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## Residents reject changes to Doughboy plaque

Residents and members of the Emmitsburg VFW and the American Legion gathered together at the town meeting on October 19 to express their opposition to any changes to the historic plaque attached to the Doughboy statue. The plaque lists the names of local men who fought in World War One.

A few of the letters on the plaque were slightly damaged in the June auto accident that knocked the Doughboy statue off its pedestal. Since the damage was deemed minor, the state-approved conservator only recommend repairing the damaged letters, rather than replacing the plaque. In spite of this recommendation, a few vocal members of the community have used the accident to agate for the replacement of the 88-year-old plaque. It lists three veterans under a separate header of "Colored Troops," which they see as a vestige of racism in Emmitsburg.

Martin Williams, Commander of the Emmitsburg VFW post and a decedent of two of the veterans listed as "colored" on the plaque, refuted

the claim that if the plaque was kept the way it was, it would cause Emmitsburg to come across as a racist town. Williams stressed that the statement was far from the truth, and the plaque needed to remain as is.

Sharon Williams, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW seconded Williams' thoughts saying, "We should not change anything on the statue, it is not our job to change history."

In addition to the Williams' opinion, a host of other residents added their voices to the call to keep the historic plaque as it is. No one spoke in favor of replacing the plaque.

One of the main questions on the minds of those present at the meeting was why it had taken the town so long to restore the statue. Veterans and residents alike expressed their beliefs that the delay in restoring the statue and plaque was disrespectful to the men who had fought so hard to earn that statue, as well as the citizens of 1927 who paid for it out of their own pockets and later entrusted it to the town for safe-keeping.



Residents have rallied in support of retaining the historical plaque on the Doughboy monument that bears the names of WWI veterans.

According to town manager Dave Haller, the reason behind the delay in moving the statue was due to the fact the state had told the town it could not move the monument on their own, but instead needed a qualified monument mover. If the town had moved the statue, Haller said, it could have compromised their chances of receiving financial support for the repairs.

According to Haller, the town has received a bid for repairs on the statue, but unfortunately, the bid is currently incomplete. The board could not discuss the bid publically, due to its incomplete status. Haller ex-

plained that the town is currently in negotiation with the business that placed the bid and if the bid was discussed openly, it could be compromised. Even though the bid could not be discussed at the time, Haller strongly encouraged the board to take public comments on the issue and consider them. The board held a closed executive session after the town meeting to discuss the bid in further detail.

In mid-October, the statue and plaque were moved to a shed at the wastewater treatment facility where they will be safe and out of the elements until repairs can begin.

## 9th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour

The 9th annual Foothills Artists studio tour will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22 at nine locations in Fairfield, Carroll Valley, Orrtanna, and Cashtown. Ten artists and artisans will open their studios in a pre-holiday show and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The respective studios will feature original paintings, pottery, furniture and woodworking, stained glass, printmaking, photography, fabric arts, and jewelry. The purpose of the tour is to give people an opportunity to meet local, award-winning artists in their studios and to purchase handcrafted art for themselves or family and friends for the holidays. Their work is held in many private, public, and corporate collections throughout the country.

Dorothea Barrick of Carroll Valley does plein air landscape, nature paintings, and abstract monotypes. She has shown at numerous educational institutions in the U.S. and abroad. Barrick is teaching at Frederick Community College and the Adams County Arts Council.

Mark Brockman of Orrtanna specializes in painting landscapes and the human figure. An award-winning participant in many juried shows, he works in pastels, watercolor, and oil. Becky Carter, also

of Carroll Valley enjoys oil and pastels painting, colored pencil, animal portraits, and wearable art. She is most recently creating original drawings and designs for an adult coloring book series. Geoff Grant of Fairfield is a fine art photographer whose subjects include painterly interpretations of landscapes, architecture, and street photography in the U.S. and overseas. Jack Handshaw has been an active local artist for 36 years, he is a potter working in all forms of clay, and particularly reduction fired glazed porcelains. He is a juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen. Handshaw teaches and demonstrates for numerous non-profit organizations, including the Adams County Arts Council.

Dan Mangan of Carroll Valley takes fine art stylized photography of florals and botanicals, landscapes, Gettysburg Battlefield, and Pennsylvania barns. His work has been shown in the Art of the State in Harrisburg, numerous galleries in Adams and Frederick Counties, and the Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Barn Art Show.

Don Rinehart of Fairfield creates stained and etched glass, watercolors, pastels, pencil, and charcoal, and has shown in numerous shows and exhibits. A graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and U.S. Army veter-

an, he taught art while in military service and locally at HACC-Gettysburg.

Also of Fairfield, Ann Ruppert works in pastels, oils, watercolors and colored pencil. She also designs jewelry using polymer and various metal clays, and designs arrangements of cut flowers grown on the farm. Rod Stabler, co-showing with Ann Ruppert

is a fifth-generation woodworker and retired cabinet maker, he creates useful and practical woodcraft "with a flair", each piece one of a kind. He strives to make objects of utility which also are objects of beauty. Geoffrey Thulin of Cashtown specializes in abstracts, landscapes, and



Among many other local artists from Orrtanna, resident Mark Blockman will be opening his studio to the public.

animal imagery. He works primarily in watercolor and gouache, but also utilizes acrylics, inks, graphite, charcoal, and pastels. The website ([www.foothillsartists.net](http://www.foothillsartists.net)) includes biographies and artwork examples for each artist. It includes a map of each studio's location and street address.

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## NEWS

# Emmitsburg re-elects town commissioners

Emmitsburg residents voted to reelect two of their commissioners on Tuesday, September 28th.

Commissioners Tim O'Donnell and Clifford Sweeney ran unopposed in the election for the two commissioner seats.

Thirty eight Emmitsburg residents participated in the polls on Tuesday. Commissioner Sweeney received 35 votes while O'Donnell received 38.

Of the 1,692 registered voters in Emmitsburg, only 2% turned out for the election, the lowest turnout for an Emmitsburg election according to Historical Society records since the founding of Emmitsburg in 1825.

Commissioner O'Donnell said he was thankful and excited to be able to begin another three-year term serving the Emmitsburg community. O'Donnell has served six years on the board of Commissioners.

As he prepares to begin another three year term O'Donnell is looking forward to the help he will provide for the community. "Our community will see sig-

nificant change in the next few years." O'Donnell explains. The town will be seeing changes such as sidewalk improvements, renovations to the square, a new bridge with sidewalks over Flat Run near Jubilee Foods, and noteworthy growth to the relationship with Mount St. Mary's University according to O'Donnell. O'Donnell's intent is to see the transportation projects and the town's relations with the University reflect a partnership.

O'Donnell hopes that in his new term he will be able to enhance the already attractive quality of life in Emmitsburg. He says he will continue to support programs for the youth, families, and to the community members as a whole. O'Donnell plans to continue the work on the development of the town's world class multi-user trail network.

He plans to continue his support of the community's cultural assets and seeks to further support and promote the community's anchor institutions. He describes the Emmitsburg community as a vibrant and innovative communi-

ty that he is proud to continue to enhance.

Commissioner Sweeney, also elected to a 3 year term, is not only the longest serving commissioner on the current town council, but the longest serving council member in recent memory, having already served in the town council for 17 years now. Had Sweeney not been briefly unseated in the 2004 election, he would not have been the longest serving Town Council member in the town's history. (Sweeney was returned to office in the 2006 election)

"I really appreciate the citizens reelecting me." Sweeney says he has really seen the town's improvement over the years he has been on the board. He looks forward to watching the town grow as he serves for another three years. As he looks to the future, Sweeney is striving to attract new businesses into the town. He is anticipating the improvements that are to come which include the revitalization of the square, and a new entry way to the town.

At the October 5th town meeting, Sweeney and O'Donnell were sworn in to serve another three year term on the board.

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# Emmitsburg considers noise ordinance

The board of commissioners held a discussion about the consideration of a noise and nuisance ordinance at the October 19 town meeting.

The new proposed ordinance states that if a resident receives three noise/ nuisance complaints, they will receive a violation notice informing

them that there will be forthcoming precautions.

Town manager Dave Haller informed the board that this is something he has been involved with for six years now. According to Haller and the Mayor, the town needs something to help manage the noise. The ordinance is directed to-

wards residences in town and not businesses at this time.

Mayor Briggs has spoken with Mount St. Mary's University and Emmitsburg Police about working together to get something launched. Mayor Briggs stated that the main goal of the ordinance is to maintain a safe town.

Several residence owners were invited to attend the October 19th town meeting to discuss the ordinance and the possible adoption

of it. TJ Burns, a local resident and landlord, addressed the board expressing his concern about the new ordinance. Burns is concerned that the ordinance is poorly written and can be misinterpreted.

The current proposed ordinance does not clarify what warrants the police to be called, or if a violation will be written up each time an officer is called to a residence.

Susan Glass, a local Landlord and business owner, agreed that the or-

dinance was not clearly defined and could be misinterpreted. Glass also pointed out that the ordinance does not clarify that it is only directed towards residences and not businesses. Both Burns and Glass posed the question, "What is considered a noise or nuisance violation?"

It was clarified that a violation is not written up every time an officer is called. The officer who reports to the call will be the one to determine if it does meet the noise and nuisance violation, if the officer deems it reportable, then a violation report will be written.

Currently, the ordinance that is written does not clarify how residents will be notified about the violations. The notification would be in written form, according to Haller, but that is currently not in the ordinance.

Due to the points that were addressed at the meeting, the consensus of the board was that the ordinance needed to be rewritten. Once the ordinance is rewritten it will be presented to the board once again.

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# New building bids unanimously rejected

The Carroll Valley Borough's new municipal building project hit a road block at the October meeting when the council voted unanimously to reject all of the project bids from contractors who responded to request for proposals (RFP).

Borough Manager Dave Hazlett told the board that all of the bids had come in remarkably higher than anyone had anticipated. The highest bid came in at \$4.4 million and the lowest one was just over \$3.8 million - the board's maximum projected figure is \$3.5 million.

Frustrated, Hazlett stated "The reality is that the amounts of these

bids have taken us completely by surprise, and I think I speak for the whole building project committee when I say that we recommend that the council consider rejecting all bids so that we go back and see if there are things we can do to make the project fit within the perimeters that we had discussed previously."

Hazlett further emphasized that the committee was "disappointed in how high the prices were," noting they had been "confident that this project could come in priced lower than the bids we received," and maintained that "we're committed to getting this project right, so we want to take some time to look

through it." He added that the delay would give the committee "more time to evaluate a little more deeply what the bids were, what factors were driving the prices to where they were, and hopefully we'll be able to be more successful by rebidding it a second time."

Speaking to the residents, Council President Ken Lundberg further explained that, "By rejecting the bids, we have a little bit easier time legally - due to legal limitations imposed by county protocol, the council could not speak with bidders until the bids were formally rejected. Through rejecting them, we have leeway now to find out what will help us in some ways in get-

ting the bids down," he added.

When asked about the status of the upcoming project's grant money, Hazlett said "I think that this highlights to those making the decision that our project is somewhat dependent upon them coming through for us. We're hopeful to get lower - we're going to work toward that end - but we're relying on Amy (Kaufman) to help us in getting money from the state."

Kaufman, the borough grant consultant, praised the council for their willingness to reexamine the project's budget. "I think the folks that are granting money in Harrisburg - or who will be eventually, once the impasse is figured

out - will appreciate that you at the local level are doing what you can to keep your costs down on the project instead of just accepting the first set of bids that were higher than you anticipated, especially if they're looking to pledge money toward the project," she said.

Replacing the worn, existing structure - the new facility will include the mayor's and borough offices, conference and meeting rooms, the Carroll Valley Police Department and an area for the Adams County Library. Additionally, the new facility will have an outdoor stage and a modified, wider parking lot with a new top coat and lodge-like architecture intended to mesh with the area's aesthetics. The next council meeting will be on Nov. 10.

# Fairfiled area news briefs. . .

Commissioners Randy Phiel, Jim Martin, and Marty Qually called it "a great day for Adams County" when on October 20 the Adams County Sheriff's Office, Cumberland Township Police Department, Gettysburg Borough Police Department, McSherrystown Police Department, Latimore Township Police Department, and Littlestown Police Department began using the new 800 MHz county emergency radio system. Commissioner Randy Phiel commended fellow commissioners Jim Martin and Marty Qually, Adams County Controller Steve Renner, Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris and Liberty Township Supervisor Bob Jack-

son for being part of the team that enacted new system.

The new system came to fruition shortly after Commissioners Phiel, Martin, and Qually took office in 2012. Phiel explained that a group of police and emergency responders met shortly after they were elected and urged them to replace the often broken down radio system. Adams County Emergency Services Director John Eline stated that he had found notes specifying that a new system had first been discussed in 1998, but nothing was ever done.

Eline said the new system, which is 95 to 99 percent reliable, has features including GPS and fully-integrated

computer aided dispatching that will be phased in over time. He first wants to ensure that the most critical components are working seamlessly. The old system, which some departments are still using, has been integrated into the new one, Eline said, so departments are still able to communicate with each other until the project is completely rolled out. "If there is any tweaking that needs to be done with what has already been set up, we will make sure it is," Eline said.

Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard Hileman said that other counties are already reaching out to Adams County for assistance in installing their systems. Hileman praised the county for so-

liciting feedback from the responders as decisions were being made. He and Latimore Township Police Department Sgt. Ralph Griffiths added that people in their line of work often have strong egos, but none showed throughout the process.

In other news, Hamiltonban Township road crew member James Eyer recently became certified as the second state-certified Roads Scholar. Eyer received the certification after completing a three-year, 10-class program that educates participants in the latest technologies and methods for maintaining the township's 31 miles of roadways.

"(It means) I don't always have to be there," said township Road Master John Harbaugh, also a Roads Scholar. "He can make

judgment calls on things as well."

The Roads Scholar certification is free, "other than our time invested in attending the classes," Harbaugh said. The course work is part of the Penn DOT Local Technical Assistance Program, which certifies qualified road system workers to perform tasks that otherwise would require hiring an engineer or other experts. Among other things, the Roads Scholar certification allows workers to make observations about traffic flow, timing and intersections that save time and money for the township and for the state. Eyer was praised by the township supervisors at a recent meeting for his participation and certification, specifically noting his commitment to maintaining the safety of the municipality's roads.

# Penn DOT choosing "profit" over public safety

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) is not budging on its plan to close Route 116 completely in Highland Township and Fairfield next summer. This will pose a significant change to the way residents, businesses, and tourists will navigate their way in and out of the area while the bridge over Muddy Run is replaced. Plans call for the bridge to be closed from early June to early September.

In a letter written to Supervisor Robert Gordon of Hamiltonban Township by Project Manager Gary Kleist of Penn DOT, leaving one lane open or installing a temporary bridge would "add considerable costs and cause a much longer inconvenience." For emergency vehicles, the letter says, Penn DOT "has identified a 3.3 mile detour" over Cold Springs and Carroll's Tract roads. The emergency detour "is not being signed as the primary detour in an attempt to not put an undue burden on the maintenance of the local transportation network," Kleist wrote.

That route is "dangerous," Fairfield Fire and Emergency Medical Services Chief Bill Jacobs said citing two one-lane bridges, a roadway too narrow for two large vehicles going in opposite directions, many curves and hills, and dark conditions.

Both detours that have been proposed for the bridge closure are logistically a nightmare and will add 15-20 minutes conservatively to police, fire, and emergency responders - es-

pecially those who drive for Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services (AREMS); AREMS provides both basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS) services to over 15 municipalities in Adams County. Jacobs alleged that Penn DOT is choosing "profit" over public safety by choosing to close the highway instead of closing one lane at a time or

installing a temporary bridge. "There are going to be accidents," Jacobs said, calling the route completely inadequate for tractor-trailers.

Though the emergency detour reaches into Hamiltonban Township, the bridge itself, approximately a mile east of Fairfield, is in Highland Township, where Craig Rockey chairs the Board of Supervisors. He said that he

had a half-hour conversation with a Penn DOT official and they (Penn DOT) were "unmoved" by the concern of the local municipalities.

Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) will replace 16 aging bridges in Adams County in just over a year, completing construction by the end of 2016. The bridges are primarily crossings on smaller state highways, many in

rural areas, rather than interstate bridges or large river crossings.

Plans call for eight bridges in Adams County to be completely closed for approximately 10 weeks each next year at various times between April and September as part of the state's Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. Additional bridge replacements are planned in the county in 2017.



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## Taneytown hosts fifth annual Elf Hunt

The 5th Annual Downtown Taneytown Elf Hunt will kick-off on November 21 from 10 am to 5 pm. The annual event originated in 2011 and was created by numerous shop owners in order to create a unique family shopping experience prior to the Christmas shopping season on Thanksgiving weekend. Shop owners will bring out all of their wares and merchandise that they have will have available for Christmas, in hopes the customers will return that next weekend to do all their Christmas

shopping in Downtown Taneytown and support their local community.

Downtown Taneytown shop owners also support the surrounding local communities, therefore everyone benefits. The designated shops include: Taneytown Dance Center, Good Hope Thrift Store, Stone House Cakery and Cafe, Vintage Colors, Rust by Justin, Curiosity Shop, Country Kitchen Restaurant, and Pristine Collectibles & Gifts & Red Door Boutique. Additional sponsors include No Anchovies Piz-

za and New Windsor State Bank. Other available shopping choices are Main Street Groomers, and Designer's Edge Salon, Tina's Barber Shop, and Hair Barn. Auto Service Centers and Design Associates Print Shop are also participating. Downtown Taneytown has evolved into a "Destination Town" where you will find unique "ONE OF A KIND" shops.

When visiting the downtown shops customers will find that they can spend the day shopping, have breakfast and lunch at the Country

Kitchen or the Stone House Cakery & Cafe. Both restaurants can also provide for customers catering needs during the busy holiday season. Additionally, the Stone House Cakery and Cafe will make any cake that anyone can imagine for their next party or birthday - they also provide Catering for weddings and Lois Trout will make a wedding cake that any bride could dream of.

While visiting downtown Taneytown, one may also book a pottery class or canvas painting class at Vin-

tage Colors - think Christmas Gifts for Mom, Dad, and Grandparents! The Red Door Boutique also will host craft classes, where anyone can make a special gift for a loved one or friend. Drop off the pet at the groomers and shop Downtown Taneytown! Make plans to have a Girls Day out! Get your Hair and Nails done, book a pottery or craft class, and have lunch!

Help find the elves and send them back to the North Pole in time to make the toys for Christmas. All of the merchants hope to see everyone at the 5th Annual Taneytown Elf Hunt on November 21.

## Thurmont's Main Street Center opens

Thurmont's new Main Street Center opened its doors on October 10th.

The center held its grand opening during Colorfest. The new center is located on Water Street in Thurmont. During the months of October and November the center will be open on Saturdays from 11am to 4pm and Sundays from 12 to 4pm.

Volunteers stepped forward to help in different ways to prepare the new center for its opening. The volunteers

distributed Thurmont business information to visitors encouraging them to spend time in Thurmont.

In December the center will extend their hours so that visitors will be able to enjoy the Festival of Trees, and the Gingerbread House displays. People will be able to vote on their favorite tree and gingerbread houses. This will be the second year for the Festival of Trees and the first year for the Gingerbread house displays. The Festival of the trees is for the lo-

cal businesses to promote their businesses through tree decorations, the gingerbread house displays is open to anyone.

The center was created as a place to attract tourists to the Thurmont area. The new center is a place for local businesses and talents to be featured. The center features art from local artists and photographers such as Rebecca Pearl, Emily Slovika, and Rebecca Lachance. The art on display can be purchased. Local artists are invited to submit their work to the center.

The center will be selling local products such as pottery, and Thurmont t-shirts, and Maryland crab car decals. Visitors can purchase Josh Bollinger's barbecue sauce, Main Street Label apple but-

ter, Christmas ornaments from the Thurmont Lion's Club, and Thurmont Murals wine glasses.

The new center provides visitors with information on the town, state, and county levels. According to Grinder the center will be receiving a television for their wall where a video of the area and what it offers will be playing.

Local businesses have given their information to Grinder, such as pamphlets and business cards, to feature at the center.

Along with promoting local talent and businesses the center offers a look at Thurmont's history, allowing visitors and current residents to learn more about the town and surrounding areas.

Now that the center is opened it



will provide residents and visitors with fun and interesting events, including paint nights, paint lessons, and other great activities.

### Thurmont town council election results

Wes Hamrick • 199 votes  
Bill Buehrer • 167 votes

### Veteran's Day service and recognition

On Sunday, November 8, 2015, Trinity United Church of Christ will hold its second special Veteran's Day Service and Recognition. The service will be held at 101 East Main Street, Thurmont, MD at 11: a.m. with a luncheon immediately following the worship service. Anyone is invited to attend, with special recognition being given to those currently serving and veterans who had previously served in any branch of the United States Armed Services, as well as any named persons who are deceased and had previously served their country.

