a time will help you eat better and get healthy without making you so miserable that you give up on your resolution before you give it a chance. There are so many diets and weight loss solutions out there that it becomes too overwhelming to find the right one for you. Many of the plans sound too good to be true and I'm here to tell you they are too good to be true. The only tried and true way to lose weight and improve your health that you will be able to live with for the rest of your life is calories in-calories out. This may sound simple but it is hard to adjust your current eating habits overnight, which is what most of us want to do. We all want quick results with little effort and change. You may be surprised how making just one or two small changes in your eating may supply big results. Many of my clients tell me how much better they feel if they just skip that piece of pie a few times a week or if they cut out some of their normal junk food they can feel a difference in just a few weeks. Change never comes easy but it is so worth the effort you put forth. Just think, next year you may not have to make the resolution to eat better because you took care of that this year and you will have changed your lifestyle and are still eating better, exercising and feeling better and living the life you wanted.

Eating is only one part of the equation for losing weight. Exercise is the other part of the picture. I'm not saying you have to completely change your whole life all at once. Some people need to progress in stages while others do need to dive in full force. You need to know which type of person you are and which way will work best for you. Sometimes, just talking with your family members will be enough to help you decide which is the right way for you to start. This may sound strange but they have been there in the past when you

tried other diets and they saw how you reacted. Be sure to talk to the family member that will give you the straightforward answer you are looking for. Some may not want to upset you or think they are helping you by not telling you something that you may not want to hear. Sometimes they see things that we cannot see in ourselves. This may sound like harsh advice but that may be just what you need to research and find the healthy eating plan that is right for you.

Now about that Valentine's candy. I said the holidays are over and the cookies are still around and believe it or not the Valentine's candy is already on the store shelves. The past few months are filled with different kinds of food and many

more parties and celebrations than usual. Starting with Halloween, right through Thanksgiving and right into Christmas and the New Year's beverages we are surrounded with food and drink that we normally don't have. Trying to get back on track is hard enough without another holiday that uses candy and drinks to celebrate with. Now comes the Valentine's candy. A big box of chocolates and bottle of wine or champagne to celebrate the day doesn't help with eating healthy or with the correct portion sizes. Learning how to deal with life's little challenges is the way we keep at a healthy weight without stressing ourselves out. We all want to be able to celebrate the current holiday without worrying what the scale will say the next day. I know while you are trying to lose weight you need to be strict about what and how much you are eating but once you achieve your goal you will be able to enjoy food at a celebration and go right back to your healthy way of eating the next day

and the scale will never even know you had that chocolate cake with peanut butter icing the night before.

Don't beat yourself up over what you had during the holidays. That is all behind you and you can't change it. What you can change is how you look at food in the future and the choices you make about your eating and exercising. Check with a trainer or

nutritionist if you need a helping hand. Changing your life is not as hard as it may seem. Call me if I can help you get started or answer any questions that may point you in the right direction. My number is 717-334-6009. This call may be just what you need to change your life forever. Watch those cookies and that candy and Keep Moving. You'll be glad you did!

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## ASTRONOMY

# The night sky of February

Professor Wayne Wooten

For February 2013, the Moon will be last quarter on February 3rd; it sits 3.5 degrees south of Saturn, with both rising about midnight. The moon is new on February 10th. If you have clear skies and a flat SW horizon, look for a nice grouping of Mars, Mercury, and the waxing crescent moon about 45 minutes after sunset on February 11th; binoculars may be needed to see this nice twilight grouping. The first quarter moon is high overhead at dusk on February 17th, and passes just south of Jupiter the following evening. The full moon is on February 25th; this is the "hunger" moon in Native American tradition, when most of the food store up for winter was almost gone. The first two weeks find the moon waning in the morning sky, then waxing in the evening sky for the middle weeks of this month. The moon is waning, rising just after sunset for the last three days of the month.

Mercury and Mars are briefly visible just after sunset in the SW, with a nice grouping with the crescent moon on February 11th. Mars is lost in the sun's glare soon after, and Mercury also vanishes into the sun's glare by February 24th. Venus lies behind the sun now, not to appear in evening skies until April. Jupiter dominates the night sky, high up in the NE at sun-

set in Taurus. It has retrograded west past Aldebaran, the bright orange eye of the Bull. Check out the four Galilean moons in a scope, and the belts and zones and Great Red Spot on the disk of the largest planet with it high in the sky in the evening sky. Saturn is now in Libra, and rising about 11 PM by month's end. The ringed planet will be coming to opposition on April 28th. The rings are gradually starting to open up again, but still rather thin, only tilted about 1 degrees now, compared to 27 degree when fully opened at Saturn's solstice in 2016; when this open, the huge reflecting surface of the ring's ice boulders will double the planet's brightness.