The purpose of this very beautiful service is to thank the living and to honor the deceased veterans in our communities for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. Honored guests are Pastor Emeritus, Lower Marsh Creed Presbyterian Church and retired commander US Navy, Pastor Dale Williams leading the service. Other participants include Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Hon-

or and Color Guard from the Thurmont Amvets, musical group "Solid Ground" out of Fort Detrick, Wes Hamrick, Commissioner of Thurmont, Marty Burns, former Mayor of Thurmont and other retired persons of service.

If you would like to participate, please call the church (301-271-2305) to indicate your interest and to give us some information as to when you served, the branch of service, where you served and any other information you would like to share. This will all be printed in our program for the day.

We had a wonderful and meaningful service last year and would love to have interested persons and their families add their voices and sentiments with us on this occasion. And bring your family along and enjoy our celebratory meal at the conclusion of the service. RSVP by October 17th. This is very important so that all names can be listed in our program and read accurately.

## Think Pink paint night

Thurmont residents came out to paint for a cause on October 23rd.

As part of Thurmont's Think Pink Campaign Catocin High School art teacher Laura Day hosted a Think Pink Paint Night. The proceeds of the event to the Patty Hurwitz Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital, the event was held at the newly opened Thurmont Main Street Center located on Water Street in Thurmont. This was the first event to be held at the center.

Pink was the theme of the night, from the pink vintage dress the painters were painting to the clothes they wore. Painters were treated to pink treats including pink cupcakes and Moscato wine from Catocin Breeze Vineyard.

Painters were treated to a free glass of wine as they worked on their paintings.

Many of the painters wore pink to support the cause including local Orthodontist Dr. Mole who sported a pink Mohawk and beard along with his Think Pink Thurmont t-shirt. Many of the painters wore pink, shirts, hats and even feather headbands.

The night kicked off with Day welcoming painters to the event. "We are all out here today for a great cause!" Day was happy with the turnout for first year of the event and is hoping they will get the chance to do it again next year. There were about 15 painters at the event, both men and women, young and old came out to test their art skills.

The painters learned to paint a vintage pink dress which is one of Day's favorite pieces. At Paint with Laura events painters must take the Paint with Laura pledge before putting paint on their canvases. With their hands on their canvases the painters pledged to have fun and see where the paint took them.

The center was filled with laughter and jokes as the painters worked on their dresses. The paint night began at 6:30pm and continued on until 9:30pm.

This event was just one of the many that the town held during their Think Pink October. That same weekend the town hosted their first Think Pink Run/Walk 5K race at Eyerle Road Park.



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# 100 years ago this month

## November 5

### Midnight Hallowe'en Frolic

After the town officer was off duty at midnight last Saturday, a crowd of persons revived a custom that the people of this community believed had happily died out about five or six years ago. The fountain at the Square was piled high with cans and trash while several large wagons and other vehicles were left standing in or near the basin. The whole spectacle was a sorry one on Sunday morning and there can be no doubt as to the impression strangers must have gained as they passed through the town. With the help of some boys, the authorities returned the wagons to the owners and cleared up the debris on Sunday.

### Auto Accident

On Sunday, Mr. Claude Long of Taneytown was motoring through Emmitsburg in his new Overland car on his return with his wife and child from Fairfield, where he had entered his daughter at school. Just in front of the residence of Mr. Meade Patterson, the car caught fire and a serious explosion would have followed had not Mr. Patterson quickly come to the rescue and extinguished the blaze, which was about to reach the gasoline tank.

### European War Moving Pictures

The films to be shown tonight at St. Euphemia's Hall at the semi-monthly motion pictures will be the European War Pictorials In Reels. With the European war at its height, this entertainment should be very instructive and draw a large crowd.

### Dr. Forman Dies Suddenly

Dr. John Foreman died at his home on East Main Street on Monday night at 10 o'clock. The cause of death was an attack of the weakening arteries of the heart. He was in his 42nd year.

The announcement of Dr. Foreman's death was a great shock to the community in which he had made his home for nearly 20 years. Dr. Foreman was actively identified with the Democratic Party, and last April he was appointed postmaster of Emmitsburg. He was also the president of the Emmitsburg Electric Company. On Monday morning he suffered a heart attack, and although for a time he seemed to be improved, in a few hours this condition grew worse and the decline was marked.

## November 12

It is a safe bet that anyone attempting offhand to estimate the amount of money invested in automobiles by the people within a three-mile radius of Emmitsburg would be far below the mark. It is doubtful, too, if anyone knows the actual num-

ber of motorcars in this community. To many, the following figures, compiled from an accurate list of locally owned automobiles, will prove very interesting.

Over \$50,000 is the amount of money invested in gasoline-propelled vehicles in this district. This represents the value of 84 cars. The average cost of these cars is about \$600. The Ford leads with 50; the Overland is next in popularity with 15; the rest in order of number are: Buick, 5; Packard, 3; Chevrolet, 2; and one each for Cadillac, King, Pullman, Norwalk, Rio, Metz, Dodge, Apperson, and Cole.

The automobile has created a distinct new industry for Emmitsburg with there being three public garages that enjoy a good business in selling supplies, parts, oils and gasoline and doing engine repairing and tire vulcanizing.

Figures on this end of the trade are not obtainable but it is a safe estimate to put the amount of money spent in one year for these items at several thousand dollars. Say that on average each car consumes 10 gallons of gasoline a week. With the price at \$.20 a gallon, the week's bill for gas for all the local cars combined is \$168, and \$8,736 for the year. The tire bill is another big factor in the upkeep of the machine, and local men sell a large number of new tires in the course every year.

In addition to the above expenditures, there are always a number of fixed charges. When a person purchases a car for the first time, an operator's license has to be procured. This cost is two dollars. Then a car requires a license tag from the state before it can be used. This clips off \$15 a year from the pile. Most people have their cars insured against fire and theft, with cost anywhere from \$5-\$15 a year. Others insure against accidents and liability, which can add an additional \$15 a year.

### Letter to the Editor

I would like to protest through the Chronicle that there is no relief from the disorders that prevail in Emmitsburg after night, and that the Chronicle is particularly to blame. Your continued glorification of the antics of Former Former Boozers is only encouraging them. Instead of focusing on providing for their families, they see their principle focus in life to do nothing more than be the first to fall face down in the street on any given night. The answer is clear—it is time to give women the vote so we can end men's access to alcohol and end this scourge. Signed, Sarah Troxell.

## November 19

### Should have been fined \$15 and Cost

John Troxell was arrested Wednesday night and put in the lockup

on the charge of drunk and disorderly conduct. Several witnesses testified that the accused made night hideous on the Square, used unprintable language, cursed everybody and everything in general and Suffragettes in particular. He also threatened to beat up or shoot up anyone who dared speak of his wife's article in the paper (the Chronicle), saying she was out of her head with woman's issues when she wrote it and thus not responsible for her actions. The prisoner, a Former Former Boozier, pleaded ignorance of the acts he committed, claiming them to be the result of his wife hiding his booze over the weekend forcing him to play catch up that night. Squire Shuff agreed, saying a woman has no right to hide a man's booze and released Troxel. Woman Prohibitionist agitator's said he should have been fined \$15 and cost. They suggested that fines in this amount would have a very salutary effect on several walking magazines of profanity.

### The Woman's Exchange

The Women's Exchange, inaugurated and maintained in the interest of the library, has aided wonderfully in supporting this little institution that has so greatly benefited and given so much pleasure to the townspeople.

As everything sold at the Exchange brings the percentage of profit to the library, and as the supply of new books is entirely dependent upon the amount of patronage received—the continuance of library membership plus the goodwill of the public towards the Exchange—it is apparent that in each instance, the greater the support the greater the success of the whole.

The management of the Exchange therefore requests all who are interested in the library currently to increase their interest, to cooperate more fully in the endeavor to raise a substantial sum for the purchase of new books. The demand for what the Exchange has to offer varies from one week to another and it should be borne in mind that there is a



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percentage of profits to the library even in the small sale.

## November 26

### Approaches to Town Being Repaired

The engineer of the state roads commission is superintending the repairs to the remaining links of State Road, from the Emmitsburg railroad to the blacksmith shop of Bernard Welty and the approach to Flat Run Bridge. These roads, which have for some time been decidedly out of condition, will be put in proper shape and will make these two much-needed entrances to Emmitsburg even more popular. It is understood that in the spring, the road from Taneytown to Emmitsburg will be resurfaced.

### Emmitsburg Civic League

The enthusiasm with which many residents of Emmitsburg organized the Civic League, and their cooperation during the first year of its existence, is worth the attention for

the reading public—but specifically what has it done for Emmitsburg?

That answer is easy. First the Civic League persuaded the county to wire the school for electric lights, assuming the payment of the monthly bill. They oversaw the repairing and repainting of the fountain; they facilitated the restoration of the Civil War tablets next to the fountains; they contributed generously to the reduction of the debt on the piano bought for the use of the public school several years ago; they organized a campaign reducing the fly nuisance that has made life in the town during the summer almost impossible.

The Civic League is a force for good in our community, and it stands for a clean town in every sense of the word, obedience to the law and order, and of the future of Emmitsburg, which will be better and more beautiful and show civic and moral growth.

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## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

# County Councilman Kirby Delauter

This month I am writing about three issues that are upon us in County government, first I'll start with the Citizens / Montevue Nursing Home debacle. Our County Executive, Jan Gardner decided that breaching contracts and using eminent domain would show off our business friendly climate here in Frederick County. She breached the contracts with Aurora Holdings and used the threat of eminent domain to beat Aurora into submission and afterwards states: "I can't understand why no one wants to do business here?"

The threat of eminent domain against a private business is like holding a loaded revolver against someone's head, cocking the hammer, and asking for their wallet. Once they hand it over, you walk away and say "I knew you'd see things my way, and look, I didn't even have to use force". We won't know the final details of the shake-

down, but I'll give 2:1 odds that Aurora made out well and the County taxpayer will be paying more taxes to take this boondoggle back over. It lost well over \$50 Million since the year 2000 while the County operated it, and our wonderful County Executive is so proud of her accomplishment of forcefully taking it back so we can repeat history.

I asked County Manager Doug Browning if he would place a personal bond to help offset the losses if they occur once the County takes this back into operation. His answer was a bold "Absolutely Not!" Why not Doug, you're selling this as such a great deal, why not put Your money up? Doug will sail off in a few years into his taxpayer funded retirement leaving some other poor sap to clean up he and County Executive's mess.

It's kind of like a Steve Wright -ism of having amnesia and deja-vu at the same time, I think we've

forgotten this before.

On another note, speaking of boondoggles, Council member Jerry Donald has introduced a Water Buffers Bill. This Bill will amend the current ordinance and will eliminate your ability to place open structures, pavilions, gravel paths, asphalt paths, within the water buffer area. These items are now acceptable in these buffers, but Council member Donald seems to think that encroaching on personal property rights is a good thing.

Well, it is, if you're Bernie Sanders or" another avowed socialist. A few items that come to mind on this are questions I've had, which are, Is the Farm Bureau on board with this proposal? The answer is No, they have some reservations about it and they are likely the people it will affect the most. If we do this and pass this Bill, will the water be cleaner, or will we just have more regulations added to private landowners?

My guess, the water not be any cleaner due to this Bill, but, your bank account will be cleaned out by added taxes needed to pay for the enforcement of inspectors to come on your property to tell you what you can and can't do. No thank you Council member Donald, I'll keep my rights, you keep your socialism.

The last thing are the Transfer of Development rights for Farmers, or TDR's as they're called. The last Board of County Commissioners enacted this ordinance to help young farmers stay in farming and have an option to "transfer" their development rights to another farm if they so choose to do so.

A few criteria need met, first, you have to have development rights on your farm, and second you have to have an approved farm to transfer those rights. This allows say, a farm in rural Creagerstown that has ten TDR's to sell those rights to another approved farm in say, the outskirts

of Frederick, where development may be more useful. This does two things, it transfers development to a more acceptable area, and allows the more rural areas to stay that way, along with allowing a young farmer to create some income from his farm, without slicing his farm into smaller pieces and taking away the land for what he wanted it for in the first place, Farming.

These things are all coming from County Executive Gardner, as she throws them in the lap of the four Council members that are at her beckon call. They proceed with her agenda all the while acting as though they are being thoughtful and safeguarding us from ourselves with all of this radical legislation that does nothing but take more of your rights and more of your tax money.

Mark my words, your taxes will go up over the next 3 years, and our bond rating will go down which will nothing but cause us to pay higher interest rates to borrow money to pay for all of this nonsense.

# County Executive Jan Gardner

During my campaign for County Executive, I promised to restore trust in government and protect taxpayers. One of the biggest betrayals of trust was the proposed sale and privatization of Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and the Montevue Home.

I was pleased to recently announce that an agreement has been reached and the County will retain Citizens and Montevue continuing our longstanding mission to take care of our own, honor the deed on the property, and keep our promise to our seniors.

People have asked me why the deal made by the last Board of County Commissioners was such a bad deal. Let's walk through the numbers.

The new state of the art facilities cost \$38 million to build. These facilities are located on 7.5-acres of prime land worth approximately \$7 million. In addition, the county agreed to include \$4.8 million worth of accounts receivable as part of the sale. The land, building, and accounts receivable brings the total value of these County assets to \$49.8 million.

Just as the new nursing homes were about to break even, and perhaps generate a small profit, the prior administration agreed to sell the

buildings for \$29.6 million, the 7.5 acres of land for only \$400,000, and the accounts receivable for \$1.5 million. So, assets worth \$49.8 million were to be sold for \$31.5 million—a loss to county taxpayers of a whopping \$18.4 million! This makes absolutely no sense. No rational business person would ever make such a bad deal.

Just like when you sell your home, there are closing costs to consider. The real estate broker's commission on the sale would have cost taxpayers another \$750,000. Recordation taxes and legal fees for this sale would have cost taxpayers another \$700,000 more at settlement. Then the County agreed to pay \$367,000 to cover benefits that had been earned by employees while they worked for the County. These three items cost taxpayers a total of \$1.8 million.

To add to the bad deal, the prior administration agreed to pay \$10.7 million to ensure the continuing care of 58 indigent patients at Montevue. When the commissioners handed over the keys to the facilities on May 1, 2014, the number of subsidized patients had already dropped to 46, with no change or reduction in the \$10.7 million the County had agreed to pay. Today, there are only approximate-

ly 30 subsidized patients remaining at Montevue. This is a bad deal for county taxpayers because this \$10.7 million vastly exceed the actual cost to provide care to these residents.

To close on the sale, the County would have also needed to bring \$6.25 million to the table to cover the County's debt for constructing the buildings, because the sale proceeds were so low, they would not have covered the balance of the mortgage due on the buildings.

So, if I had proceed with the deal put in place by the prior administration, it would have cost county taxpayers \$8.05 million at closing to sell the land and buildings, and \$10.7 million more for the continuing care of a rapidly declining number of residents at Montevue, for a grand total of \$18.75 million. That's right, to close on a deal where taxpayers sold assets at a loss of \$18.4 million, taxpayers would have to shell out an additional \$18.75 million in cash. It is a stunningly bad deal and a complete betrayal of the taxpayers of Frederick County.

But wait, it gets even worse. Because a group of private taxpaying citizens had sued the county to prevent the deal from going to settlement, the prior administration assigned a secret lease agreement to use the facilities. That lease, developed entirely outside the public process, was also a bad deal for the taxpayers. Not only did the county agree to lease the facilities at a below market rate, it forced the county to pay the taxes, insurance, and maintenance on the buildings. This added \$1.6 million to the tab over a two-year lease period.

If I had allowed the deal to close and Citizens and Montevue to be sold, the taxpayers would have ended up paying \$18.75 million to sell facilities \$18.4 million below their market value and have absolutely nothing to show for it but bro-

ken promises. All our county assets would be gone and no services would remain for our seniors.

I am pleased that the negotiated agreement reached with all parties is a good financial settlement for the County. It is within our existing budget, so no new funds will be required. And, we will retain our valuable county assets and most important, keep our promise to our seniors.

Protecting Taxpayers From the Cost of Residential Development

Frederick County has recently experienced a skyrocketing increase in the cost of construction for new schools. For example, the new Frederick High School came in \$30 million above engineering estimates increasing from \$84 million to \$114.5 million over the period of one year. Similar increases in the cost of school construction have been seen across the entire state and is the result of a number of factors including market conditions, new state mandates like prevailing wage and storm water regulations, and higher standards for energy efficiency, ventilation and ADA.

Couple this reality, with the fact that many county schools are severely overcrowded right now including Centerville Elementary School in Urbana at 148% of capacity and Urbana Elementary at 135%. Hillcrest Elementary is at 140% and Waverly Elementary at 135%. Deer Crossing Elementary near New Market is at 125% of capacity with thousands of homes to be built nearby and no new school in the plan.

How do we pay for these needed schools? One way is for new residential development to pay its fair share. The county has assessed an impact fee for schools for about 25 years. The last administration added a new option allowing a residential developer to keep building even if schools are seriously overcrowded. This option has added to the overcrowding in Urbana and has

not provided the needed money to build the schools.

Therefore, I recently asked county staff to update impact fees for the new cost of school construction. This exercise resulted in a recommendation to increase impact fees by 12% and to increase school mitigation fees by 67%. It is important to note, that the school mitigation fee is only paid by some residential development where the developer choose this option and where schools are already overcrowded.

These areas are primarily in Urbana, Monrovia, and New Market/Linganore where thousands of new houses were approved by the prior board and schools were not adequate and already overcrowded. This mitigation fee is not paid within any municipality or in areas of the county where schools are not overcrowded like Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Woodsboro, and Walkersville.

Of course, some people are unhappy that residential developers may have to pay these larger fees. But, the question that must be asked is who should pay? Should residential development pay its way, or do you want to pay the entire bill for needed new schools? Impact fees and school mitigation fees protect taxpayers from footing the bill for schools needed to support new housing development.

Development fees are just a piece of the puzzle. I also plan to ask our state delegation to introduce a bill to require the state to pay the cost of new state mandates or at least cost share in them. I do expect the county to be able to add some money to school construction as revenues improve as a result of a better economy. And, the Board of Education must do some cost containment and value engineering to lower the cost of school construction.

Citizens deserve a government they can trust. That's why I have worked so hard to protect county taxpayers. I will make sure that Frederick County taxpayers are protected both now and as we move forward.

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

It's November. We turn back the clocks and say goodbye to Daylight Saving Time during the early morning hours heading into Sunday, November 1st. That means an extra hour of sleep and at my age I want all the sleep I can get even if the rest of the nation wants to join in. It is also a good time to check your smoke alarms.

Election Day is November 3rd. The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. The two polling locations remain the same: Carroll Valley Borough Office and Ski Liberty Children's Learning Center. Be sure to go to your correct location. If you have any questions regarding the election polls, contact Ms. Monica Dutko, Adams County Director of Elections and Voter Registration at 717-337-9832. A sample of the Official General Election Ballot can be seen by going to the Adams County website, [www.adamscounty.us](http://www.adamscounty.us).

On November 11th, we honor all Armed Forces veterans who have served our country. As they do each year, Fairfield School is holding a "Veteran's Day Breakfast" on that day from 8:30 am to 10:00 am in the Fairfield High School cafeteria. All veter-

ans as well as their spouse or guest are invited to attend. However, RSVP's are necessary by November 5th. You can call the office at 642-2045 or email [fasdvets@fairfield.k12.pa.us](mailto:fasdvets@fairfield.k12.pa.us). As a 20-year veteran, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. We celebrate Thanksgiving this year on November 26th.

Around this time of year, the question always comes up as to whether someone can hunt in Carroll Valley. To clarify the rules, Carroll Valley cannot by law change state law regarding hunting; however, current state rules make legal hunting in Carroll Valley difficult. Pennsylvania has what are called "Safety Zones". In a safety zone, it is unlawful to hunt for, shoot at, trap, take, chase or disturb wildlife within 150 yards of any occupied residence, camp, industrial or commercial building, farm house or farm building, or school or playground without the permission of the occupants.

It is unlawful to shoot into a safety zone, even if you are outside of the zone. Driving game, even without a firearm or bow, within a safety zone without permission is unlawful. For comparison, think of a safety

zone as about one and a half football fields. Hunting on hospital and institutional grounds, and in cemeteries, is also prohibited. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a Game Commission vehicle whose occupants are releasing pheasants.

The safety zone for archery hunters statewide, including those using crossbows, is 50 yards. Archery hunters carrying muzzleloaders during any muzzleloader season must abide by the 150-yard safety zone regulation. Around playgrounds, schools, nursery schools or day-care centers, the safety zone remains 150 yards. For further information, refer to [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us). As Carroll Valley has grown over the years, it is more and more difficult to find a location outside these safety zones. Should you think someone is hunting too close to a residence, you can call the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Dispatch Center in Huntingdon at 814-643-1831 and an officer will check for violations. If you see persons hunting from vehicles or after dark, call County Dispatch at 717-334-8101 or 9-1-1 to get the quickest response."

Hold the date — Friday Decem-

ber 11th to attend the "Snowflake & Snowman" Dinner Dance. The CVCA will be providing a great Social Event in the new HIGHLAND LODGE" at Liberty Mountain Resort from 6:30 pm until 11 pm with the DJ from the 4th of July Celebration providing the music and entertainment. The cost will be \$30 per person for the sumptuous buffet; a cash bar will be available; and the event will be held in "The Overlook Room" which faces west looking across the ongoing improved golf course and the beautiful adjacent South Mountains. CVCA will be given one of the first opportunities to enjoy this beautiful Resort addition to the community.

Hopefully, the Dinner Dance attendees will be given a tour of the newly built convention facility; which is quite a big addition to the golf & ski complex as known in the past years. Check on details about this Dinner Dance in posters around town; calls and invitations received from friends and neighbors; and for the techie people on web pages, in face book postings, and in emails. You really do not want to miss this chance to enjoy an

evening of fun with friends or the preview of the new building. Contact Marie (642-8343) or Mary (642-6654) for tickets and/or more information. This Dinner Dance will also provide an opportunity to join the revitalized CVCA group and pay your dues, volunteer to help with other events and programs, and share your ideas to enhance and enrich life in our beautiful Valley Home Area.

Based on the results of the October 12th Finance Committee review of the Carroll Valley draft 2016 Budget prepared by our borough manager, Dave Hazlett, the current Borough tax rate will remain at 2.45 mills or .00245 of assessed value of land and buildings — meaning No Tax Increase. The next steps — Council approves the advertisement of the budget for public review at the November 10th meeting and will sign the ordinance at the December 15th meeting. The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 2nd. The Borough Office will be closed November 3rd (Election Day), November 26th and 27th (Thanksgiving Holiday). If you have any questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email at [MayorRonHarris@comcast.net](mailto:MayorRonHarris@comcast.net). Happy Thanksgiving folks!

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## FROM THE DESK OF...

# Candidate for County Judge Christina Simpson (R)

On November 3rd, Adams County will elect two new judges to the bench to fill the positions of two retiring judges. I am running for one of those positions. I believe that the best judges are those who are qualified, compassionate and committed to justice. Common Pleas Court judges have jurisdiction over a wide variety of legal matters. I have had the privilege of serving the Adams County community as a trial attorney for over 18 years, representing individuals and businesses in a variety of legal matters in every section of the Court of Common Pleas – Civil, Criminal, Orphans, Family and Juvenile divisions. I served as a prosecutor for several years in the Adams County District Attorney's Office, representing

hundreds of victims of crime. In my private practice, I mediate family disputes and represent children in high conflict custody cases and senior citizens in guardianship matters. I am entrusted by the Court to conduct hearings in divorce cases and serve as an arbitrator. This depth and breadth of experience has uniquely prepared me to serve effectively and efficiently on the bench.

Judges should be tough with a measure of compassion and common sense. Most people come to court for an unpleasant reason and judges often need to conduct "legal triage" in matters which are emotionally charged and stressful for the litigants. Some are going through divorce or child custody

matters, some are accused or the victim of a crime, some are suffering from addiction, some need a guardian appointed to handle financial affairs, and some are administering the estate of a lost loved one. Children often have to testify in custody and criminal cases. In my career, I've represented people in all of those situations and understand how it affects them. I've done pro bono work for Survivors, Inc. and the Adams County S.P.C.A. I currently serve on the Children's Round Table and have served on the Domestic Violence Task Force. I received the Callie Award from the Adams County United Way for my dedication to public service. As a mother and someone who has advocated for children throughout my career,

I have an appropriate measure of common sense and compassion needed to be an effective judge and a proven commitment to serving our community.

A judge's commitment to justice is essential. Judges must listen to all sides of an issue, while maintaining fairness and impartiality throughout the legal process. A judge must place her personal views aside and apply the law to the facts of a particular case in order to render a fair decision, even when that decision conflicts with her personal beliefs or is unpopular. I apply these skills on a regular basis when conducting hearings in divorce cases and arbitration hearings. Fairness and impartiality are important to me and the rea-

son I have limited contributions to my campaign, so that potential conflicts of interest will not arise if I am elected to serve on the bench.

Much attention is already focused on the 2016 presidential election, but choosing local leaders on November 3rd is vital to our community. Your vote is important. It would be my honor and privilege to serve our community, providing fair and impartial consideration for all in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. I ask for your vote on November 3rd.

Christina Simpson, a registered Republican, is nominated by both the Republican and Democratic parties in the upcoming election. Learn more at [SimpsonForJudge.com](http://SimpsonForJudge.com).

# Candidate for County Judge Matthew Teeter (D)

When people think of "the Court," and about what judges do, they often think of the criminal cases they read about in the paper, or see dramatized in movies or on TV. However, neither of the two judges retiring at the end of 2015 oversees or hears criminal cases.

For other people, talk of "Judges" and "the Court" evokes thoughts of the hot-button moral, social and political issues passionately debated every day in various forums across this country. Although these issues are important, all three candidate for Adams County Judge have publicly stated that this election has nothing to do with the candidate's views on "hot-button" issues like abortion, the Second Amendment and religious freedom. These are not the types of issues that come before the Adams County Court.

So what is this election about? As someone who represents clients in the courtrooms of the two retiring judges, I know that this election is about the many mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, grandparents and children who come before these two judges at extremely difficult times in their lives, and who rely on them to make difficult decisions and to protect their rights. I understand how important these judges are to families going through difficult times, and what a tremendous responsibility it will be to step into the role of these judges if I am elected.

Not only are these cases extremely important to the families of Adams County, they represent a huge portion of the caseload handled by the Adams County Court. Divorce, custody and support cases represent over half of the cases filed

and adjudicated in Adams County every year, and every one of them is overseen by Judge Bigham, one of the two judges retiring at the end of 2015.

Between 2011 and 2013, almost 9,000 of these "family law" cases were filed in Adams County. The number of trials that occur in custody cases alone dwarfs the number of trials that occur in criminal and civil cases in Adams County each year. In 2013, the most recent year for which such statistics are available, there were just 19 criminal trials (5 jury, 14 non-jury) and 2 civil trials (0 jury, 2 non-jury) in Adams County. On the other hand, there were 124 custody trials in Adams County last year, and 73 through August of this year.

The other judge retiring at the end of 2015 is Judge Kuhn. He oversees and hears every Juvenile Court case (de-

pendency and delinquency), every Orphan's Court case (adoptions, guardianships, estates/probate) and a portion of the civil caseload in Adams County.

The focus of my practice as an attorney has been representing clients in the types of cases overseen and heard by Judge Bigham and Judge Kuhn. I have also dedicated a substantial part of my time to serving on local committees dedicated to improving the way family law, Orphan's Court and juvenile cases are handled in Adams County, and to improving access to justice for those who could not otherwise afford it. I am dedicated to equal access to justice for all people, regardless of their financial circumstances, and I will continue this important work as Judge.

I have the appropriate temperament to oversee family law, juvenile and Or-

phan's Court cases. These types of cases are almost always very emotional. As an attorney, I pride myself in encouraging clients to set aside the emotion, think rationally, and proceed in a productive manner. This is particularly important in custody cases, where parents sometimes forget, or don't understand, the negative effects their words and actions can have on their children.

I have the experience, knowledge and temperament to step into the role of either of the two retiring judges from day one. I ask for your vote on November 3.

Matthew Teeter is an attorney at the Gettysburg firm of Teeter, Teeter & Teeter, and candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County. For more information visit [TeeterForJudge.com](http://TeeterForJudge.com) or email [info@teeterforjudge.com](mailto:info@teeterforjudge.com)

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## County Commissioner Jim Martin (R)

In 2011 I was both humbled and honored to be elected as one of your new Adams County Commissioners. My dedicated campaign workers and I ran an energized campaign that brought us to victory. I carried that same energy into office to accomplish what the voters entrusted me to do. I often heard from voters that they were ready for leadership that can operate with civility and respect, and for the county to move forward on languishing projects. Adams County was not looking for the contention and discord seen in our nation's Capital; the new board of commissioners was determined to provide a different side of leadership with a breath of fresh air and a new beginning. Our model for leadership would be one focused on the priority needs of our people and efficiency of governance.

During these past nearly four years, this board of commissioners has followed through with goals we set from the beginning.

As the new Adams County Board of Commissioners we took actions that Adams County desperately needed. Projects that languished were brought to life; they included (1) replacing a failing and aging emergency radio system, (2) reconstructing a computer system and data network that was obsolete and failing to perform as needed, (3) improving the coordination of the Sheriff's Department and Courthouse Security, (4) improving internal operations through reorganization and office relocations, and (5) initiating a cost-effective vehicle replacement program to systematically purge our fleet of high maintenance and aging vehicles. In additions to these and other accomplishments, we provided a breath of fresh air that brought a positive work environment to the courthouse.

Because our decisions were sound financially, these actions will ensure longevity of services to county residents. Additionally, the financial management sur-

rounding our decisions has given the county a much stronger financial position than when we came into office. This is validated by the steadily upgrading of our county's bond rating. To set the record straight, through all our financial management, the county debt has not doubled as some critics would have you believe. Their claims are based on erroneous numbers that have conveniently crept into campaign rhetoric.

The goal of tax relief is ever before us and we are regularly searching for a means to decrease expenditures and provide budget relief. Our most aggressive measure at present is to vacate rented property and purchase our own facilities. The goal is to avoid escalations of rent over time and to build equity for the county and to become eligible for state reimbursements when purchasing property; this can reduce operating expenses, provide budget relief, and build a stronger financial position.

What are the challenges we

face in this next four years? As I see it, our priorities should be strong budget management, reducing prison recidivism, reducing drug and alcohol abuse, stimulating economic development, and encouraging state legislators to develop alternatives to real estate taxation. That is a huge undertaking but we are up to the challenge as many of these are well underway.

The working relationship Commissioner Phiel and I have developed has been a signature of these successes. Our successful formula can best be stated in the four qualities that we will continue to carry forward to our next term—proven LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, VISION, and COMMON SENSE. Our proven ability to follow this formula makes us your right choices for Adams County Commissioners as you cast your votes on November 3rd.

My wife, Ginny, has asked to say a few words on my behalf: "For the past 29 years Jim and I

have resided in Menallen Township, enjoying the beauty and benefits of Adams County while watching our four children blossom into wonderful, productive adults. Jim Martin believes in the word, commitment- to God first, then family and thirdly to Country-including this county. For the past four years, Jim's work ethic has displayed his commitment to Adams County and her citizens. It exemplifies his willingness to work hard to achieve a goal and to be creative in the face of adversity. He has even demonstrated his ability to "think outside the box" when necessary. All of these attributes have enabled Jim to be a successful "public servant", the essence of what a commissioner should be. Please make plans to vote on November 3rd (absentee if you must) and I respectfully ask for your votes for Jim Martin and Randy Phiel for Adams County Commissioners."

In humble appreciation for the opportunity to serve and the honor to be on the ballot for a second term.

## Candidate for County Judge Shawn Wagner (R)

This January, Adams County will lose two very experienced judges and possibly a third if Mike George wins election to the state Supreme Court. This situation is unprecedented and monumental, and it makes the experience level of candidates a critical factor in the November 3 judicial election.

The challenge this situation presents — replacing decades of combined judicial wisdom and experience — is one of the primary reasons I made the tough decision to give up my position as District Attorney, a job I continue to love, to run for county judge.

As a proven county leader and decision-maker with 29 years of courtroom experience, I stand ready to step in, from day one, and provide leadership from the bench on even the most

serious, unforeseen, and legally complex situations we may encounter here. I have personally handled thousands of cases, including more than 150 jury trials — the most complex cases overseen by our court system.

As District Attorney, I have worked to keep Adams County safe and to preserve our exceptional quality of life we enjoy here. I have been both tough on crime and proactive in education and prevention efforts. I have passionately advocated for victims and their families, working to ensure they receive the justice they deserve and the support they need to heal and move forward. My commitment to protecting our most vulnerable victims — our children — is evidenced by my leadership in founding the Chil-

dren's Advocacy Center to support local victims of abuse.

Each case before me I have approached with objectivity and fairness. Public pressure and opinion have never swayed me from making fair, firm and unbiased decisions. As a judge, I will conduct myself in this very same manner.

Outside of the courtroom setting, my experience as district attorney and as a county leader would also prove beneficial on a broader scale as we seek to further modernize and enhance our court system. In Adams County, we are fortunate to already have in place an efficient and well-run criminal court system that has been recognized as a statewide best practice and model of collaboration.

Over my 12 years as district attorney, I have been honored to contribute to this success through initiatives

to create alternative programs for non-violent offenders. Specialized programs are now in place for juveniles and adults with serious mental health issues. Additionally, my office has initiated a program to train first responders to recognize people acting out because of serious mental health issues and to deescalate the situation and thereby avoid criminal charges.

Further, my office has helped to create diversionary programs for minors charged with underage drinking and for offenders charged with possession of drugs. The Adams County Prison recently became only the second county facility in Pennsylvania to hire a full-time certified drug treatment specialist to provide drug and alcohol treatment to incarcerated individuals and to transition them into treatment when they reenter society.

Looking forward, Adams Coun-

ty is in an excellent position to create specialty courts, which will further enhance our sentencing alternatives. To date, the major deterrent to specialty courts has been a lack of local treatment options for those suffering from mental health and/or drug and alcohol issues. The new human services building will address this challenge and support specialty courts moving forward.


At age 53, decades of work and personal life experience have provided me with the invaluable perspective and wisdom that come with age. Being a husband and a father of three sons has broadened my world and transformed my professional work into a deeper personal calling to ensure a safe and strong community for us all. I have arrived at just the right place to take on the responsibilities of a judge and, if elected, look forward to continuing my service to Adams County.

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## FROM THE DESK...

## County Commissioner Randy Phiel (R)

When it comes to common sense, effectiveness and leadership, I can tell you one thing for sure, the vast majority of Adams County residents I speak to tell me they think this current Board is doing a really good job. They say we seem to get along, get things done and they plead "Please don't turn into Washington D.C. or Harrisburg." I hear that every day!

The facts prove our Adams County residents are correct. This Board does act civilly, does their homework, gathers the facts, communicates and makes good decisions. As part of that we have forged an excellent and valuable relationship with all of our legislators that has resulted in substantial benefits. We have seen initiatives come to fruition like the 911 Radio Project, The Human Service Building, Departmental Consolidation, extensive and necessary IT upgrades, Mental Health & Drug Treatment Services, upgrading an antiquated broken down vehicle fleet, Priority Preservation Mapping, improving out Bond Rating twice to the best ever rating which speaks volumes financially, keeping county health care rates flat for 4 years defying industry standards, and we have moved communication to our residents and staff to a new height with 14 commissioners community forums, newsletters and senior mgt meetings.

This is a full-time board of Commissioners that is in the office and is out in the community and at events 7 days a week, evenings, and weekends. As Board Chairman, I am very proud to say that has not changed in four years. That type of commitment doesn't happen in a lot of counties and it has not always

been the case in Adams County.

I am fine with philosophical and political difference but I find campaign season to be a very interesting and sometimes a disappointing season of rhetoric over fact when there is an attempt to drown out major and beneficial accomplishments with personal innuendo and inference.

I have faith that Adams County residents are smart enough to make those distinctions. I have been honored and humbled to have their overwhelming support in three previous elections and respectfully ask residents for that same support again. The motto of my campaign, and I believe it is a motto that also applies to the current Board, is Experience, Leadership, Vision, & Common Sense. Common Sense is a word not applied often enough in our world today especially in government. I saw a LTE recently that was lamenting that this Board ran the county too much like a business. I personally took that as a compliment. What a novel idea run government more like a business? With huge deficits, budgets that can't get passed, and a health care fiasco maybe a novel idea is needed.

This is a full time Board of Commissioners that is engaged and totally committed to Adams County residents. We are full-time commissioners who have never been missing in the line of duty. Experience, Leadership, Vision & Common Sense has been a proven hallmark of this Board with the ability to set goals, research a solution and make a good decision.

This is an important election for continued civility, respect, communication, common sense, fiscal responsibility and leadership in the

Adams County Courthouse. I hope you will take that into consideration when you go to the polls on November 3 and vote for the current Adams County Commissioners.

That said, allow me to highlight some recent accomplishments of the county:

#### New Emergency Radio System Activated

It was a very important day for Adams County residents and emergency responders on Tuesday, October 20. The 911 Digital Emergency Radio System was rolled over from the old system for six Adams County Municipal Police Departments. The old analog system will run parallel to the new digital system until any bugs are ironed out. Adams County Emergency Services Director John Eline reported that the system was running very smoothly and police officers were reporting greatly improved communication. The entire system should be up and running for all emergency responders by the end of the year.

The current Board of Commissioners pulled the trigger on this much-needed upgrade soon after taking office in 2012. Besides better clarity and improved coverage, the new digital system it is replacing a thirty years old analog system that lacks many of today's standard features like the ability to talk to other agencies and departments.

#### Adams County Human Services Facility

At the Wednesday, October 14th Adams County Commissioner's Meeting, the Herff Jones complex in Cumberland Township was selected as the new Adams County Human Services Facility that will

eventually house Probation, Domestic Relations, Children & Youth Services, Court Operations and Mental Health. This was the culmination of over two years of research and fact finding in a cooperative effort by the County and the Courts to identify a site that would be fiscally responsible and operationally effective. The addition of Mental Health was a direct result of this process.

After an extensive presentation at the commissioners meeting on Wednesday, the Board voted to purchase the facility for \$2.2M. The facility was appraised between \$2.8 - 3.0M by two sources. Several other locations had been previously considered; but were eliminated from consideration due to various factors. With current leases on rental properties expiring in 2015, 2017 and 2019, Probation and the resulting newly added Mental Health Services will be the first to occupy the structure. The Planning Department will be relocating to the Ag Center. Children & Youth Services will be relocating to the new Human Services building in 2018 with Domestic Relations to follow in 2020.

The amortized cost of the project will be less than the amount of rent the county currently is paying for the leases - while greatly enhancing operational effectiveness for these services. The 90,000 sq. ft. and 26 acres also allows for future needs and services. There is plenty of existing free parking and it is anticipated that the facility will have public transportation service from Gettysburg by Freedom Transit. The building currently has approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of existing office space that will take minimal renovation.

Both the County and the Courts take great pride in providing the vision and the facilitation for this vital project that will benefit the residents of Adams County for both present and future generations. Our sincere thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make this project a reality!

#### Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation 25th Anniversary

On Thursday October 8, all three Adams County Commissioners and Adams County's own Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, helped to recognize and celebrate 25 years of farmland preservation in Adams County at the Arentz Family Farm in Union Township. Over 20,000 acres and 164 farms have been preserved since the inception of the Farmland Preservation Program. It was great to see former commissioner Bob Klunk. Bob was one of the program's founding county commissioners who was in attendance and was recognized. The Board also noted and thanked founding board members Tim Brown, Tom Clowney and Russell Redding who were at the event.

On behalf of the current Board of Commissioners, as I did at the celebration, I would like to recognize and thank our Adams County Rural Resources Planning Staff for their dedicated service, their results oriented approach and the excellent working relationship they have with the Board. Thank you to Ellen Dayhoff (23 years), Mark Clowney (19 years), Cindy Sanderson (13 years) and Kelly Koch (12 years) for their service. Also, thank you to the staff for organizing the wonderful recognition program o that day.

Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range Zoning Hearing.

On Tuesday, September 29, the Straban Zoning Hearing Board approved the final plans for the proposed Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range at the Adams County Emergency Services Facility. Solicitor John Hartzell conducted the hearing for the Applicant and CS Davidson Engineer Chad Clabaugh, Deputy Sheriff Len Supenski and Commissioner Chairman Randy Phiel testified for the Applicant.

With zoning approval the Capital Campaign Team can begin raising the funds necessary to bring this long-overdue training facility to reality. A public/private partnership is being utilized to bear the cost of the range at no expense to county taxpayers. Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen are Sheriff Jim Muller & County Commissioner Chairman Randy Phiel. Senator Richard Alloway is the Honorary Chairman.

The range will be on county owned land next to the emergency services building and will be available to Adams County law enforcement staff and Adams County municipal law enforcement agencies. This is a law enforcement training range and will not be open to the public. The range will be administered by an agreement between the county and the Adams County Law Enforcement Association.

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## County Commissioner Marty Qually (D)

This will be my last column before the Adams County Commissioner General election on November 3rd. While I have been writing regular columns since appointed County Auditor in 2010, many of you may not actually know who I am. Part of my job as a Commissioner is to educate the public on issues facing the County, so many of my articles have focused on relevant topics facing our community.

My wife (and I bet every spouse of an elected official) believes that it is important to remind residents that elected officials are just like the rest of us. From school board member to County Judge we each perform the balancing act of service to the public and duty to our families. So before I get into yet another article talking about my record and goals for this election, I want to take a few lines to thank my family for their guidance and support.

I am the sixth of seven children. My parents moved us here when my father was stationed at Gettysburg to run the ROTC program for Gettysburg College. It marked the 13th time my family had moved in twelve years. When the Army later asked him to move to

Washington, my parents decided that it was time for him to retire. This was the first time since my parents were married that they could call anyplace but the Army "home". They had to balance their service to community and their duty to their family. This is a lesson that has stuck with me.