The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W in the NW. She contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we proceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the W of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant. Overhead is Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. Be-

tween him and Cassiopeia is the fine Double Cluster, faintly visible with the naked eye and two fine binocular objects in the same field. Perseus contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie. It fades to a third its normal brightness for six out of every 70 hours, as a larger but cooler orange giant covers about 80% of the smaller but hotter and thus brighter companion as seen from Earth.

At Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster; they lie about 400 light years distant, and over 250 stars are members of this fine group. East of the seven sisters is the V of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye. The V of stars is the Hyades cluster, older than the blue Pleiades, but about half their distance. The southern horn of Taurus marks one of the most historic places in the sky. Here in 1054 AD, a supernova bright enough to be seen in broad daylight appeared for several weeks. The star that blew up created the Crab Nebula, Messier 1. The French comet hunter Charles Messier noted it looked like a comet, a blur in the sky, but unlike comets, was not moving night by night in orbit about the sun. This started him on a historic listing of 110 objects comet hunters should avoid, now the list of the best deep sky objects in the sky. The shattered star has a rapidly spinning neutron star (the fainter of the two stars in its center) that pulses 30 times a second. It is in red giant stars like Aldebaran and Betelgeuse that the heavier elements like carbon and iron are forged, and in supernovae such as this that they are blown back into space. Most of the atoms of our bodies were made in such a star perhaps five billion years ago, and our solar system was made of its ashes; we are all, as Carl Sagan says, "star dust".

Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the

overhead sky. It is part of the pentagon on stars making up Auriga, the Charioteer (think Ben Hur). Several nice binocular Messier open clusters are found in the winter milky way here. East of Auriga, the twins, Castor and Pollux highlight the Gemini. UWF alumni can associate the pair with Jason and the Golden Fleece legend, for they were the first two Argonauts to sign up on his crew of adventurers.

South of Gemini, Orion is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky at dusk. The reddish supergiant Betelgeuse marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant Rigel stands opposite on his west knee. Just south of the belt, hanging like a sword downward, is M-42, the Great Nebula of Orion, an outstanding binocular and telescopic stellar nursery. The bright diamond of four stars that light it up are the trapezium cluster, one of the finest sights in a telescope.

In the east rise the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis major and minor. Procyon is the bright star in the little dog, and rises minutes before Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. Sirius dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire. Beautiful as the twinkling ap-

pears to the naked eye, for astronomers this means the image is blurry; only in space can we truly see "clearly now". At 8 light years distance, Sirius is the closest star we can easily see with the naked.

When Sirius is highest, along our southern horizon look for the second brightest star, Canopus, getting just above the horizon and sparkling like an exquisite diamond as the turbulent winter air twists and turns this shaft of starlight, after a trip of about 200 years!

To the northeast, a reminder of Spring coming; look for the bowl of the Big Dipper to rise, with the top two stars, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the Pole Star. But if you take the pointers south, you are guided instead to the head of Leo the Lion rising in the east, looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star". Fitting for our cosmic king of beasts, whose rising at the end of this month means March indeed will be coming in like a Lion.

March could bring the best comet since Hale-Bopp in 1997 to northern hemisphere skies. Comet PANSTARRS will pass the sun heading north about March 10th, and may be an easy naked eye object with a fine tail for the rest of March in the evening sky. It is hoped that Comet ISON in November and December will be even brighter, but it will be best seen by us in the morning skies. More of these promising comets in months to come.

## Farmers' Almanac

**Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:** Fair and cold (1,2,3,4) with heavy snow (5,6,7). Cloudy and cold (8,9,10,11) turning fair, quite cold, and windy (12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20). Snow in the northern part of the region, rain in the south (21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28).

**Full Moon:** The Full Moon for February will occur on the 25th. It was originally named Hunger Moon by many Native American tribes living in cold and temperate climates who suffered from lack of food during this month. It has also been re-

ferred to as the SNOW MOON because snow was often its deepest in certain parts of North America.