I now live with my wife Elizabeth and four children in Gettysburg. When I am not attending meetings or community events, you can find me running children back and forth to sporting events or catching up on yard work. Thanks for giving me some of your time to, in essence, thank my parents for their example. If I had the space I'd let you know about my great brothers and sisters too, who have taught me that no matter our differences, if you want to move forward, working together is always best. I hope the lessons I've learned from my parents and family continue to guide me in making the correct decisions for my larger family that is Adams County.

As with my parents, serving my community has always been a part of my life.

From mission trips at Mount Saint Mary's University to my recent appointment to the board of the South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP), I believe we have a duty to help our neighbor's live better lives. In 2011 I ran for County Commissioner because I felt that I could give back to Adams County.

The past four years serving my community have been rewarding and challenging. Rewarding because we have made significant changes to improve our county; challenging because when balancing the residents' needs and wants there is never enough money to do both. My children and all Adams County children deserve a chance to finish school and chose to live and work in this great county. If we do not make changes to business as usual, they may not have that choice.

Today the County has a historically high bond rating, which combined with streamlining efforts in county government, have helped to keep your taxes low. Four years ago I promised to listen to your concerns and bring a consensus building approach to the

courthouse. I have delivered on those promises. We are moving forward together, instead of holding ourselves back with the personal or political rancor seen in Harrisburg and Washington DC.

The past four years have seen increased openness in county government. Beyond our weekly public meetings we have held 15 evening community forums throughout the county. I personally held a public forum, at no cost to taxpayers, on balancing preservation and economic development. I am committed to maintaining my open door policy and I routinely meet with concerned residents on evenings and weekends.

We must work towards a better balance between economic development and preservation of vital lands, only through both will we continue to improve our quality of life. As my mother taught me, "There is a place for everything and everything in its place". I have worked with municipalities, our planning department, community leaders, and businesses to direct growth into appropriate areas and find ways to sustain farmland preservation.

Our initial effort was the creation of the Priority Preservation Map, which is the first attempt to scientifically quantify which Adams County properties contain water resources, quality farmland, or significant rural resources. This holistic approach results in better use of limited preservation funds. We completed a long overdue Economic Development Plan by polling businesses, elected officials, residents, and outside experts to determine our current strengths, how to grow them, and what businesses would best complement them. As a result of that process, we are completing a new study focused specifically on the Fruit belt. This study will quantify the economic impact of our fruit industry. Our next project is a Planned Communities Map, which will highlight areas to direct business and residential growth.

This could not be possible without the hard work and input of many community leaders. My role as a County Commissioner is to bring people together, engage in meaningful discussion, and build consensus to move us forward. On November 3rd you have two votes for County Commissioner, I ask that you cast one of your votes for me.

## County Commissioner candidate Harry Stokes (D)

An important issue in this commissioners' race is economic development, raised earlier this year by the proposed TIF for Walmart. What is economic development for Adams County and how should we go about it?

TIF stands for "Tax Increment Financing"—tax abatements provided to developers in the hopes that their development projects will bring increased tax revenue. Thus, TIFs are public funding for private individuals or companies. A new, large TIF may be coming soon, promoted by developer Rick Klein, who built the Links in the heart of dairy country along the Mason Dixon Road.

The commissioners appeared to be in support of the Walmart TIF and recently we saw that they participated in workshops for municipal officials around the county promoting TIFs as a development tool, so we don't know what approach they might take on the new, big TIF from Rick Klein, but there is cause for concern.

I do not support the use of TIFs, especially beyond their original purpose of urban renewal.

TIFs are intrinsically not fair. They make taxpayers pay for infrastructure improvements in communities other than their own, and they make taxpayers pay for costs that are normally the developer's responsibility (e.g. the person or entity that seeks to gain).

When I was a commissioner, I also did not support the development of the Links along the Mason Dixon Road. We have a number of important farms in the area. One of them is Mason Dixon Dairies, the largest in the North East. It is an Adams County business that deserves the best protection we can give it. I would not have objected to the Rick Klein development in another location, but in a prime farm area it was not appropriate.

Whatever the view about TIFs, it must be realized that some types of development do not provide a positive tax return,

e.g. they cost the community more in services than they provide in taxes. Generally housing developments and low-grade commercial sprawl are the most costly to the taxpayer. In contrast, farms and industry generally are the most beneficial to the taxpayer; they net back tax revenues and lots of it. The truth of the matter is taxes in a community go up when more houses are built, especially when these houses are built on converted farmland.

So how do we bring the kind of economic development to Adams County that we want—economic development that we can afford—economic development that is sustainable?

The answer is: we must promote our strengths and build on them. What are our strengths? They are our agriculture, our natural resources, our existing businesses (most locally owned), our workforce, and our county's beauty, history and small-town quality of life. These are extremely valuable assets for a successful economic development strategy.

As commissioner, I would spend more time in targeted recruiting—going after new businesses that really suit Adams County. These are low impact, high value-added businesses. They may rely heavily on digital communications. Today, you don't need to be on Madison Avenue to be an ad agency—you can do it from right here. We have a number of companies in Adams County with a national or global reach. My own small company is one. These represent rewarding employment opportunities for rising college grads. As more of these develop, more will take root.

What sells new businesses on coming to Adams County? Above all it is our quality of life.

That is why protecting our quality of life is an important economic development strategy. Three examples of what we did as commissioners in the 1990s are: (1) we enacted a dedicated half mil tax to strengthen our County Library System and make it second to

none, (2) we helped support the founding of the Adams County Arts Council, which is a great community hub of activity today, and (3) we helped create the Land Conservancy of Adams County (LCAC), which has now preserved over 9,000 acres of the most special places in Adams County. The list is of course much longer. We rescued and restored County Bridge #1, the Sachs Covered Bridge, visited by thousands of our own local citizens each year, not to mention many thousands of people from out-of-county, and we established the Green Space program to create, among other things, recreational open spaces in partnership with municipalities. A board of commissioners 15 years prior to my first term failed to save East Berlin's and Reading/Hamilton Townships' beloved Kuhn Fording Covered Bridge, and that loss is still felt today. And, unfortunately, the current board of commissioners has failed to follow through with the Green Space program. These are setbacks—and in the case of the Kuhn Fording Bridge—permanent setbacks.

The County produces a lot of very special products to sell—from apples to the new kiwi berries, plus many value-added products, from custom animal feed to fine wines and ciders. These are sold around the country and around the world. DCED and Dept. of Ag offer services to help with this, as does our own Penn State Cooperative Extension Adams County. The buying and selling of these products creates business not only for our producers and growers, but also for other businesses. And these, in turn, create the opportunity for more businesses. The multiplier effect is very significant.

So Adams County is a producing as well as a service-providing economy, and this is very significant for us. Our economic development strategy should thus constantly be seeking to stimulate the production side of our economy, even above the service-providing side

of our economy, because production always brings the opportunity for services. But if we lose our production, we can lose a large share of our services. I have worked with governments around the world. Many are rediscovering the importance of agriculture as the bedrock of their economic development.

An important economic development organization in Adams County (along with Penn State Cooperative Extension), is the Adams County Conservation District or ACCD. Many people may believe that economic development is centered in the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) and its associated IDA. Not so. There are other important organizations as well (more than I mention

here), and the ACCD is one of them. It channels a lot of state and federal money to farmers and producers. It, like Extension, draws upon the strength of the USDA to make sure our federal tax dollars come back to be invested in Adams County businesses. If enabled to do so, the ACEDC, the ACCD and Extension could be a dynamite team for economic development in Adams County. I would help to forge and strengthen this team. And I would ask that they be carefully guided by our Adams County Planning Commission and our Adams County Comprehensive Plan. This helps to assure sustainable development—development that pays, not costs, the community—development that improves our quality of life.

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## COMMENTARY

## Words from Winterbilt

## Same sex marriage — controversy or progress?

Shannon Bohrer

Historically people have always complained about the Supreme Court and decisions rendered. Recently the court ruled on the Affordable Health Care Act and we heard numerous complaints about that. The court also made a ruling on same sex marriage, in a roundabout way by allowing the lower court's ruling to stand. We heard a lot about that ruling.

The recent history of the same sex marriage ruling goes back several years. In May of 2008, the California Supreme Court overturned state laws banning gay marriage. The decision was 4 to 3. Then in November of 2008 a ballot measure making same sex marriages illegal was passed by the voters. Then in 2009, the California Supreme Court upheld the same sex marriage ban. Are you confused yet? Forward to 2010, U. S. District Court Judge Walker struck down the ban as unconstitutional. An appeal took the ruling to the US 9th Circuit Court and a three judge panel agreed with Judge Walker's ruling, striking down the ban on same sex marriages.

The proponents of the same sex marriage ban then appealed to the Supreme Court. At supremecourt.gov, it says the court was to rule on: "(1) Whether the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits the State

of California from defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman; and (2) whether petitioners have standing under Article III, § 2 of the Constitution in this case (the ability of a party to demonstrate to the court sufficient connection to and harm from the law or action challenged to support that party's participation in the case)."

The Supreme Court ruled in a 5 to 4 decision, that the proponents of the ban on same sex marriage had no standing to bring the case before the Court. The Supreme Court did not rule on the case itself, so the lower court decision to was allowed to stand, basically allowing same sex marriages to continue.

The court's decision was almost expected; at least it was from the prediction experts. But that did not dissuade opponents from complaining, including Justice Antonin Scalia. Justice Scalia stated; "This case is about power in several respects," as part of his dissenting opinion, "It is about the power of our people to govern themselves and the power of this Court to pronounce the law. Today's opinion aggrandizes the latter, with the predictable consequence of diminishing the former. We have no power to decide this case." It is my personal opinion, that he was unhappy with the court decision to not take the case. If the court had taken the case and agreed with the petitioners, banning same

sex marriages, would we say that a conservative court is expanding the federal authority over state's rights? I guess it depends upon where one stands and their perspectives?

Associate Justice Elena Kagan said: "Suppose a state said that, because we think that the focus of marriage really should be on procreation, we are not going to give marriage licenses anymore to any couple where both people are over the age of 55. Would that be constitutional?" I assume that there was more to this argument, but it might demonstrate the diversity of views and divide with this issue.

Then we had the incident(s) with issuing same sex marriage licenses in Kentucky. Mrs. Kim Davis, the court clerk in Rowan County Kentucky, refused to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. It was widely reported that she did so for religious reasons and she, and many others, claimed religious persecution. She was cited in Federal court and spent time in jail. Her defenders were very vocal about her religion and her freedom to practice her religious beliefs. According to Mrs. Davis, issuing a marriage license to a same sex couple would violate her belief in God's law. Mrs. Davis and her defenders say the issue is about religious freedoms?

We do have the freedom of religion in our country which allows one to practice their faith. The first

amendment to the Constitution gives us religious freedom, along with other freedoms. The religious freedoms reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; ..." It is easy to read, the government does not have a religion that they endorse (the separation of church and state) and you can practice the religion of your choice. However, if the practicing of a religion infringes on the rights of others how do we resolve the conflict? Remember, one of the factors the Supreme Court was to examine in the case was a clause in the Fourteenth Amendment; the Equal Protection Clause. "...No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

So... while Ms. Davis has the right to practice her religion I don't believe she has the right to not follow the law. Remember, the right to practice your faith is just that, a right. If we, as a country want our religion to be our laws, then we have a theocracy — and we do not. The founders of our country expressly did not want a state religion, as evident by the first line in the First Amendment; "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." When the Constitution was created, the representatives would not pass and sign it without the first ten amend-

ments. A somewhat related issue is that Maryland is called the "Free State", because Catholics were allowed to practice their religion in the colony, before the United States and the Constitution existed. Imagine that!

The First Amendment has other freedoms of importance. The freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and the right to petition the government. Can the defenders of Ms. Davis gather and show their support for her — yes. Can they petition the government to change a law, yes? Are there limits to free speech, yes? This issue is just one of many that make us a diverse nation and I do think that diversity can be a good thing. In many ways the diversity of this county made it great.

If - Mrs. Kim Davis, the court clerk in Rowan County Kentucky, refused to issue same sex marriage certificates because of her religious beliefs and she was a Hindu, a Muslim or a Buddha, would she still have the same defenders? Can one use their religion to basically dictate to others, what freedoms they can enjoy? No, they cannot. If one's religious beliefs conflicts with their government position, you can change employment. We are a nation that believes in law and order and as the famous inspector Javert said: "I am the law and the law is not mocked" The Constitution does not limit your freedoms, it protect them.

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## Common Cents

## Life on the roof

Ralph F. Murphy

The "roof of the world" is often referred as the Tibetan Plateau first scaled at its highest peak of Mount Everest in 1953 by New Zealander Edmond Hillary. Man's quest to reach new heights and platforms hasn't descended since that event over six decades ago. It has, however, become more expensive as depicted by the International Space Station (ISS). The craft has been manned continuously in lower earth orbit (LEO) since November, 2000. It was first deployed as a multinational joint venture for scientific initiatives, but is now justified as a diplomacy initiative. It appears other ISS purposes have "run their course".

Astronauts, Cosmonauts and commercial travelers from 17 different nations have visited and inhabited the 14 module "pressurized" facility. It is a series of interconnected work and storage areas sent to space at different points in time and circumstance. Primarily a NASA and Russian ROSCOMOS venture at inception- Japan's JAXA, Europe's ESA and Canadian CSA have also contributed unpressurized component parts to include robotic arms, cargo cranes, and

sensing instruments.

The ISS has cost about \$100 billion (2010 dollars) to piece together with the Americans paying about \$72.4 billion of the total. Russia, various European nations and Canada paid the rest. The American Space Shuttle program which existed from 1985 to 2010, was the primary means of accessing the ISS affording 36 flights of varied human, supply and commercial cargo. The whole program, however, has proven very costly. Total costs have been placed at about \$50.4 billion with the single liftoff to ISS with two or three man crews at over \$450 million each flight. The shuttle didn't have much alternate purpose to "ferrying" of travelers and goods, and was replaced by Russia's Soyuz rockets sent from the Cosmodrome launch site in Baikonur, Central Asia.

While cheaper at about \$60 million a seat, the Russian program has proven embarrassing amid a downturn in relations because of earth bound concerns. Safety and cost have become issues as well. Soyuz rockets were recently launched from ESA's Guiana and America's Cape Canaveral to supply the ship.

The craft serves to support various scientific experiments to include life and physical sciences. Studies

in microbiology and such experiments as human endurance at zero gravity, but include other undocumented efforts. It was envisioned as an "observatory station, factory and staging area for deep space." Almost all the lab studies can more affordably be addressed through alternate means and the Americans have signaled a desire to end the program after 2024.

The Russians may continue their five module segment with the proposed OPSEK (Orbital Piloted Assembly and Experiment Complex)- a joint venture between NASA and ROSCOSMOS. The remainder of the station would presumably remain attached but be used for storage if any space activity takes place as it's paid for and in place. That was before relations cooled with the west and the Russian economy fell into deep recession amid a related sanction retaliation and a drop in commodity prices vital to their export earnings.

An Outer Space Treaty of 1967 was the first substantive document for international law in space but was broad in its description of rights and restrictions. Signed by 103 nations over time it has been updated and revised, but affords "privileges on and (was) implemented in a series of subsequent international treaties and na-

tional laws". There are 9 key points to the original treaty to include outer space (LEO starting at 160 kilometers or higher orbits above earth to known universe height) as void of national sovereignty, no weapons of mass destruction can be deployed to space, area is to be used for "peaceful purposes", states retain jurisdiction over their space objects (inanimate or animate), and contamination shall be avoided. The key legal resolve is that individual governments are responsible to settle space injury of their domestic provision- whether public or private. Few of the actual liabilities or court processes have been worked out though the United Nations International Court of Justice (ICJ).

As of this past year, the Goddard Space Center listed 2,271 satellites, many linked to the ISS operating in LEO. There has been conflict to include an attack element by the Chinese program that destroyed one of their own satellites, and sent troubling space particles flying and indicated an attack capacity targeting similar structures. At present there is little defense or legal resolve to earth bound redress were an incident to take place.

Space laws relevant to the ISS which haven't been fully developed include human travel, debris, flags of convenience, using cheaper flight sourcing (e.g. the American FAA's safety standards are more stringent and costly than others), proper-

ty rights questions broadly applied have to be developed. Many answers may be obtained from the High Seas or Admiralty Laws, but there are, of course, varied challenges specific to space which haven't been broached or crossed and legal resolve has not yet been codified as to events. ISS problems have been solved at an intergovernmental level. China's space debris is still contentious as NASA counts each particle of the approximately 19,000 currently in orbit as dangerous to impacts and if sourced would lead to state liability through damage payment.

If a serious issue like an act of war were to occur, and it could as the six person crews at present are often from conflicting governments- the result could draw a passionate response on earth. Legal issues notwithstanding, the ISS is just too enormously expensive. The Shuttle fleet was closed years ago as it couldn't be afforded nor seen as needed. At \$60 million a seat, the Soyuz supply and travel craft being provided by Russia, is almost extortion and bands the law abiding on earth with the pariah Russians. Whatever the objective at inception, the gains from the ISS appear illusory and the objective to terminate the program after 2024 is likely- given the cost and mission alternatives.

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# The American Mind

## Learning to accept servitude

William Hillman

Last week was back-to-school night at my son's middle school. On my yearly calendar, this is one of my favorite days, ranked right up there with my annual dentist appointment. As a parent, I go through the motions, but ultimately, it is just a colossal waste of time.

In just two hours we have to attend 10 different classes. This means we will have 10 minutes with each teacher with little time to move between classes. Those 10 minutes is just enough time for teachers to welcome everybody, explain how happy they are to teach the class, and drone on about what a wonderful group of the kids they are. This is where trust breaks down, after all they're our kids, so don't lie to us.

Next, we hear about the teacher's background, where they went to school and why they are a school teacher. Are you asleep yet? Little, if any, time is given to things you may actually want to know like: What are the expectations of the kids? How much time am I going to have to spend helping with homework? How are the kids graded? What is considered an appropriate bribe to boost a "C" to an "A" or at least a "B"?

Halfway through the event, in an effort to limit our misery, my wife and I decided to split up, ignore the schedule, and each take

a different class. Realistically, the teachers do not know who is in the classroom at any given time.

This is how I ended up in my son's social studies class. The teacher went through all the above-mentioned formalities. He did delve into what the students will be learning, which was refreshing. Most of the year would be focused on ancient history, Mesopotamia, the Fertile Crescent, that sort of stuff. But each Friday, the class will focus on current events.

On this day, one of the activities is to watch a video of the past week's news, set to rap music (I'll save my opinion of the rap music news for another article). He was kind enough to show us some examples of the "Rapping News" along with some School District-approved news clippings. Most of it was what you would expect. Headlines such as, "Budget stalemate continues because Republicans will not work with President Obama" or "Drought continues in California because people ignore water conservation."

As I sat there, watched the video, and read the news clips, I thought about how the news and current events were presented to these kids. I realized that this is where it all starts. From an early age, we teach kids that there is a very simple cause and effect to everything. In second grade kids are taught one day King George woke

up on the wrong side of the bed and said, "Let's be nasty and cruel to the American colonies and tax their tea." That is why we engaged in a war for independence. Take any event, current or historic, and it seems that we have created a very simple narrative to explain it and that is what we teach our kids.

And maybe this is alright for children with a limited frame of reference. For a four year old, the "stork" is a perfectly acceptable answer to the question of "Where do babies come from?" The same answer is rejected by most teenagers.

As we mature and our life experiences expand our minds, our skepticism and desire for deeper answers should also increase. It seems to me that as a society, the opposite has happened. As we have developed, only our acceptance of the simple narrative has grown.

This simple singular narrative mindset is strongly reinforced in today's media. Think of the coverage of any news event such as the shooting of Trayvon Martin or the tragedy at Sandy Hook. Within seconds of the events, the media goes into a frenzy to create a narrative of why it happened. And all too often these narratives are wrong. But as citizens we become addicted to quick simple answers to complex and deep events.

The danger to this is that we become reactionary. Our minds are not trained to look deeper and wider.



The political class is aware of this and uses it to its own advantage. For any given event, both the left and the right will create their own narratives that support their respective agendas.

We hear this every time there is a tragic shooting. Politicians from the left tell their followers that guns and only guns are the cause. Politicians from the right may say all could have been avoided if there were more guns or that it is a mental health issue. This division repeats itself with every major issue from the environment to the budget. Each side has its narrative, which is contrived, presented, then spoon fed to the public. Since our minds have been conditioned to accept simple answers, we look no deeper.

The end result is political stalemate and social division. My narrative is right and yours is wrong, end of story. If the only answers are A or B, there can be no debate or perspective shift.

Back to the kids in the class-

room. So their minds are being conditioned for simple answers to complex social problems and to accept superficial answers. Event A happened because person B is bad. When these same children start developing prejudice towards different groups in society or are easily led by a charismatic skill, society will wonder why? Because we've wired ourselves and our children to think that way.

How did this happen? Must be the politicians and the media. Right? That would be an easy answer and would also make the point of this article. However, the truth is far more complex than could be explained in a thousand-word article. The solution is much easier. Train yourself and teach your children to view society and the world as a very complex system where quick and simple explanations are usually inaccurate.