**Special Notes:** "Punxsutawney Phil" will make his famous and much anticipated prediction on the coming of Spring on Saturday, February 2nd. If he sees his shadow, he will retreat to his borrow and there will be 6 more weeks of Winter. If he doesn't, there will be an early Spring (let's all hope and pray for the latter!). Since the famous groundhog's first prediction in 1887, Phil has seen his shadow 99 times and failed to spot it just 16 times (missing only 9 years) and according to the official site, [www.groundhog.org/](http://www.groundhog.org/), he has been 100% correct!

**The Garden:** Spring is right around the corner (despite the cold weather, snow, and rain predicted this month!). Consider pruning fruit trees prior to signs of any new growth. Apply first application of crabgrass inhibitor to control grassy weeds in all types of lawns. Now is the best time to trim roses, ornamental grasses and deciduous shrubs. When the ground softens, start digging your vegetable beds. Apply lime and well-rotted manure as needed along with decomposed garden compost. Be sure to give your asparagus beds an extra covering of that rich compost. It is safe to put out some cool season vegetable plants in late February. Even though the weather can be quite wet, shrubs may still need some watering if they are protected by overhangs from the rain. Be sure the temperature is well above freezing. And please remember to feed the birds!

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Another thing to be aware of is bogus or scam software trying to install on your computer. Be careful and check to make sure everything is spelled correctly and the logo is authentic before you allow it to be installed on your computer. If your still not sure do a quick online search and see what the program is. NEVER enter your credit card in-

formation - if you are not positive then do some research before you install it! If you see software that you believe is malicious you should seek a professional to have your computer checked for viruses

**Protecting yourself online**

When checking your email you should always be careful of things that have an attachment or is from someone that you do not know. Even if you know the person it could be a virus that is part of a mass mailing to their address book. Most email providers and antivirus software can help to prevent an attack but they are not always 100%. Taking additional precautions can save you money and from potentially losing your data.

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be in a Homeowner's Association, you will need to find out what rules, regulations and restrictions there may be.

Here at our showroom we take advantage of a Cad system offered by a manufacturer of decking. There are so many possibilities and choices. Once you have determined the size you want and the layout, the next major decision will be what type of decking you use. Pressure Treat-

ed lumber can be used for the entire project, however, we always advise our clients that with pressure treated deck boards there is the possibility that the deck boards could shrink, split or twist.

If you are thinking of Composite Decking you will have a wide variety to choose from. There are so many manufacturers of composite decking that it can be overwhelming. We suggest you take your time looking at each product. They are not all the same. Composite decking is low maintenance, won't rot, splinter or twist.

Composite takes decking to a new level by offering a large selection of colors which you may wish to mix to give you a creative accent. The Cad system we use can show you how to mix colors to give you a border effect.

Railing is another major decision. Again, there are so many choices, pressure treated, vinyl, aluminum or composite. If using pressure treated lumber and pickets, we give the client the same information as we do when they choose pressure treated deck boards, the possibility of shrinking, splitting or twisting.

Vinyl, aluminum and com-



posite railing are low maintenance and no worries of rotting, shrinking or twisting. With vinyl and aluminum there are color choices and different styles to choose from. Composite also gives you color choices, which you can match to your decking, and different styles to choose from. All railing needs to meet your local building codes and in some instances you may need to have installed an ADA Hand Rail for the steps.

Adding Deck Lights to your deck will add the ultimate after-dark atmosphere plus will add style and safety to your deck. There are Post Cap Lights, Accent Lights, Riser Lights and Under-Rail Lights. We have on display here at our showroom deck lights offered by Timber-Tech. These lights use low-voltage, energy-efficient LED lights which cast a soft, protective glow across steps and surroundings. If this is an item you can fit in your budget you will not be disappointed you spent the money. The safety factor alone makes it well worth it.

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Whether this is a Do-It-Yourself project or a project that you will need to work with a contractor, you will have many decisions to make and to decide what will fit into your budget. Don't forget to check into what is involved with obtaining a building permit or if you are working with a contractor, will that person take care of the permit.

Keep us in mind for this project and stop by our showroom to see the many samples of deck material, railing and deck lights. We can help you with the design and layout and offer suggestions. From the early stages to the finished product, Kiser & Sons Construction, Inc. DBA Central Maryland Sunrooms will make sure the entire experience meets all your expectations. Our showroom is located at 5241 Taneytown Pike, Taneytown, MD 21787. Call us at 410-775-7644 or 410-751-1512. Visit our website at [www.centralmarylandsunrooms.com](http://www.centralmarylandsunrooms.com). Our staff will be happy to work with you.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## February Events

### February 1, 2, 8, 9 & 10

The Frederick Town Players presents "The women" - Aside from the novelty of featuring a large cast of women (no male characters at all!) it is an immensely entertaining panorama of our world from the feminine viewpoint. To purchase tickets go to [www.fredricktownplayers.org](http://www.fredricktownplayers.org).