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# Down Under

## Center of creation

Submitted by Lindsay!  
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To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.  
— Thomas Paine

I was so pleased to learn that at least some of you believe the sun was put there to keep you warm and give you light. Not just the sun, of course, but the whole universe is there to acknowledge your supreme place in creation. Otherwise who would there be to argue with?

When you hold these views it is impossible to admit you are responsible for your actions or for the actions of your fellows. As the pinnacle of creation you are on earth to show how glorious the creator is for having made you. Everyone who disagrees is stupid, unsaved, and unworthy. I doesn't matter that the majority do not see it your way, for there are enough of the faith to bolster your belief into certainty. It's a wonderfully blinkered view, for it leaves you immune to critics and numb to the problems that surround you, while at the same time arming you with wonderfully half-baked arguments to support your beliefs. And seeing you have a healthy percentage

of the vote, politicians now have to pretend you are important.

After all, your place in heaven is assured, life as you know it will continue on indefinitely, and your faith will be justified. It may leave you short of diversion, argument and stimulation, (although that hardly matters at present), but if heaven is perfect, it means that everything there will have to be to your taste. As one of your likes at present is to complain about the power and ignorance of the unbelievers, that will have to continue there as well, meaning heaven will have them as well; in fact it will not be all that different to life on earth, and this means it could not be heaven. But paradox in not in your lexicon either.

This is speculation, of course, and the whole scenario is silly beyond measure, but then so is your attitude to the present world. How else could you arrive at the following answer to global warming and climate change? From the website of a certain fundamentalist group in the south of your country comes, "Why, we could not have created it, so it's part of God's plan. Whatever he does has to be right. Bless him."

Notice how this resonates with other fundamentalist groups, including the followers of Mohammed that

have come to be known as Isis? They too know they are the only chosen ones, that their god is the only one, that whatever they believe he has decreed is absolute and right - meaning you are all going to have separate heavens to go to - otherwise you will have to either kill each other or live together peaceably, which could not happen in your heaven.

Blind faith is all you have to get to that paradise in the sky, and I hope that you are right in this, because I for one would not wish to be near any of you, and a few billion - about 99.9% of the world population - would agree. But the rub is that your 0.1% of the world is holding a gun the head of the rest of us. You may not agree that you are anything like Isis, but the delusion that you are the only chosen ones says otherwise. You are both intolerant, ignorant, and subversive, and you both have achieved some power over governments and communication. The other side of the coin is that we allow you to continue spouting your inane drivel and ideas, whereas you would ban any dissent if you were in power. May I point out that your power derives from developments made by the rest of the world, the life style that you hold to be so sacred comes courtesy of non-fundamentalists, and that the only thing that sustains your beliefs is denial?

So please - get real and admit that you are not the centre of the universe, that the sun does not orbit the earth, that you are not a special cre-



ation, but have evolved along with all of nature. Accept that science is not there to make pronouncements and ideas at every turn. Living with reality does not take faith, it takes repeatable and often lengthy argument, trial and error.

We are also happy in a world of diversity, discovery, and responsibility. Unlike all you fundamentalists and fanatics, we are not afraid of the future, we believe in the rule of law, and that life is inherently chancy. Some of us die early, some suffer terribly, have the worst kind of luck, remain poor and needy, but we all like getting and giving care and pleasure; we need the love and respect of our fellows, and wish to pursue learning as much as we can. Our world is not closed, our minds are open to new ideas and experiences. Armageddon is not our

aim as we contemplate our genome, which is 98% identical with the apes.

And most of us have a degree of humility as we marvel at the diversity we encounter all around us. We find this present world incredible even when it is painful. We have not been bound to creeds that promises us pleasure in the hereafter in return for all the tribulation below, but accept that our life is finite.

And the really odd thing is that the more you disagree with that statement the more you want to preserve the old beliefs of heaven - but not hell - and of being the chosen. Indeed, the more we are afraid of the future the more conservative we are. Let's stop trying to administer medication to the dead; let's instead ensure the living are better equipped to do so.

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# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A thankful heart

**Pastor John Talcott**  
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I believe in the value of a thankful heart. This year I celebrated my fiftieth birthday and as each year passes the more I realize that thankfulness, an attitude of gratitude, is a great asset. Cicero once said, "A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the virtues." The psalmist wrote, "Let us come before him (God) with thanksgiving" (Psalms 95:2).

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). A thankful heart not only gives you an edge in life, but it's also the greatest weapon against fear, discouragement, and adversity. The difference between people who are happy and those who are unhappy is not necessarily their lot in life, or the hand they've been dealt, but the happiest people are those with a thankful heart. And so to approach each day with an attitude of gratitude puts

you in a position to get the most out of life.

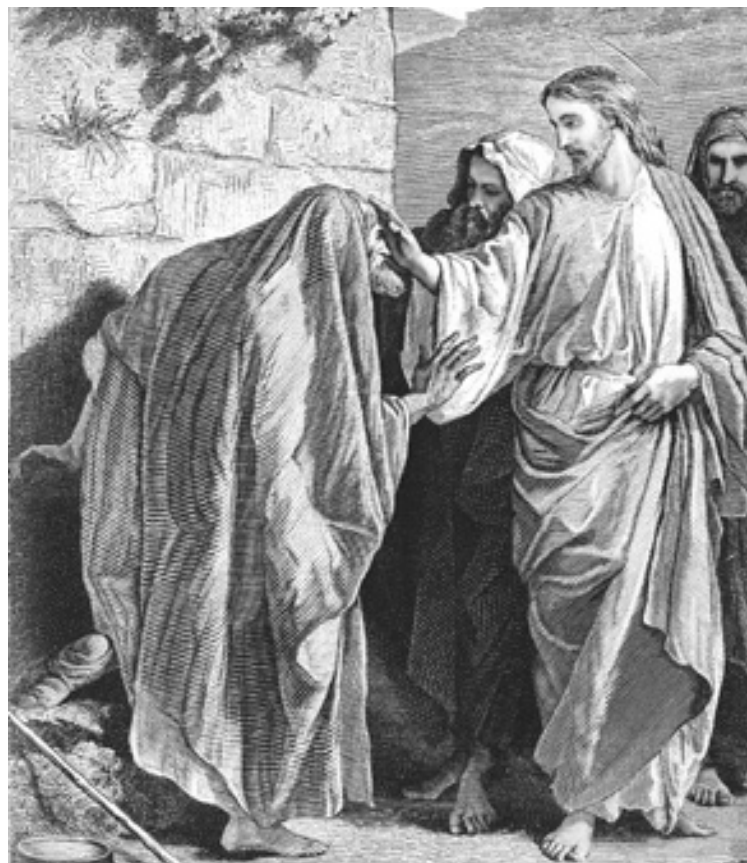
There is a story in the Gospel of Luke that illustrates this point well. Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem along the border between Samaria and Galilee. The Bible tells us in chapter 17, at verse twelve, "As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'" When he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests" (vs.12-14).

Now these ten men stood at a distance, because leprosy is a highly contagious disease and the entire village could easily become infected in a brief period of time. Therefore it was required that they live together outside the city limits. If one was in fact fortunate enough to be treated and healed, the law required them to go to the priest to be declared "clean;" then they would be allowed to become part of the community again. So here, when Jesus tells these ten men to go show themselves to the priest, he was telling them that they had been healed.

As a biblical account continues in verse fourteen Luke says... "And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him... and he was a Samaritan" (vs. 14-16). Just 10% of those men were willing to express their thankfulness; one of those men was filled with gratitude; and today that percentage might be even lower.

The Bible tells us, "In the last days... people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2). And what we've learned from this one man is that grateful people get noticed, they stick out in the crowd, they're conspicuous whether in the workplace, at home, or among friends. So if you're a grateful person, you've got an edge, because it separates you from the crowd.

Jesus acknowledges this man asking, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (vs. 17-18). You see, if you don't express your thankfulness, then your thankfulness doesn't do anyone any good. The one man came back praising God in a loud voice and the Bible says that he threw himself at Jesus feet to thank him. He not only expresses his thankfulness, but he demonstrated it and put it into action. And as I reflected on this I wondered, "How often do I do this? And do I express my thankfulness in a



loud voice?" You see, I know that I can grumble and complain in a loud voice. I know that I can give orders in a loud voice, but how often do I express my gratitude with a loud voice? I wonder if the best expressions of a thankful heart are maybe just a little excessive?

You see, when this leper came back to say thank you, Jesus said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well" (vs. 19). This man had learned a powerful lesson; he'd been healed by the power of faith. The others may have thought they got lucky, but this Samaritan learned "the rest of the story" (as Paul Harvey used to say) and he came to understand the principle behind his healing; that God responds to our faith,

this wasn't just his lucky day, this could be lived out every day. Because he expressed his gratitude to Jesus, he was able to learn what this miracle could teach him, and it was a lesson he could take with him for the rest of his life.

Many years ago, William Law wrote, "Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives the most alms, or is best known for temperance, chastity, or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for it." It's that attitude of gratitude that gives you an edge, opening the door for a richer fuller experience of God. May this Thanksgiving season be full of blessings as you "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:16-17).

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# John Loudoun Macadam



## November 26

Though neither a soldier nor a statesman, and laying no claim to distinction on the score either of literary or scientific achievement, the practical abilities of Macadam have, nevertheless, added a word to the English language, and earned for him the tribute of a grateful remembrance as one of the most important of our public benefactors.

The traveller as he bowls smoothly along the even and well kept turnpike road, whether in gig, stage coach, or chaise, may bless fervently the memory of the great road reformer of the nineteenth century, whose macadamized highways have tended so much to increase the comfort as well as diminish the dangers of vehicular locomotion. The means employed were of the simplest and most efficacious kind, and with an improvement on the original idea, have rendered the public roads throughout the British islands, if not superior, at least second to one in the world.

John Loudoun Macadam was born at Ayr on the 21st September 1756. His father was a landed proprietor, who died when John was about fourteen, and the young man was thereupon sent to the office of an uncle, a merchant in New York. Here he remained for a number of years, and on the war of independence breaking out, established for himself a lucrative business as an agent for the sale of prizes. The termination of hostilities, however, in favour of the colonists, found him nearly penniless, and he returned to his native country.

Being here engaged in the capacity of trustee on certain roads, his mind was first led to revolve some scheme for a general amelioration of the system of highways throughout the kingdom, and he continued for many years to study and experiment on the subject. In 1815, he was appointed surveyor of the Bristol roads, and here he first seriously set himself to work to carry into actual operation the improvements which he had been pondering over for so many years.

The main feature of his plan was to form a bed of fragments of stone granite, whinstone, or basalt one of which should be too large to pass through an iron ring two and a half inches in diameter. The stratum or bed of such materials was to be from six to twelve inches in thickness, and it was left to be brought into compactness and smoothness by the action of the vehicles passing over it.

Though now approaching sixty years of age, Mr. Macadam set himself

with all energy to carry out this scheme, and before he died, he had the satisfaction of seeing his system of road making generally adopted, though the only reward he reaped for his labours was a grant of £2,000 from parliament, and the repayment of a large sum, amounting to several thousands more, which he proved before a committee of the House of Commons to have been expended by him from his own resources in perfecting his plan. He died at Mofat on 26th November 1836, in the eighty-first year of his age, leaving behind him the reputation of one of the most honourable and disinterested of men.

The great drawback from the virtues of Mr. Macadam's plan lies in the difficulty of obtaining a smooth surface. Without a firm substructure, the subjacent materials are apt to work up amongst those of the macadam bed. It is also found that carriages encounter a prodigious friction from these materials, until they have been somewhat beaten down; and that, even then, the wheels will be found to have left great longitudinal indentations or hollows, with rough ridges between, altogether at issue with true smoothness.

The first objection was overcome by the great engineer Telford, who suggested a causewayed substructure as a basis for the bed of small stones. The second difficulty can be to a large extent overcome, by causing a heavy roller to pass in the first place over the bed of macadamized fragments, so as to jam them down into a compact cake, on which the carriages may then pass with comparative facility. But though this plan commends itself to the simplest common sense, and is very generally practiced in France, the idea of its advantages seems never yet to have dawned upon the British intellect.

Accordingly, the macadamized road is still, with us, a martyrdom to horses; and it is not too much to say, that the thoroughfares of London present, during a third part of all time, frictional difficulties ten times more than there is any just occasion for, and require four times the amount of renewal and expense which is strictly necessary.

## Shooting Stars

### November 13

During three successive years, from 1831 to 1833, the 13th of November was marked by a magnificent display of shooting or falling stars, those mysterious visitants to our globe respecting whose real nature and origin science is still so perplexed. The first of these bril-

liant exhibitions was witnessed off the coasts of Spain, and in the country bordering on the Ohio.

The second is thus described by Captain Hammond of H.M.S. Restitution, who beheld it in the Red Sea, off Mocha:

'From one o'clock A. M. till after daylight, there was a very unusual phenomenon in the heavens. It appeared like meteors bursting in every direction. The sky at the time was clear, the stars and moon bright, with streaks of light, and thin white clouds interspersed in the sky. On landing in the morning, I inquired of the Arabs if they had noticed the above. They said they had been observing it most of the night. I asked them if ever the like had appeared before. The oldest of them replied that it had not.'

The area over which this phenomenon was seen extended from the Red Sea west-wards to the Atlantic, and from Switzerland to the Mauritius.

But the most imposing display of shooting stars on record occurred on

the third of these occasions—that is, on 13th November 1833. It extended chiefly over the limits comprised between longitude 61° in the Atlantic, and 100° in Central Mexico, and from the latitude of the great lakes of North America, to the West Indies. From the appearance presented, it might be regarded as a grand and portentous display of nature's fireworks.

Seldom has a scene of greater or more awful sublimity been exhibited than at the Falls of Niagara on this memorable occasion, the two leading powers in nature, water and fire, engaging, as it were, in an emulative display of their grandeur. The awful roar of the cataract filled the mind of the spectator with an infinitely heightened sense of sublimity, when its waters were lightened up by the glare of the meteoric torrent in the sky. In many parts of the country, the people were terror-struck, imagining that the end of the world was come; whilst those whose education and vigour of mind prevented them from yielding to such terrors, were, nevertheless, vividly reminded of the grand description in the Apocalypse,

The most probable theory as to the nature of shooting-stars is, that they form part of the solar system, revolving round the sun in the same manner as the planetoids, but both infinitely smaller in size, and subject to great and irregular perturbations. The latter cause brings them not unfrequently within the limits of the earth's atmosphere, on entering which they become luminous from the great heat produced by the sudden and violent compression which their transit occasions. Having thus approached the earth with great velocity, they are as rapidly again withdrawn from it into the realms of space. It is very possible, moreover, that the fiery showers which we have just described, may be the result of a multitude of these meteors encountering each other, whilst the aërolites, or actual meteoric substances, which occasionally fall to the surface of the earth, may be such of those bodies as have been brought so far within the influence of terrestrial gravity as to be rendered subject to its effects.

—John Loudoun Macadam

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## Polish peppers and bumblebees

Bill Meredith

*"A bee's life is like a magic well: the more you draw from it, the more it fills with water."*

—Karl Von Frisch

September 23 was much like September 20 this year; summer drifted away into the past, and fall slipped in to replace it, unnoticed unless you happen to be one of those folks who make a fuss over things like equinoxes. The leaves have been slow to change color, and it didn't seem like fall at all until October 18, when the first frost appeared. I was talking to a fellow West Virginian of my generation, and we both recalled that back in the 1930s frosty nights commonly began in mid-September. Most things seemed simpler and more dependable then.

One of the few things we could think of that have gotten better since then is the art of predicting the weather. I checked the forecast on Columbus Day, and it said the first frost would happen on Oct. 18; so I went out and picked the last bushel of peppers in the garden a couple

of days before that, and sure enough, the computer was right. My wife was of two minds about it; the garden produced an abundance of peppers this summer, and she had already canned more of them than we needed; but she has never outgrown the influence of the Great Depression, and she still can't stand to see food go to waste. So, although she really isn't able to work at the pace she used to, she sterilized the jars and cooked several gallons of peppers, using the secret recipe of tomato sauce, onions, garlic and cooking oil that originated centuries ago in Poland and was brought to this country by her grandmother around the turn of the 20th Century.

In one sense, the recipe isn't a secret any more; she gives it freely to anyone who asks for it. But I have deduced that, unintentionally, she leaves out one component that she is not aware of herself, and that cannot be substituted. She whistles while she works. It is not intentional, and most of the time she doesn't even know she's doing it; but it is essential to the process, because she whistles in Polish. She doesn't speak



**Almost all the bumble bees you have seen this year will be dead in a few weeks. Only a lucky few queen bees will survive to repopulate the species next spring.**

Polish; the whistling was picked up from her grandmother 75 years ago, and reinforced by her mother over the years. To the untrained ear, it sounds the same as whistling in English, but somehow the peppers can tell the difference. I have tasted peppers made from this recipe by cooks of many nationalities, and although sometimes they are very good, they never quite meet the authentic standard. The only thing that is different is the whistling, and it cannot be imitated. It's in the blood.

The day after the frost came, everything in the garden was wilted and dying... pepper plants, tomato and squash vines, marigolds, even some of the weeds. I stood and looked at it for a while, wondering if the task of cleaning up the remains of the dead plants was worth the effort it would take. While I pondered that question, a bumblebee flew up to one of the pepper plants and buzzed around it, apparently hoping to find a blossom that the frost had missed. I knew where she had come from; last month I found her nest in a rockpile below the garden.

About this time last year, a young female bumblebee, destined to become a queen, left her own home and mated shamelessly with any male she happened to meet for the

next few days. Then she found my rockpile, crawled into a hole among the rocks, and went into diapause (the insect version of hibernation). She spent the winter there and came out early last spring when the trees started blooming; and she began collecting nectar and pollen to build a few crude wax cells, where she laid her first eggs. Those eggs hatched into sterile worker females, which went to work collecting more nectar and pollen, and building more wax cells. As spring passed, the population of new workers grew, and they took over the task of foraging. The queen spent less time outside; through the summer she continued to lay eggs. As fall approached, some of the eggs developed into males, which were kicked out of the nest and went off to mate with females from some other location; and eventually the old queen died. The bee that came to my garden that day was one of her last daughters. Before long, she also will die; but she doesn't know it, so now she continues to do the only thing she knows how to do.

All of that was running through my mind as I stood there in the autumn sunshine and watched that bee. In the old English tongue that was used in the days of Chaucer, "bumble" was a verb that meant to

blunder clumsily about; it was applied to "bumble bees" because they flew slowly and more erratically than honeybees. That was what my bee was doing. In some dialects they were called "humble bees" because their nests were more simply constructed than the hives of honeybees, and they were on or under the ground. Charles Darwin studied bees, and he called them "humble bees" because the word comes from the same Latin root as "humus."

As I watched the bee, it occurred to me that I am in the same position as she is... approaching the end of life, but not knowing when that will happen. So I decided that although the bee has no knowledge of her future, or even awareness of it, there is some wisdom in how she spends her remaining time... doing what she knows how to do, as well as she can, for as long as she can. Wisdom is an increasingly scarce commodity in the world today, and we should be humble enough to grasp it whenever we have the chance. So, first chance I get, I will clean up the garden and rake some leaves to mulch the garlic cloves that I just planted, and get ready for winter once again.

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# Human impact on the environment

Michael Rosenthal

This month we're going into more detail on the issue of human impact upon climate. There is absolutely no doubt in the scientific community that atmospheric pollutants have an impact on local weather and on climate. When I was growing up in northeastern Ohio, there was an event in a nearby Pennsylvania town in which poisonous smog hung over the city. The Donora Smog occurred in 1948, in Donora, PA, a town of 14,000 residents, 24 miles south of Pittsburgh. It was caused by chemical emissions from the United States Steel Donora Zinc Works due to a temperature inversion, a phenomenon caused by warmer air above trapping pollutants in cooler air below. Donora had a thick, yellowish, acrid smog that lasted five days. Caught in this inversion layer were sulfuric acid, nitrogen dioxide, and fluorine gas, among other poisonous chemicals. When it rained, 5 days after its start, and the smog dispersed, 20 residents and some 800 animals had died, and one-third to one-half of the population of 14,000 was sickened. Fifty more residents died in the following month from respiratory causes due to the event.

Researchers analyzing the event have focused on the pollution from the zinc plant, which had previously killed all vegetation within a half-mile radius of the plant. Fluorine (F<sub>2</sub>) gas was concluded to be the primary cause of the deaths. There are only 6,000 residents today in Donora. The Donora Smog Museum was opened in 2008 in the town, which has never recovered economically from the event.

So, let's look at some of the most common atmospheric pollutants, where they come from, and what impact they have. As mentioned in an earlier column, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is a result of burning any substance containing carbon (C), most of which we label as fossil fuel: coal, oil, natural gas, and others. If you have a fire with wood and brush in your yard, or burn charcoal in a barbecue grill, you're releasing carbon dioxide. It is a colorless gas, not poisonous in its own right, unless it prevents you from access to oxygen, in which case it can smother you. There will always be emission of carbon dioxide, but it needs to be controlled, since through the previously mentioned greenhouse effect it leads to global warming. This is perhaps the most worrisome atmospheric "pollutant" we produce, and the one which sparks the greatest controversy.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a gas that results from incomplete combustion. It is extremely poisonous, and is the substance that kills you if you inhale too much auto-

mobile exhaust when the source of oxygen is restricted. Carbon Monoxide poisoning will result from inhaling car exhaust in a closed space, such as a garage, or from a faulty combustion device such as a bad furnace. Carbon monoxide is also a component in the production of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>).

Ozone has an important function. The ozone layer in the atmosphere shields people from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. However, ground level ozone is poisonous, and results from other pollutants in the presence of the energy from sunlight. Ozone is a major component of smog, and can contribute to severe health problems, particularly asthma. There is a current controversy on ozone standards. The EPA wishes to reduce the allowable level of ozone in the atmosphere. The government maintains that this will improve public health. Others in Congress, in particular the 18 members of the House of Representatives Doctors Caucus, oppose the lowering of the standard, saying that there is not enough evidence to blame ozone as the culprit in asthma and other health problems, and that more study is needed before putting pressure on industry from a lower standard. More study is needed here.

Nitrogen oxides (N<sub>2</sub>O, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>) are primarily created by combustion in road transport. Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) is an important global warming contributor, nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) is involved in ground-level ozone forming chemistry and is also a component of smog. None of these is good for the environment. N<sub>2</sub>O was once extensively used as a dental anesthetic, and is known as "laughing gas." It was very popular at one time among drug users!

The burning of fossil fuels to create electricity also converts sulfur present in the fuels to sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). It contributes to smog, combines with rainwater to form acid rain, and causes breathing problems for those with asthma.

The agricultural use of fertilizer, natural (manure) and synthetic, releases ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) into the atmosphere. It can react with other pollutants to produce particulate matter, and it over-enriches ecosystems with nitrogen.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) occur naturally in the atmosphere from both vegetation and human activity. Some of these are toxic to human beings and animals, and they can contribute to smog and ozone levels. Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is a VOC that contributes to global warming. Sources include farm animals and rotting garbage,

And finally, particulate matter comes from a multitude of sources, causing atmospheric haze and lung problems.

So, in the course of this survey of atmospheric pollutants caused by human activity, I have managed to insert a chemistry lesson! Have I mentioned that I taught chemistry at the college level for 50 years or so? At any rate, I love atoms and molecules and, as you can see, I find any excuse I can to talk about them.

Human activity will always have an impact on the environment around us. We need to find ways to minimize the negative aspects of the activity for our own good, long term and short term. This is not easy. But if we wish to maintain a planet that is healthy and livable, we need to raise our consciousness on this issue and work harder at it.

The New York Times recently ran an editorial entitled "Teaching the Truth About Climate Change." The point they made is that misinformation about climate change is common. Polls have indicated that as many as 34 percent of people believe that scientists disagree on whether global warming is happening, when in fact an overwhelming majority of scientists believe that climate change is here and that human activity has caused it. A great deal of this problem, they point out (and I fully agree!), lies in our educational system.

Fifteen states and forty school districts in other states have adopted the Next Generation Science Standards, released in 2013, developed by a committee of scientists and education experts and refined by teams in 26 states. Some states have resisted, refusing



Plastic debris in the stomach of a dead albatross chick on the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, in the middle of the Pacific, is undeniable proof of man's negative impact on the environment.

to admit that change has occurred and continues to occur, while others have taken an energetic lead in educating students on this critically important topic. The Times editorial argues "children need to understand how climate changes came about, how to mitigate them, and how to prevent more damage to the planet." I couldn't agree more strongly!

This is not an easy problem to analyze or to solve. Short-term effects may not be always blamed on global negligence. Some summers are hotter than other, some periods are rainier than others, but environmental pollution such as the Donora smog is not natural. We need to do everything we can to protect the earth in both the short run and for the long haul.

Are we alone in the universe? In spite of all the nonsense propagated on alien visitation, it is still hard to believe that in such a vast universe we are all alone. But there is no firm evidence yet, as

we've previously discussed, that we've ever had an alien visit. Radio telescopes have been used since the 1960s to listen for evidence of extraterrestrial life, and the project called Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) has been funded by private donors since government funding was withdrawn in the early 1990s. The fund-raising effort was taken over by the non-profit SETI League. A recent pledge by the billionaire Russian Internet entrepreneur Yuri Milner of \$100 million has given the project a boost. Studies have shown that there may be as many as 10 billion Earth-sized planets at tolerable temperatures in the Milky Way alone! So even though we did not have an extraterrestrial visit at Roswell, New Mexico, we can't count out the possibility that extraterrestrial life exists.

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## IN THE COUNTRY

# Let's talk turkey

Tim Iverson  
Naturalist

The North American Turkey may not be the national bird, but it has earned its spot in heart of the nation. It's the cornerstone of the Thanksgiving meal, and a veritable symbol of the early pilgrims and settlers of the nation. The status it's achieved has surrounded it in myth and misinformation. Benjamin Franklin did have opinions on the turkey, but are not likely what is commonly accepted as truth. A few fowls may even be so lucky as to earn themselves a pardon from the President himself. Just how did a bird of humble beginnings achieve such storied status?

Wild turkeys, contrary to their domesticated brethren, are actually quite adept at survival. Farmed turkeys have been bred to have enlarged breasts, which make them more appealing for the dinner table, but makes them awkward and clumsy. Wild turkeys can fly and are actually quite agile. Their feathering and plumage make for great camouflage hiding them from potential predators like fox, coyotes, bobcats, and more. Once young hatch from the eggs they spend just a few days with their mother learning how to forage for food. After a few days they will begin to fend for themselves and may separate. The females will either form or join a brood of hens. Males will go off on their own to try to father the next generation.

While their range is widespread, spanning across much of United

States and into parts of Mexico, they may not even have been part of the original Thanksgiving dinner table. The Smithsonian Institution researchers have delved into the contemporary historical documents detailing the original meal, and have found no direct evidence that turkey was definitively on the menu - or much of what is considered traditional Thanksgiving fare these days. The very first celebration was held just after the fall harvest in 1621, and was shared between the colonists and the Wampanaog tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Turkeys are mentioned in passing and only as a secondary meal choice in primary source accounts from the time. In fact, much of what we have available today as part of a "traditional" Thanksgiving spread would not have been available to the early English settlers. Cranberry sauce, potatoes, bread stuffing, pies, and more were noticeably absent. The only definites for the meal according to researchers were venison, corn, and wildfowl. The wildfowl likely being duck, goose, or passenger pigeons because of their abundance at the time. Again, turkeys are only mentioned separately as an aside in original texts referencing the meal.

It's up for debate about whether or not turkey was served during the first Thanksgiving meal, but the verdict is in on Benjamin Franklin's opinion of the bird. Common folk wisdom has it that he was a champion of the bird over that of the Bald Eagle

as a symbol of the newly founded nation. That is not exactly the case, however. The misconception comes from an excerpt of a letter between his daughter and himself. The misconception arises in an exchange between the two where he questions the selection of the eagle as the symbol, and redirects to the turkey as a bird of 'superior moral character.' While he does not necessarily advocate for the turkey becoming a national symbol he does try to take the wind out of the sails for the eagle. He writes:

"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. You may have seen him perched on some dead Tree near the River, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him.

With all this injustice, he is never in good case but like those among men who live by sharpening & robbing he is generally poor and often very lousy. Besides he is a rank coward: The little King Bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district. He is therefore by no means a proper emblem for the brave and honest Cincinnati of America who have driven all the King birds from our country...

"I am on this account not displeased that the Figure is not known as a Bald Eagle, but looks more like a Turkey. For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of



The North American Turkey may not be the national bird, but it has earned its spot in the heart of the nation.

America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

Frankly, Franklin might have been a little harsh on the Bald Eagle. He never publicly advocated for the turkey to begin the national symbol, or publicly derided the selection of the bald eagle. His high esteem of turkeys isn't without merit though, because he isn't the only one who gives the turkey a pass.

Presidents, for the better part of a century now, have been issuing pardons to a lucky turkey or two every year. While the pardon is one of the more unique presidential duties and Thanksgiving traditions its origination is as vague as the tradition itself. There are conflicting reports as to the first pardoning, but the

earliest claimed account dates to President Lincoln in 1865. The White House Historical Association provides recorded gifts of turkeys from various poultry farmers all the way back to 1870, and continuing through present day. When President Truman was gifted a pair of turkeys in 1948 he is alleged to have said that they would "come in handy" for Christmas dinner, clearly these turkeys were not slated for a pardon. It wasn't until the Washington Post coined the pardon term in 1963 when President Kennedy purportedly said, in reference to a gifted turkey, "Let's keep him going." By the time President George H.W. Bush was in office in 1989 the routine had pretty much solidified into the formal tradition we see today.

Presidents aren't the only ones who value turkeys. The North American Turkey was important and considered sacred by many Native American tribes. Feathers were used in head dresses, traditional dances were created to celebrate the bird, and folk lore surrounds the origin stories. Despite the revered status it held turkeys were nearly hunted to extinction in the early part of the 20th century. Due to extensive efforts by wildlife officials through encouraged reproduction and repopulation to new areas the population rebounded. Continental populations dropped to as low as 30,000 in 1940, but rebounded to approximately 7 million by current estimates.

The North American Turkey may not be as illustrious as commonly held belief holds, but the fact surrounding the bird is better than a fictional fowl. As Thanksgiving approaches be thankful that this bird has such a storied past and will be able to be gobbled up from your table while you talk turkey with family and friends.

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IN THE COUNTRY

# Join the “Love of Nature” campaign

**Chichi Reed**  
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**Nature Presence**

For thirteen years, Strawberry Hill has managed an auction fundraiser, receiving hundreds of donations from community businesses, artisans, and individuals like you to sell and raise money. The community's giving has been overwhelming, appreciated, and special. However, as the donated gift items kept coming the event became so large it began to draw resources away from our mission: to preserve and educate.

This year Strawberry Hill's fundraiser will have no baskets, no items, and no auction...

Instead, on Friday, November 6 (6-9pm), the Preserve will host the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Cindy Adams Dunn, as a keynote speaker for a dinner at Hauser Estate Winery.

The dinner is the Preserve's annual fundraiser to sustain operations, maintain the health of the watershed, offer recreational trails, preserve cultural heritage sites, and provide educational opportunities for children. It is our hope that with Secretary Dunn's experience as an environmental leader; she will inspire others to become focused on preserving those cultural, historical, and ecological areas important to you, such as the Strawberry Hill.

In 2015, Strawberry Hill's impact in the community includes:

- 29-years of service protecting 609-acres of high quality stream and providing environmental education programs
- Providing 141 environmental science programs
- Teaching 5,677 local students, grades K-8, who participated in an educational program offered at the Preserve
- 211 children participating in summer educational camps
- Maintaining 10.5 miles of hiking trails open to the public
- Providing a protected habitat for over 350 native species, 60 of these are birds
- Preserving 8 unique cultural heritage sites

Secretary Cindy Dunn's conservation leadership roles include serving as the president and chief executive officer of PennFuture, a Pennsylvania statewide environmental advocacy organization. Prior to her time at PennFuture, she served as DCNR's Deputy Secretary of Conservation and Technical Services. Dunn has also served as the executive director of Audubon Pennsylvania and as the Pennsylvania program director for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Secretary Dunn has played a critical role in the development of the South Mountain Conservation Landscape Initiative. South Mountain is a timeless treasure of natural, aesthetic, historic, cultural, community, agricultural and recreational resources in southcentral Pennsylvania. The Secretary will speak in regards to the role the local community can play to help protect the South Mountain region, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and how supporting places like Strawberry Hill can influence state initiatives to protect and promote our homestead.

“Throughout the commonwealth, large regions are working together to drive strategic investment and actions around sustainability, conservation, community revitalization, and recreational projects... Founded on the regions' sense of place and resource values, the CLLs [Conservation Landscape Initiatives] motivate citizens and elected officials to take on the challenge of effective land use planning, investment, civic engagement, and revitalization.”

-Cindy Adams Dunn, comments on PA's Conservation Landscape Initiatives in the Landscape Conservation in the Chesapeake Watershed report presented at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on August 16-17, 2012.

The Party for the Preserve will be held at Hauser Winery from 6-9pm, on Friday, November 6 (\$50/ticket).

Cannot attend... We still can use your help to ensure Strawberry Hill's mission reaches our community. As a local business and supporter, we are asking you to help spread the word about our campaign through your so-



The Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, just north of Fairfield, provides a protected habitat for more than 350 native species, 60 of which are birds.

cial media and client networks.

Our ambitious goal is to raise awareness for preserving one of Adams County's and Pennsylvania's rare natural resources, high quality water, and to raise \$35,000 for our organization by the end of #GIVINGTUESDAY (December 1, 2015), the national charity 'holiday' that follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

We need your help to promote the campaign and here are a couple ways you can help!

Visit [StrawberryHill.org](http://StrawberryHill.org) for full campaign details.

Share Your Love of Nature in our #MyLoveOfNatureBeginsWith contest

Let your friends & family know why you love nature, and support Strawberry Hill, by posting on your Facebook page. For every #MyLoveOfNatureBeginsWith post we see, we will enter you for a chance to win a free weekend getaway in our vacation cabin! Contest runs Oct. 16 - Dec. 1.

Pull your favorite pictures or create some new ones of nature: inspiring outdoor images, the backyard bird feeder that you love to watch, etc. If it is part of your love for nature, anything goes @ #MyLoveOfNatureBeginsWith.

“Going through old photos, I found a picture of myself back when I was probably six years old wearing a pink

t-shirt with a newt on it, shorts, a hat, and backpack. In this picture, I was at Strawberry Hill as a camper. This was where my love of nature began.”

- Lizzy Ryan, Strawberry Hill Naturalist

Consider a Sustaining Gift to Strawberry Hill by donating directly online to The “Love of Nature” Campaign. Visit our website for sustaining gift levels: [StrawberryHill.org/donate](http://StrawberryHill.org/donate).

Did you know that...

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The Adams County Community Foundation will match up to \$20,000 in funds donated to all organizations involved in the Giving Spree

the more donations we earn that day, the greater the proportion of the match we receive.

Online donations on Nov. 10 to count towards match.

ALL Checks must be dated Nov. 10, made out to “Adams County Community Foundation” (Memo: Strawberry Hill) will count towards the match and require a donation pledge form that can be at our website: [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org).

Cannot make it to the middle school? Join us that Tuesday morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Ragged Edge Coffee House (Chambersburg St., Gettysburg) to learn about the giving spree and to get a free cup of coffee with a donation to the Preserve.

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# PETS

## Trading places

Jennifer Vanderau  
Cumberland Valley  
Animal Shelter

I think I'd like to be a dog. Or a cat. Their lives can be pretty sweet.

I realized this the other day when I took a few minutes just to sit with some of my cats. The whole day I'd been running around like a crazy person, barely having time to grab anything for lunch and constantly running through everything I had to do in my head.

Pay this bill. Check on that thing with the car. Try not to let what that person said upset you.

All of it. I'm sure you know the drill.

At one point, I just stopped. I lay down on the floor, eyes on the ceiling and Dee Dee walks up to me. She sits down in her neat little cat way she has (with her tail wrapped around her front legs) and watched out the window for a bit.

As I noticed how her eyes

moved with every change in scenery outside, how her whiskers would twitch from time to time, I thought, now there's a creature that's got it made.

The biggest thing she's really got to fret about is whether the mailman can get in the house to get her. Seriously. She runs like a monster is after her every time she hears the mailbox lid creak up. She's a nut.

But she gets fresh food, a clean litterbox (she doesn't even have to use it if it's too dirty for her liking because she knows the messes she leaves on the floor will disappear because the humans will take care of it) and lots of love.

Now that's the life. No worries about bills or car repair or hurt feelings.

I find I'm particularly jealous of the animals who have been adopted from CVAS. We get some of the neatest pictures for follow-ups from our adoptions, I'm telling you.

Our happy endings are truly what keep us all going. It's so re-

warding to see how the lives of the babies we care for turn out. Some of them are living quite the life.

There's a photo of a pup completely surrounded by toys and blankets and a bed I wouldn't mind sleeping on every night.

There are cats looking at the camera – rather like the proverbial feline who caught the canary – reposing on a soft spot that looks as though it was made just for them.

One picture is of a little Shih Tzu lying on the floor next to a girl and they're both watching television. The girl has her legs stretched out behind her and so does the pup! It's a calendar worthy moment, that's for sure.

One cat is lying on a bed watching "Friends." It truly looks like the cat is watching the television. Talk about the Life of Riley!

And in yet another, a cat is lying flat on his back, paws up in the air, sound asleep.

We've got these photos lining the walls in the shelter and by the fridge in the lunchroom. During those hectic days (like the one I described above) it sure is nice to take just a few seconds and breathe and smile and realize the good that we do and the good that's out in the world.

We're so grateful for everyone who takes a chance on one of our four-legged babies and the folks that save and rescue the ones we don't see.

There certainly are animals out there who have an amazing life and some days, I wouldn't mind trading places with them at all.

*Jennifer Vanderau is the Director of Communications for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter and can be reached at [cvascomm@cvas-pets.org](mailto:cvascomm@cvas-pets.org). The shelter accepts both monetary and pet supply donations. For more information, call the shelter at 263-5791 or visit the website [www.cvas-pets.org](http://www.cvas-pets.org). CVAS also operates thrift stores in Chambersburg and Shippensburg. Help support the an-*



Sheldon, last month's pet for adoption, found a home - and better yet - a new best friend!



Chester and Andre

Chester and Andre are two brothers who came into the shelter because their owners were no longer able to care for them. Chester is 18 and Andre is 8 and we wanted to give them a chance to find a home. Our vet looked them both over and, despite their age, they both are in good health. Chester is the grey tiger and even though he's 18, you sure couldn't tell it. Our vet said he has some age-related issues, like his teeth and his eyes, but other than that, his heart sounds good and he has no discernable lumps or anything else that would be concerning. Chester is the talker of the duo and will definitely chat away for food. Andre is the orange tiger boy and he's a bit more reserved than his brother, but once he trusts you, it's all purring and snuggling. We know it's hard enough to find a home for two cats and these guys have an age that will add to that issue, but we just know there's someone out there who will see these faces and be willing to give these boys the second chance they really need. Please open your heart and home and help these guys.



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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.

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Kimberly Brokaw DVM  
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I have been called numerous times to help determine if a horse is being neglected. In general if a person is asking about a farm they saw, I advise them to call Animal Control. In situations where the Animal Control Officer evaluates and finds that the horses are receiving proper care, no further action is taken. In mild cases of neglect animal control makes an attempt to teach the owner how to properly care for their horses. In severe cases of neglect or cruelty, animals can be seized and legal charges brought against the owner.

Recently news has brought attention to a farm that had several dead horses and around 100 neglected horses found on the property. Multiple people have commented on how this must have been going on for a long time and wondered how the situation was allowed to get so bad. Unfortunately your average passerby is not familiar with horses and normal horse care, and is unsure of when there is a problem that warrants a call to Animal Control. I have seen a case where Animal Control was called because some "horrible" person had blindfolded all of her horses and put them out in the field. In truth the horses were not blindfolded but rather were wearing fly masks. Fly masks are a wonderful mesh screen that horses wear over their faces to protect their eyes from flies. In situations such as that, the complaint is resolved when an animal control officer visits the farm and sees a herd of very well cared for horses in fly masks and realizes the complaint was made by a well meaning person with minimal knowledge of horse husbandry.

The other unwarranted complaint I see most is in the winter when a person calls animal control for a horse not having a blanket. Not all horses need to wear blankets. A well fed and healthy horse with access to food and shelter frequently does not need a blanket to be comfortable during cold winter days. In fact, blankets can be used to cover up neglect. When a ne-

glectful owner does not want the neighbors to complain about their thin horses, it is common to put blankets on the horses to cover up their ribs and poor coats.

Unfortunately the opposite is also true and frequently no one calls to notify animal control when horses are being neglected. Recognizing signs of neglect can be a challenge to people who are unfamiliar with horses. A veterinarian is trained to evaluate a horse for appropriate weight, if it has worms, or is sick as well as if it has had regular dental and hoof care. However, a passerby can also learn to correctly do a basic evaluation of a horse without entering the horse's field. The main things to look for are if the horses have the basic essentials; appropriate food, water, and shelter. While shelter is easy to see from a distance, clean water and good food may be harder to determine. People see a large round bale of hay in the field and assume an owner is feeding the horses. Horses tend not to eat hay that is rotten or moldy. A neglectful owner can provide multiple huge round bales and still have starving horses if the hay is poor quality. If you drive by a horse farm daily, and see thin horses who are not eating that same old black round bale, you may be looking at hungry, neglected, horses.

There are a few generalizations that can help the average passerby determine the welfare of a herd of horses after checking that the basic essentials of food, water, and shelter are met. The first is, do the horses look thin? Can you see ribs? While a herd of horses may have one older horse who is difficult to keep weight on, the rest of the horses should be in good flesh. If the entire herd is thin then chances are they are not being cared for properly.