### February 1

Strawberry Hill's Environmental Film Night. Got cabin fever? Join us for an evening of film at Penn State Ag. Center at 670 Old Harrisburg Road in Gettysburg to check out the new film: Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time, all about the life and work of an extraordinary environmental hero. No RSVP necessary. For more information visit [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org) or call 717-642-5840.

### February 2

St. John's Lutheran Church's Fried Oyster and Turkey Dinner, Noon to 5. For more information visit [www.emmitsburg.net/sjlc](http://www.emmitsburg.net/sjlc)

Emmitsburg's Ninth Annual Burns Night - See article on page 37 for details.

### February 6, 20

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve' Welcome to Our Neighbor Woods. An excellent opportunity for preschool-aged children to explore the wonders of nature on a bi-monthly basis. Created especially for budding naturalists, Straw-

berry Hill presents a hands-on, nature-based program for children aged 3-5. For more information visit [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org) or call 717-642-5840.

### February 8

Elias Lutheran Church's The Basement Coffee House's evening with Monte Leister and Silver Lining Band. Come and enjoy Emmitsburg's hottest contemporary Christian music scene. Awesome for Kids and Teens. Free-Snacks and Coffee! For more information visit [www.eliaslutheran-church.org](http://www.eliaslutheran-church.org) or call 301-447-6239.

### February 9

Bingo Vera Bradley at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m.. For more information or tickets, please contact MSS at 301-447-3161, or Lena at 301-717-8860. Snow date: February 16.

The Majestic Theater presents the ever popular Buzz Jones Big Band with vocalists Cathy Chemi and George Rabbi will put you in the mood for love with the sweet melodies of Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and many, many more. For more information visit [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org) or call 717-337-8200.

### February 10

Grand Opening of Christ's Community Church 303 W. Lincoln Ave. Emmitsburg (by the town pool). Pastor John is kicking off a new sermon series, "Life Matters". Find out God's solutions to life's everyday challeng-

es. Join us Sunday at 10:30 for contemporary worship, relevant, Biblical teaching, and a dynamic kid's ministry. For more information visit [www.cccemmitsburg.org](http://www.cccemmitsburg.org) or call Pastor John at 717-642-9955.

### February 12

5th Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Trout's Towne Restaurant proudly hosts 1Lt Rob Seidel III all you can eat pancake supper. All proceeds to benefit the 1Lt Rob Seidel III Wounded Soldiers Fund. Come out and support these brave men and women.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve Maple Sugaring training for volunteers who are willing to assist in the Maple Sugaring process. Please RSVP to our office by calling 717-642-5840 or emailing [info@strawberryhill.org](mailto:info@strawberryhill.org) at least two days in advance.

### February 13

Mother Seton School invites you to celebrate Ash Wednesday at our school mass. 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. For more information call 301-447-3161

### February 16

Catoctin High School Safe & Sane Dance and Silent Auction at Thurmont Legion. \$10 per person. DJ Music by RHAJ. Doors open at 6:30 dance from 8-11pm. Please contact Laurie Payne 301-748-7662 for Tickets.

### February 17

Fairfield's St. Mary's Church's all you

can eat spaghetti dinner. 256 Tract Road, Fairfield. Dinner. For more information call 717-642-8815

Gettysburg. For more information visit [www.musicgettysburg.org](http://www.musicgettysburg.org) or call 717-338-3000.

### February 23

Strawberry Hill's Full Moon Owl Prowl. Walk softly and carry a good flashlight even though you won't need it with a full February moon. For more information visit [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org) or call 717-642-5840

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# MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## CAMPUS SOLAR FARM EARNS BEST SOLAR PROJECT OF THE YEAR HONORS

The 100-acre, 220,000-panel solar farm located on the Mount St. Mary's University campus has earned 2012 "Best Solar Project" honors by Solar Power Generation USA.

Constellation Energy financed, owns and operates the approximately \$50 million solar facility on behalf of its customer, the state of Maryland. The 16.1-megawatt (DC) grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) solar installation came online last summer as part of the State of Maryland's Generating Clean Horizons initiative.