Another good indicator of how well the horses are being cared for is how their hooves look. A well cared for horse should have trimmed hooves with minimal cracks. Horses with long hooves that have a tendency to look like elf shoes are not getting regular hoof care. A horse's hoof grows continuously so when an owner

stops taking care of the feet they tend to get ragged, long, misshapen, and cracked.

If you feel you don't know enough about horses to determine if Animal Control should be called, talk with your neighbors who are more horse experienced. You may be looking at a thin horse in a small, dirt paddock near the barn, and wondering why all of the other horses are fat and eating good grass while he is confined. Your neighbor, who is part of the horse community, may tell you that "Dobbin" just had colic surgery at Leesburg, and is on paddock confinement and a restricted diet for a few weeks. Dobbin will be fat and happy in a few months.

The above picture is a good example of what to look for when trying to determine the quality of care a horse is receiving. At first glance it may appear to the inexperienced that the photo is of a neglected horse standing out in the wind and snow with no blanket. However upon closer examination you see that there are multiple piles of hay around the horse. You can tell the hay was freshly put out as it is on top of the snow rather than partly buried in it. In the background you can see the horse has access to not one but two barns for shelter. If you take an even closer look at the picture, you will see an automatic, heated, waterer along the fence-line as well as a hay feeder in the barn. While the snow is blocking view of the horse's hooves, you can see that he is fat with no ribs visible and has a dry fluffy coat. He is also standing with his legs spread and side to the wind rather than standing all bunched up with his butt to the wind like a cold horse (note the orientation of his tail and mane to determine wind direction). After looking at the horse in the field, if you still aren't sure if he is being well taken care of, you can always call Animal Control. While the owner may initially be irritated that Animal Control was called, if their horse is well cared for it will be nothing other than a slight annoyance. If the horse is not being taken care of, Animal Control can then take steps to either edu-



A well-fed and healthy horse, with access to food and shelter, does not necessarily need a blanket to be comfortable during cold winter days. In fact, blankets can be used to cover up neglect.

cate the owner on how to properly care for a horse, or remove the horse and relocate it to a rescue or other suitable home.

Neglect of animals is a serious problem. All of us need to be aware of the horses and other animals in our community. We need

to act when we are concerned that something is not right. We should not allow horses and other animals to starve to death in our county.

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Pests in the home

Mary Ann Ryan  
Adams County Master Gardener

Insects, that is. Little beetles in the flour, gnats flying around the living room, moths in the kitchen, stink bugs in the bedroom, spiders in the bedroom... what's a person to do?

It's very unlikely that all these insects will be in your house at the same time, however, you may have some issues here and there and they may be showing up now.

Indian meal moth is an insect that feeds on a large variety of food products. Indian meal moth larvae are often found feeding in whole wheat flour, cereal, dried fruits, nuts, seeds, graham crackers and powdered milk. Foods infested with these insects will have silk webbing present, especially near the food surface.

Grain beetles and weevils are often seen in flour because of the dark color of the adult beetle shows up so well against the white color of flour, but it's the larvae that cause the damage, as they also feed on cereal, crackers, nuts, and other dried goods.

Pantry pests, as these are typical-

ly referred to as a group, feed on any of the above products but also can be found in various grains, crackers, spices, macaroni, chocolate, candy, dried peas or beans. Don't overlook pet foods such as bird seed, fish food, dog food and cat food. Control of the Indian meal moth and grain beetles means finding the food source and discarding it. Put all other dried products in sealed containers. Also a good cleaning of cupboards, closets and floors to get rid of any spills or crumbs that may be in cracks and crevices is necessary.

Fruit flies are attracted to rotting or fermenting fruits and vegetables. They also like moist areas, like drains, damp mops, and garbage. We often see them in the fall because that's when we may have fruit sitting on the counter, and the furnace isn't running yet to dry out things.

The best way to control them is to prevent them! Be sure to keep up with fruits and vegetables that may be sitting on the kitchen counter. If it begins to decline, throw it in the compost or put it in the refrigerator. Keep the garbage can empty so

the fruit flies are not attracted to that. Clean recycling bins and throw away rotted potatoes and onions. Clean up juice spills as they happen.

Once you have them, the only way to eradicate them is to get rid of the food source. A jar of cider vinegar with a paper cone on top may attract them, reducing the numbers flying around your living space.

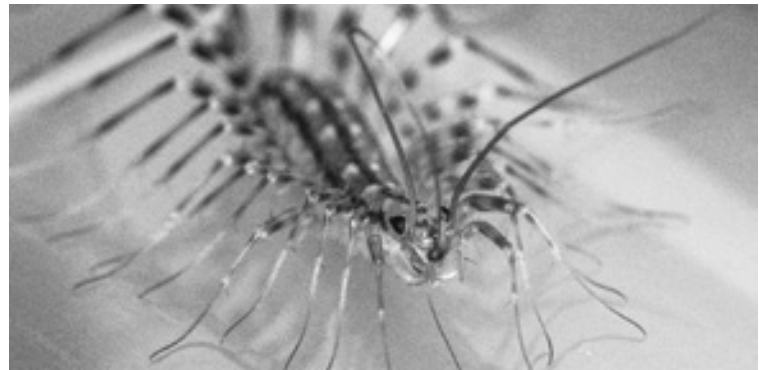
A fruit fly can lay about 500 eggs and will reach its adult stage in a week. That's a lot of flies in a short period of time! They are considered a nuisance pest, but they could potentially contaminate food with bacteria.

Stink bugs have become the number one nuisance pest at my house. When compared to the fruit fly, they are big! They make noise when they fly, run into walls and lights, and stink when smashed. In the fall these insects are looking for shelter for the cold winter months. They come into the home through cracks and small openings. If they continue to come into the home even after sealing everything you can think possible, mix a solution of dish detergent and water. Either spray the bugs with the solution or drop them into the water solution. This typically ends their life. The good thing is that they are harmless inside, for the most part. They can cause skin irritation if a person is sensitive, and the odor is certainly offensive. Gardens or fields are not so lucky to escape the stink bug as they feed on fruits and vegetables, damaging crops. But these insects are not trying to fly into your hair, they are just that clumsy of a flyer.

Although millipedes and centi-



A thousand legs has a millipede  
While a hundred does the centipede  
The millipede eats plants  
The centipede eats ants



pedes are often called insects, spiders or bugs, the truth is that they are classified as Arthropods. They have segmented bodies and many legs, not just six or eight, as do insects and spiders.

Millipedes have two pairs of legs per body segment. Their body is rounded and they curl up much like a pillbug when disturbed. In the fall they are often found on ground floor levels of the home because they life in the soil. They feed on organic matter around the home. In the fall they stray away from that feeding source and sometimes find their way into the home. Sweeping them up is probably the best control. They are simply a nuisance and they will

die inside as there is nothing for them to feed on.

Another arthropod that is often confused with the millipede is the centipede. The centipedes have flat bodies, unlike the rounded ones of the millipede. They have only one pair of legs per body segment. They like moist areas, so they too can be found in basements, but also are seen in bathrooms. An occasional centipede is no big deal – they cause no harm, but if they are frequently seen in bathrooms or kitchens, you may want to investigate to see if there is an underlying problem.

The Asian lady beetle is different than the native lady bug in size and color. The Asian beetle is slightly larger, can range from yellow to red in color, with or without black spots on the wings. They are found offensive because they can congregate in the thousands on the south facing sides of houses and sheds. They find their way into the home through cracks and crevices, looking for a place to winter.

They can bite, and when smashed will leave a stain on the surface as well as emit a slight odor. The best control is sealing up the small openings they may be getting in. When sealing becomes impossible, calling a pest control company to control the beetles outside may be an option. Although complete control will never be achieved, certainly reduction in population can be. Inside the home the best control seems to be the almighty vacuum

As these insects can invade our homes, good care in the home like repairing screens, sealing cracks, keeping spills cleaned up, and proper storage of dried goods can all help to control these invaders. The good thing is they typically are not a health hazard, but certainly a pest that should be controlled and not wanted in the home.

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They also share environmentally beneficial landscaping methods through the Demonstration Garden; the Grow It - Eat It program, the Bay-Wise program and via Seminars and Workshops. They host a booth at the Great Frederick Fair and speak to many community groups. Master Gardeners love to share gardening ideas with our seniors via ther-

apeutic horticulture programs and with youth via gardening projects and judging training. Master Gardeners write articles for local newspapers, and support greening efforts throughout the region.

Frederick County Master Gardeners base their knowledge on their own experience as gardeners, as well as through both classroom and hands-on training provided by the University of Maryland Extension horticultural educators. Master Gardeners continue to receive training at monthly meetings, statewide training programs organized by the Home and Garden Information Center, and on field trips.

Training Classes for 2016 begin February 4 and run through May 5. Classes are held on Thursdays, two sessions a day, 9 am – 3 pm. Instructors are University of Maryland professionals, Master Gardeners, and other experts in their fields.

If all this sounds appealing and you are a Frederick County resident, visit the Master Gardeners website at [www.extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening](http://www.extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening) for more information. Cost for training is \$225. To enroll, write to Susan Trice, MG Coordinator, at [strice@umd.edu](mailto:strice@umd.edu) as soon as possible to begin the application process. We invite you to join us!

## Small Town Gardener

### Fall foliage fun

Marianne Wilburn

The maples and oaks began to blush red in the woodlands last week, following hot on the heels of the tulip poplars and hickory that populate our hillsides and dominate the color scheme with rust and gold. With this final act, the end of the fall foliage season is upon us and winter looms; but there are still a few shrubs & herbaceous perennials that haven't got the memo yet. These will keep the landscape held in some semblance of autumn until the first snow flurry reminds us of icy lanes and dented bumpers.

Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*), is one of these hold-outs. A brilliant three-season shrub anywhere from 3 feet wide to 6 feet tall, it graces the garden with drooping, fragrant, finger-like blossoms in May, holds onto seed-heads well into summer, and for your continual viewing enjoyment, finishes the season mid-November with brilliant red foliage worthy of the original ‘burning bush’, *Euonymus alata*. Furthermore, the native groupies can plant this with abandon, as it is a home-grown beauty and won't embarrass the righteous during BayWise tours.

I am growing three of the common “Henry's Garnet,” which have yet to turn anything approaching red, much less garnet, but I have been keeping a careful eye on another specimen gleaned from a plant exchange and purported to be same, but with a longer flower head and even better color. Last year, deep red leaves survived several windstorms, finally giving up somewhere in December. I have high hopes that my garnet might just be an undiscovered ruby.

*Hydrangea quercifolia*, the oak-leaf hydrangea, is another North American native that won't disappoint. Keep it safely from four-legged freezer fodder and you'll be thrilled to have color when the trees finish their show. I am growing several in both shade and sun situations: the [purported] dwarfs ‘Pee Wee’ and ‘Snow Queen’, the species monster (6ft and growing), and a chartreuse-leaved cultivar named ‘Little Honey’.

‘Little Honey’ would love a little more light to live up to foliage expectations, but the others have done well. The straight species is currently the most brilliant of reds, and still holds flower panicles from the end of summer. My hope is to beg, buy or steal “Ruby Slippers” next season for an even better fall display, but failing that, I suppose I could try to hybridize it myself in my copious spare time, as it is a US National Arboretum cross between ‘Pee Wee’ and ‘Snow Queen’ – two unlikely lovers if ever there were. Amusing to think of an ice queen trying to fertilize a snow

queen with a pee wee, but stranger things have happened.

And then there's amsonia. For fall color in a herbaceous perennial, you'd be hard pressed to come up with something that tops this North American stunner. *A. hubrichtii* gets all the press for breathtaking willow-like wands of prairie gold – especially when massed together with native asters as it is at the National Arboretum. But I must put a word in for *A. tabernaemontana* whose larger leaves I prefer in the summer garden and whose blue spring flowers seem to have more substance than those of *A. hubrichtii*. Besides, *A. tabernaemontana* and I fell in love at Longwood many years ago; and my affection, once given, is rarely rescinded.

There are the last of the summer flowers of course – echinacea, cleome, Montauk daisy and the like. There are knock-out roses still giving it the old one-two, and fall-planted pansies preparing to stiffen their upper lips for winter. But I maintain that the beauty of the fall garden is not just to be found by sipping the dregs of the summer. One must plant specifically for the season.

Next spring, make your independent nursery happy: plant for the fall. With a mixture of superb foliage colors and exquisite bloomers such as ‘Sheffield Pink’ chrysanthemum or colchium bulbs you can make autumn last right up until the first Christmas party invite hits your inbox or warms the lonely recesses of that USPS reliquary at the end of your driveway.

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## HEALTH NOTES

# Advanced care planning

**Kelsey Shupe**  
**Frederick Memorial Hospital**

Jackie Dinterman was a social worker on the FMH Intensive Care Unit for more than 10 years. During that time, she watched many families grapple with heart-wrenching decisions regarding the care and treatment of loved ones who could no longer speak for themselves. Faced with their loved one's progression of a chronic illness, complications resulting from surgery, or an acute event such as a stroke, families were exhausted, stressed, and confused. They often disagreed with one another about "what mom would want," sometimes doing what Dinterman could only assume was irreparable damage to their relationships with one another.

Helping families avoid this stressful situation is one of the

reasons that Dinterman is passionate about Frederick Memorial Hospital's Advance Care Planning initiative.

"Advance Care Planning (ACP) is the process of reflecting on, discussing, and planning for a time when a person can no longer make his or her own medical decisions," she explains. "The ACP initiative is based on partnerships both inside and outside the hospital designed to raise awareness, provide education and inspire people of all ages and stages of wellness to plan for these types of issues before there's a crisis, when they can think and express themselves more clearly."

One of the key components of the Advance Care Planning initiative is The Conversation Project, a national campaign designed to encourage people to talk with one another about how they want to live during the last phase of

their lives. To support and encourage as many people as possible to have "the conversation," FMH is working closely with a wide variety of community-based organizations to spread the word, including primary care practices, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Lay health educators affiliated with the FMH Bridges program are working within Frederick's faith-based communities, and members of the Advance Care Planning committee are holding workshops and discussions for the community at large to stress the importance of the topic. In addition, the hospital has created a Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to keep the patients and their families at the center of this initiative.

"Remember, Advance Care Planning is not an end-of-life plan," says PFAC member Nikki Moberly. "We call it a 'plan for



Jackie Dinterman discusses Advance Care Planning (ACP) with patients and families at Frederick Memorial Hospital. The ACP initiative is based on partnerships, both inside and outside the hospital, designed to raise awareness, provide education, and inspire people of all ages and stages of wellness to plan for these types of issues before they encounter a crisis.

living,' because it's about making sure that people live out their last days according to their wishes. And one conversation can make all the difference."

Don't want to talk about dying? Think this whole "conversation" thing is rather morbid? Don't worry! You're not alone. No doubt it's a difficult talk to have, but it is vitally important.

Many people find that beginning is the hardest part. But once you've had the conversation, the next steps—putting it on paper and continuing to talk—are actually pretty easy...and really important.

Visit [www.theconversationproject.com](http://www.theconversationproject.com) for information about medical interventions and filling out Advance Care Planning documents. It's a list of resources with a variety of perspectives. Browse through and select what's most useful to you. Keep having the conversation with your loved ones, and your health care team, too. You might want to talk to more family members so that everyone's on the same page. And it's important to keep talking as things change over time.

You can use these legal and medical documents to write down your wishes so they can be honored when the time comes.

**Advance Care Planning:** A narrative that explains in your own words what's important to include or not include in your end of life care based on the verbal conversation you have already had with your loved ones.

**Advance Directive:** A document that describes your preferences for care in case you are unable to make health care decisions on your own. It is also known as a living will.

**Health Care Proxy:** A document that identifies the person you trust to act on your behalf if you are unable to make health care decisions or communicate your wishes (also known as your health care agent, proxy, or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care). This is probably the most important document. Make sure you have many conversations with your proxy.

For more ideas about how to get started, or to download a starter kit, visit [www.theconversationproject.org](http://www.theconversationproject.org).

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Choosing care at an NAPBC-accredited facility like The Center for Breast Care means you will have access to comprehensive care, including a full range of services and information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options. And most importantly, you will receive the highest quality of care close to home.

For more information on The Center for Breast Care, visit [monocacyhealthpartners.org/breastcare](http://monocacyhealthpartners.org/breastcare) or call 301-418-6611.

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## Marty Qually for County Commissioner

Through the course of this election cycle the Emmitsburg News Journal, along with its readers, have been closely following multiple political races. After having reviewed the campaign materials for all candidates, the articles submitted to this paper from each candidate, and televised debates, this paper has decided to endorse for Adams County Commissioners: Randy Phiel, Jim Martin, and Marty Qually.

Given the political demographics of Adams County, namely that the voter registration favors Republicans by a margin of 2:1, we believe that Commissioners Jim Martin and Randy Phiel are inevitable favorites. That aside, both Phiel and Martin have more than earned the right to reelection. So the real race is for the 3rd seat between Marty Qually and Harry Stokes.

As we observe the suffering due to the political deadlock in Washington and Harrisburg, we smile at those who find fault with Qually's ability to work in a collegial manner with his republican counterparts. Trust us – we in Frederick County would love to have that problem! We are envious of how efficient and effective – and yes – friendly – Adams County politics are, and urge our reader to think twice about changing it.

Qually is seeking another four-year term "To keep the county moving forward and follow through" on his previous commitments from the 2012 election. He has focused on providing solutions that have been instrumental in promoting responsible development for better jobs; reorganizing county offices to better serve its citizens, keep-

ing taxes under control, and sustaining the county's strong credit rating. "I am not satisfied with doing the same thing over and over again," says Qually, "The last three years have been successful, so we need to move the bar higher." The 3-member board of commissioners have merged the county planning department, which has improved relationships within the county. Qually states, "We have had great communication with the municipalities, and continuing those partnerships are crucial to the success of Adams County."

His campaign has focused on three main concerns; helping municipalities realize their economic development goals, being accessible to the public so that residents have a voice in County government, and continuing to improve the County's financial position. Qually currently serves on the Adams County Board of Economic Development Corporation and is the Commissioner liaison to the County Planning Commission. "Being connected to both planning and economic development puts me in a unique position to see development issues from multiple perspectives," said Qually. He adds, "County involvement, projects are starting to move again." While there is no "mandate" to create a stronger economy, Qually and the other commissioners have decided not to sit idly by as opportunities pass Adams County.

Adams County is progressing in the right direction. To keep it going this way, we encourage Adams County residents to cast 1 of their 2 votes on November 3rd for Marty Qually, and in doing so, return the current effective leadership team to office.



## Carroll Valley candidates

Three Carroll Valley citizens—Bruce Carr, Richard Mathews, Robert Verdereraime—have decided to seek positions on the Carroll Valley Council through write-in votes.

As a group our interest are diverse, which we see as a benefit for the borough.

Together we have over 100 years of leadership experience. We have the desire and qualifications to serve our fellow Carroll Valley citizens. We opposed the rezoning request of the 107 acre property off Sanders Road. We opposed the development because of its scope, the kinds of buildings to be constructed, and the adverse affect it would have on the character of Carroll Valley. This project would have severely changed the composition of Carroll Valley as we know it.

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### Bruce Carr

I am pleased to have been invited by this group of citizens to run as a write in candidate for the Carroll Valley Borough Council. Having lived in Carroll Valley for over 10 years I have had several friends, over the years, suggest that I seek a position on the council. I retired from the Air Force as a Colonel after 29 years service. I served on the board of directors for Carroll Valley Citizens Association for nearly 3 years. I have stayed informed and active in the on-goings of the borough. I served on the Fairfield School board for a year. I am an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. While I have no great concerns, there are three aspects of Carroll Valley that I would champion. First would be to maintain our qual-

ity of life. That is to insure Carroll Valley's location in the southwest corner of Adams County remains one of unusual beauty, with a combination of unspoiled farm and orchard land, woods, meadows, and mountain slopes. The second aspect would be to be fiscally responsible. That is to provide necessary services at the best value. Finally I will do my best to keep the citizens informed and respond to your queries and concerns in a timely fashion. I would strive to improve the borough website and Facebook page, establish twitter accounts, and direct e-mail to all who wanted.

### Richard Mathews

My wife, Laura, and I purchased our home in Carroll Valley in June 2012. We have 4 grown children and 3 grandchild-

dren. I am Executive Director of a 501(c)(5) Corporation, a consultant, and Vice-President of the School Board.

I opposed the proposed Fairfield Area Recreation Commission which would have unnecessarily created another tax and spend government entity. I strongly believe in fiscally responsible. Government must provide only necessary services while protecting our community's quality of life. Further, more needs to be done to keep citizens apprised of what their Borough is doing. While I recognize the need for a new Borough Office Building, we do not need a \$3 Million plus "Greater Carroll Valley Community & Education Complex."