The award recognized the project's completion — at no up front cost to the state of Maryland. Coupled with a 1.6-megawatt system supplying power directly to the university, the organization said: "(the project) demonstrates the potential of public-private partnerships in furthering renewable energy and sustainability goals."



The state's Department of General Services, and the University System of Maryland, purchase electricity generated by the solar farm, under a 20-year agreement with Constellation.

The grid-connected system is producing more than 20 million kilowatt hours of

emissions-free electricity per year. Generating the same amount of electricity using nonrenewable sources would result in the release of 17,981 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, according to U.S. EPA data.

*"The solar farm presents an exciting learning and teaching opportunity for our students and for the local community."*

*-Thomas H. Powell, President of Mount St. Mary's University*

"This recognition for Constellation Energy places our campus at the forefront in championing responsible land use and promoting renewable energy resources," said Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount St. Mary's University. "Our commitment to being good stewards of the environment is steadfast, and the solar farm presents an exciting learning and teaching opportunity for our students and for the local community."

For more information on the Mount's sustainability efforts please see [www.msmary.edu/sustainability/](http://www.msmary.edu/sustainability/)

## STUDENT-RUN NATIONAL ART SHOW ON DISPLAY

The Mount St. Mary's University Department of Visual and Performing Arts is proud to present *The Natural World: A Postmodern Perspective*, a national juried art show organized by Kathryn Franke, C'13, and Teresa Fredericks, C'13.

The exhibition explores the ways in which contemporary artists address themes and issues related to the natural world. It features works by: Erin Harmon of Tennessee, John Hancock of Virginia, Kay Knight of Wisconsin, Marc Leone of Kentucky, Nathan Taves of Indiana, and Megan Weikel of Pennsylvania.

This is the Mount's first national juried show organized by students, and serves as the students' senior honors project. Franke and Fredericks sent the call for submissions to art organizations across the country. After fielding entries, they selected the works, designed the gallery layout and the catalogue that accompanies the exhibit, prepared the gallery walls, hung the works, and worked on lighting to prepare for the exhibition opening.

Reflecting on the process, Franke said, "This student-run exhibition is proof of the impact that hard work, passion, and creativity can have. Teresa and I have always shared a love for art, and together we have been able to combine our talents to plan a large-scale, national event at the Mount. I could not think of a better way to collaborate using our individual and shared interests and skills."

Fredericks explained, "I want people to truly take something away from what we have organized. I have gained a glimpse into a dimension of the art world. I'm so grateful to have found my niche. Gallery work is truly what I love and want to pursue professionally."

The show is on display through February 22 at the Thomas H. & Mary K. Williams Art Gallery, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center. Exhibition Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., or by appointment.

For more information, call 301-447-5308.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Winter Homecoming and Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, Feb. 2

Knott Arena

For tickets call 301-447-5700 or visit [www.mountathletics.com](http://www.mountathletics.com)

Join the Mount at this year's Winter Homecoming as both the men's and women's basketball teams take on Sacred Heart. The men's game starts at 4 p.m., with the women tipping off at 7 p.m. Plus, there's a surprise guest you won't want to miss!

### A Sensitive Colorist

Sunday, Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m.

Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Free admission

Violinist Blanka Bednarz and pianist Matthew Bengtson present the gorgeous music of Karol Szymanowski, considered the greatest figure in Polish music in the first half of the 20th century. For more information call 301-447-5308.



### Fat Tuesday Concert

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Patriot Hall Dining facilities

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### In Homage to Bach

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 12:30 pm

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception

Free admission

Dr. Kimberly Hess, Director of Music Ministry, presents a 30-minute, lunchtime organ recital featuring works by Bach, C.P.E. Bach and Liszt.



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SACRED HEART

THURS., FEB. 14, 7 P.M.

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SAT., FEB. 16, 11:30 A.M.

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THURS., FEB. 21, 7 P.M.

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SAT., FEB. 23, 3:30 P.M.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES

SAT., FEB. 2, 7 P.M.

SACRED HEART

MON., FEB. 4, 7 P.M.

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SAT., FEB. 16, 2 P.M.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE

MON., FEB. 18, 7 P.M.

BRYANT

SAT., FEB. 23, 7 P.M.

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MON., FEB. 25, 7 P.M.

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## The Natural World: A Postmodern Perspective

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Exhibition Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tues., Thurs., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m., or by appointment.



Erin Harmon, *The Land of Lost & Found*