With over 36 years experience in professional leadership positions and 30 years of Board experience I bring a wealth of experience to the Borough Council. I am experienced, managing programs; leading paid staff and volun-

teers; creating budgets and plans; providing government oversight of Boards, advising Boards, and serving on Boards; meeting with and speaking before interest groups; writing and interpreting regulations and statutes; developing and implementing review and evaluation programs; conducting reviews and evaluations; and coordinating and leading meetings. I have extensive leadership training and a Masters Degree in General Administration.

I was president of a 100 unit homeowners association which provided all outside building maintenance, play grounds, lawn care and landscaping, snow removal, street and sidewalk repairs, street lighting, insurance, and assessment collection.


### Robert Verdereraime

Helene and I purchased our home in Carroll Valley in 2008. We have 5


grown children and 24 grandchildren. We moved here because we liked the rural atmosphere, its scenic beauty, and the quiet of the area and want to maintain the solitude and slower pace of life it provides.

I am a practicing Attorney licensed in Maryland. In 2011, I became a member of the Carroll Valley planning commission and have served since that time. I have acted as an arbitrator and mediator. Past leadership positions include Bar Association President; Board of Governors of National Bar Association; served on various legal committees including Chairman; appointed member of Governors task force; served as president of Homeowners Association and Parent Teachers Association; and have been appointed as a settlement officer by the Circuit Court of Carroll County, Maryland. My wife and I are parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church.


## Elect By Write-In



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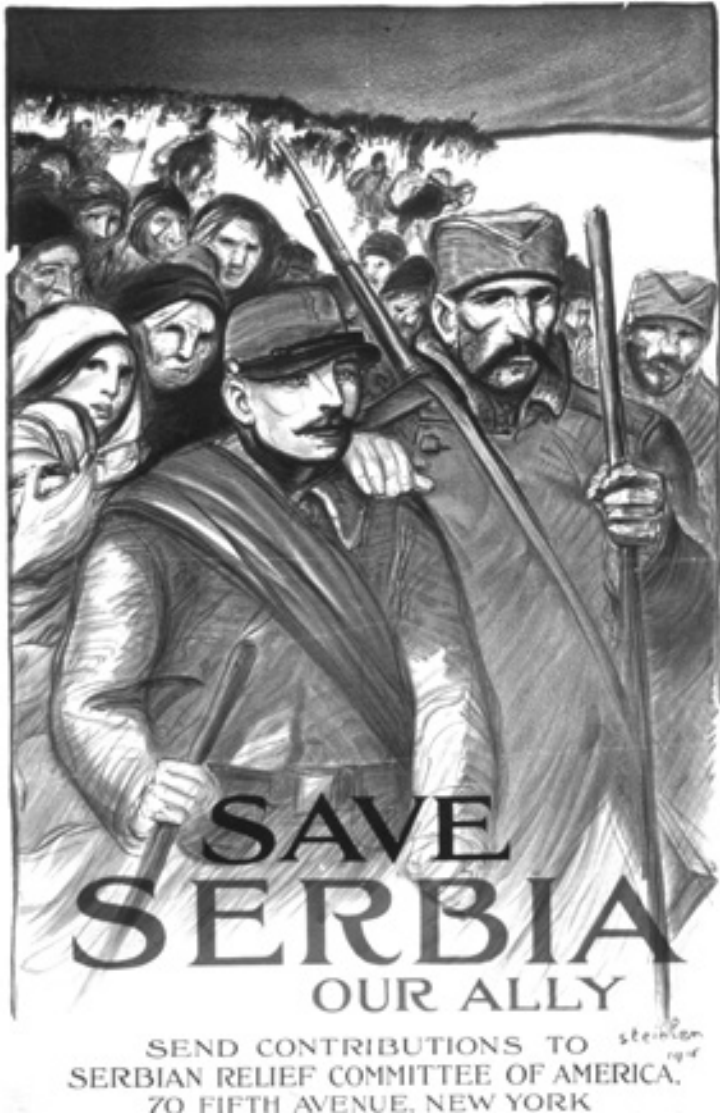
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# WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

## November 1915- Serbia ceases to exist



### November 5

Austrian and German forces in northern and western Serbia continue their attacks against which the Serbians gradually yield. The Bulgarian offensive has made such progress that it seems to be out of the question for the Serbians to do much more than fight rearguard actions.

The present plan of the Central Powers is to cut off towards the south the line of retreat of the main Serbian army of the north. The object of the Serbian headquarters is to conduct a retreat in good order to the army's new line of defenses.

It is believed in Greek military circles that while the position of the Serbian army is difficult, it is not desper-

ate. The mountainous nature of the country offers opportunities for elusive tactics and skillful maneuvers in which the Serbians are well versed. The consumption of ammunition in mountain warfare is much less than in fighting on the plains. Thus, the Serbians will be able to conserve supplies of both men and bullets, and that moreover the campaign from now on will offer the Germans massed artillery formations and heavy guns few opportunities to make themselves felt.

According to the Italians however, the situation of Serbia is desperate. With her army completely isolated the only chance of safety is for it to retire to the Adriatic coast, outside its own territory. Once there, Italy could supply provisions and munitions.

To make matters worse for the Serbians, Albanians living in Serbia have revolted. A desperate battle between Serbian troops and rebels has been fought in Kosovo. The anti-Serbian movement has spread into northern Albania. If the reported uprising against Serbia assumes increased proportions, it may prove a menace to the Serbian army, already threatened on three sides, and whose only apparent avenue of escape is into the Albanian mountains.

While the Serbians are fighting to keep the way open for a retreat to Montenegro, the French and British are beginning to make their presence felt in Macedonia, where, according to unofficial reports, they have gained some success on that front.

### November 12

The Balkan campaign is apparently nearing a climax. Nish, which has been the Serbian capital during the greater part of the war, has fallen to the Bulgarians, while Austro-German forces continue to press down upon the remains of the Serbian northern army.

Nish fell into the hands of the Bulgarians after three days of fighting. According to the Greeks, the Serbians offered a magnificent defense at Nish. They succeeded and retiring in good order before the greatly superior forces.

Nish is the second largest city in Serbia, Belgrade, the largest city, fell in the opening days of the current offensive. Nish is situated on the main railroad line in Serbia which connected Belgrade to the Greek port of Saloniki, recently occupied by the British and French over the objections of the Greeks.

The Central Powers now control about two thirds of Serbia and within a few weeks will have the rail line running through Belgrade and Nish back in full operation. Once operational, it will give the Central Powers two routes to Constantinople, as communication by way of the Danube via Bulgaria is already open.

Meanwhile, a new junction near Krivivir, between Austro-German and Bulgarian forces has been made, completing a semicircular wall of hostile armies about the retreating Serbians. The whole movement represents a gradual closing in on the Serbians from the north, east, and south, in the formation so often employed by the Teutonic Allies. The Serbians now have only an open line of less than 70 miles for their retreat into Montenegro. Should they seek refuge in that country, they would be menaced by Austrian forces, which already have begun an attack along the northern and western Montenegrin frontier.

There is great reason to fear that the main body of the Serbian army which has been fighting the Germans and the Bulgarians has been cut off between Kralievo and Nish. As the southern Serbian army is still holding at Katchanik, the possibility still exists that the retreating columns of the Serbian northern army may escape the

tentacles of the invaders, but it is considered significant that no news has been received from the main Serbian army in five days.

A prediction that the Serbian campaign will end in two or three weeks has been made by the Bulgarian Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said that upon the defeat of the Serbian army, the Bulgarians will force the British and French forces into Greece, whereupon Bulgaria will demand Greece to fulfill its obligations of neutrality and disarm and intern the British and French forces for the duration of the war. If the Greeks do not agree to this demand, the Bulgarians will threaten invasion of Greece.

The Russians have landed a small force of men and guns on the southern bank of the Danube, in Romanian territory, some 30 miles east of where the River reaches Bulgarian soil. The landing of Russian troops in neutral Romania came after Romanian and Russia agreed that the Danube was international waters, and that Russia had free right to send warships and troops up it.

The Allies believe that if the Russians send into the Serbian campaign a force of 200,000 men, while the French and British troops are landing on the Aegean coast, the hesitation in certain quarters in Romania would be dissipated, and both Romania and Greece would throw in their lot with the Allies. In this event, Romania could fall on Bulgaria's rear with 200,000 men and simultaneously attack the German front with 400,000 men.

However, a majority of the Rumanian people seem to believe that in so much as Romania now is virtually surrounded by the fighting forces of the Central Powers, her entry into the war

now would only result in the useless sacrifice of men upon which the Allies might count on in the future. One of the chiefs of the interventionist cause is credited with having said that everything indicates Romania's military aid will decide the Balkan war, but that this help would be offered only at the most opportune time, when the British and French have landed sufficient number of troops to balance the scales.

Italy meanwhile is reported to be preparing to send troops into Albania, to aid the Serbs. The violation of Albanian neutrality was sanctioned by the Italians based upon the threat made by Bulgaria when they threaten to invade Albania to reach the Adriatic, a design so dangerous to Italy's interest that the mere threat obliged Italy to take appropriate measures.

Charges of incompetency and neglect of their work were brought against the British staff in France in the House of Lords. It was asserted that men have been added to the staff for no military reasons, who ought to be in the trenches, and that the British headquarters staff was five or six times as large as the French staff. It is reported that officers, living at headquarters, could not get to the front lines in time for battle because they were up late playing bridge. According to Lord St. Davids, "more than once British troops have broken the German lines, but thanks too bad staff work the whole thing fell through. Many lives have been sacrificed only to muddling in high places."

### November 19

No figure in British politics has been the target of more criticism since the



By November 12, the Central Powers were in control of two thirds of Serbia. November 1915 also marks the first time that Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey were referred to as the Central Powers.

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# WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT



**Winston Spencer Churchill's overly optimistic predictions for the Gallipoli campaign led to his resignation when they failed to materialize.**

war started then Winston Spencer Churchill, who resigned this week from the post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the British cabinet and is now about to join the army in France.

Rightly or wrongly, Churchill has been blamed as if solely responsible for the inadequacy of the British relief of Antwerp, a military movement that brought little relief to the Belgians and ended with the interment of a large part of the British marine expedition in neutral Holland. Similarly he has been the brunt of public censor for the attempt to force the Dardanelles without the help of the army, a failure which up to date has produced a British casualty list of approximately 100,000 men.

It is logically unreasonable to place upon his young shoulders the complete responsibility for both these undertakings, which could not have been made without the approval of his older cabinet associates.

He would not be forced to bear the full brunt of disapproval if he was not addicted to a rather boastful method of public address. His prophecy early in the war that if the Germans ships did not come out and fight: "We would dig them out of their holes like rats," whose prediction that if Zeppelins came to England they would be surrounded by: "a swarm of hornets," and his claim before his constituency after his clash with Admiral Fischer, that the British on the Gallipoli Peninsula were: "Within a few miles of a great victory," are typical instances of this form of oratory.

The Times takes the view that although Mr. Churchill's actions recalls the equally dramatic resignation of his father, it is not likely to close his political career, as it did in his father's case. "Mr. Churchill's great gifts and vivid imagination," the newspaper says, "have been amply demonstrated in his decade of office, and there are few who would venture to predict his permanent withdrawal from public life."

Chief interest in military operations continue to center upon the Balkans. The Germans, fighting their way step by step from the north, are gradually taking the grounds over which lies the Serbian line of retreat. The Serbs, fighting as they are now in the mountain regions, seem to be holding the invaders to slower progress.

The Bulgarian's have taken Krusevo, and are only 6 miles west of Per-

lepe. Thus the southern Serbian army and its French and British Allies are confronted with the imminent threat of an outflanking movement. With Krusevo and Babuna taken, the fate of Perlepe is sealed and the road to Monastir opened.

The French are being held on the left bank of the Oranya river by considerable Bulgarian forces, and are unable to send assistance to hard pressed Serbians. Should the Bulgarians reach Monastir the Serbs would be cut off from their lines of supply, leaving them only the option of retreat towards the Albanian border.

What Greece will do in the event Allied troops are forced back over the Greek border is still a matter of speculation. A message from Greece says the government will extend to the Serbians the same privileges as those accorded to the French and British in case of their encroachment on Greek territory. But in view of the fact that no definitive announcement has been made as to what these privileges will be, it is expected the Allied troops will be permitted to reach the sea unmolested.

Bulgarian troops following retreating Serbian troops from Nish, are said to have captured enormous military supplies of all kinds, which the Serbians had abandoned. The demoralization of the Serbians had evidently reached such a point that their serious resistance on a large scale was no longer to be expected. A large number of rifles have been picked up along the line of march, as also were pieces of artillery and ammunition wagons with harness cut and the horses gone. The desertions and heavy losses of the Serbians in cannon and war material are declared to have made her defensive fight a hopeless one.

The British advance against Baghdad has been checked south of Kut, in Mesopotamia, by the mutiny of Indian troops, who refused to march further against Baghdad because of the presence in that city of objects sacred to their religion. In response, the British executed every 10th Indian soldier, but the Indians continued to refuse to march against Sulman Pak and Baghdad, were several holy images are buried.

The Shiite clergy continue their agitation for a holy war in southern Persia and important events are said to be impending.

## November 26

The Serbian military situation is going from bad to worse. The northern Serbian army is giving way slowly before the battering of Austrian and German forces and in the south, the Bulgarians have taken Prilep and Monastir. British and French troops based in southern Serbia seem to do no better than hold their positions.

Advances by Austrian and German troops through Serbia is being hampered not only by the desperate resistance of the Serbs, but by the severe winter weather. The invaders are struggling through deep snow in the mountains where their hardships are increased by low temperatures. Some of the fiercest engagements have been fought on heights more than 5,000 feet high, where the troops on both sides are encamped in deep snow.

The approaches to the historic battlefield of Kosovo, which were expected to form a strong defensive line for the Serbians, has already been taken by the Germans. The Serbians are reported to have been unable to stand the shock of the attack, and they are now said to be in retreat towards the Albanian border.

The conditions among the Serbian refugees gathered around the plains of Kosovo are described as deplorable. Families remain without cover, exposed to severe winter weather. Owing to the lack of fodder, cattle are dying by the hundreds. Escape by way of Albania is closed to these unfortunates on account of the lack of transportation. In Allied capitals it is now openly admitted that for all intents and purposes, Serbia no longer exists as a nation.

In response to the Greek government's failure to give assurances they will not hinder the retreat of British, French and Serbian troops across the Greek border with Serbia, the Allies have declared a commercial blockade on Greece, cutting off all her supplies.

Greece is described as prey to conflicting emotions - fear of Germany, whose military success has brought the Balkan war nearer, and natural sympathy for the cause of the Allies, dictating opposite paths out of her present difficult neutrality. Some Greek newspapers regard the blockade of Greece as a violation of international law.

According to the Allies however, their actions, including the ceasing of the port of Salonika, are legal based on the London Treaty of 1863, which guaranteed the independence and the constitutional institutions of Greece. The Allies believe that Greece is threatened from within and without, and as a result, they have full liberty of action under the terms of the treaty.

The declaration of the commercial blockade of Greece by the Allies has produced a marked impression in Athens. The Greek government accuses the Allies, especially Great Britain, of seeking to drag Greece into the war by harsh measures.

The Greek government claims it has given sufficient proof that it intends to maintain the policy of be-

## Harney Veterans Day Observance

On Saturday, November 7, the Monocacy Valley Memorial VFW Post 6918, located in Harney, (Taneytown) Maryland will host its annual Veteran's Day Observance at the Post at 4 pm.

Post Commander Albert Angell said Veterans Day is a time to pause, to reflect and recognize the challenges and sacrifices of veterans who have served and continue to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

Members of the Monocacy Valley Memorial Post 6918 have embraced the Post Memorial wall with names of our fallen comrades. At the conclusion of the program, Post Commander Albert Angell and the Presidents of the Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries will participate in the laying of the wreaths at the post memorial wall. During the ceremonies we will have a keynote speaker to discuss the WW1 Doughboy in Emmitsburg.

The distinguished members of Post 6918 honor guard will give a 21 gun salute to honor all of our veterans and the sounding of taps for our fallen veterans.

The public and all veterans and their families are invited to attend the program and to participate in this special occasion. Food and drinks will be available in the canteen for a nominal price at the completion of the program.

nevolent neutrality, and has had no thought of taking hostile steps. However, she cannot permit the transfer of the theater of war into her own territory.

Ministers of the Allies have called upon the Greek government to clearly state what action Greece would take should Allied troops now in Macedonia be compelled to retreat across the border.

In response, the Greek king has stated he never considered disarming or interning Allied soldiers who might take refuge on Greek soil, effectively yielding on every essential point raised by the Allies.

Whether this guarantee of safety to the Allied troops will carry Greece to the extent of opposing German and Bulgarian forces which might attempt to pursue the Allies across the Greek border probably will not be ascertained until full details are received in regard to the assurances given by Greece.

Greek affairs having emerged from the uncertainty which for some time have been a potential menace to the Allied campaign in the Balkans, Romania's problem now command chief attention in Europe. Although Romania is beset with difficulties somewhat similar to those which cause Greece to hesitate, she is not involved in the same political turmoil and her situation is expected to mature more rapidly.

Germany and Austria are understood to be asking Romania to preserve her neutrality, at the same time offering certain concessions to her if she would intervene in the war on the side of the Central Powers. However, German efforts made in Romania, have been largely offset by the presence of a quarter million Russian troops near her border.

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## HISTORY

# Rediscovering Colonial America

## Forbes' Campaign for Fort Duquesne

John Miller  
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After the defeat of the British at the Battle of Monongahela on July 9, 1755, there was not much military activity by the British to reattempt to take the Forks of the Ohio at Fort Duquesne. To make matters worse for England, the war with France on the American front was not going well and proved to be disastrous to the British military. However, by mid-1757, plans of a major British campaign to take Fort Duquesne were in the midst of discussion in England. But, a question remained, who would lead the campaign that would define North America? This campaign would be the most important military campaign North America had seen.

Prime Minister William Pitt using his new position wanted

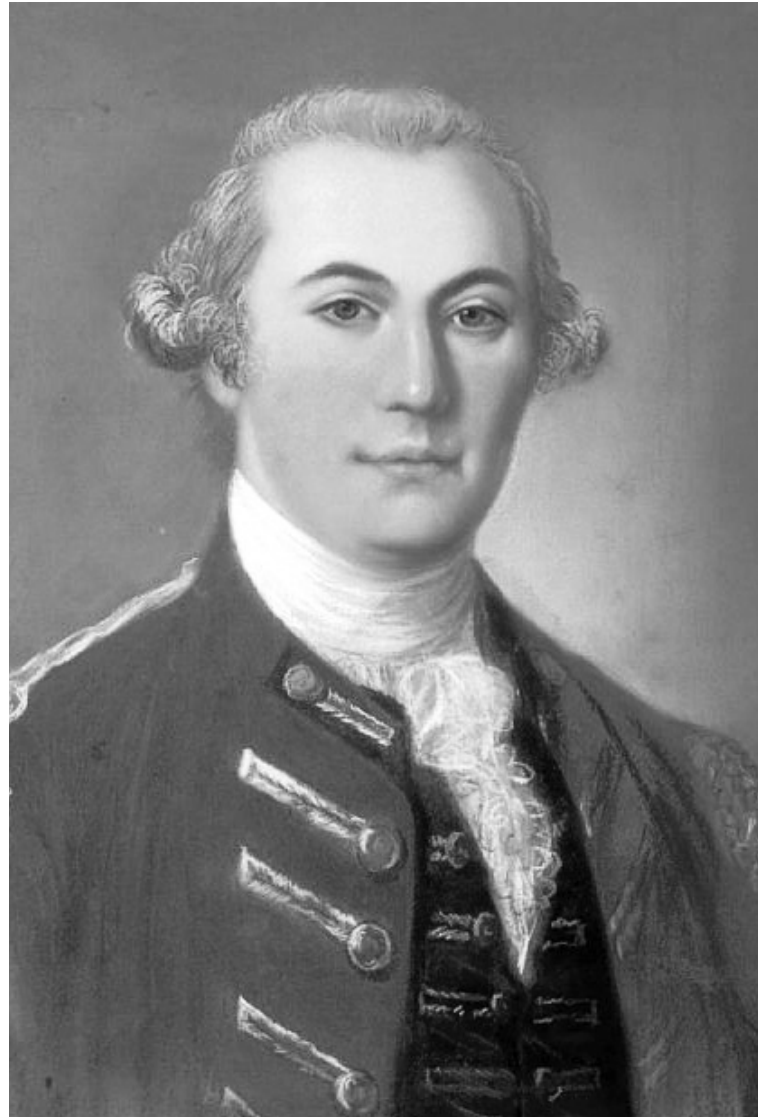
a new military strategy to overturn the string of British defeats in America. He wanted the British army to get back on the offensive. By December 1757, Colonel John Forbes of the 17th Regiment a-Foot was appointed brigadier general and assigned to take command of the expedition that would stabilize the mid-Atlantic frontier and take Fort Duquesne.

Upon his appointment, Brig. Gen. Forbes wrote to Lieutenant Colonel Henry Bouquet asking him to accept the appointment of second in command of the expedition. After their first meeting in person in May of 1758, the two men would form a friendship and special bond as the two would complement each other's skillful military tactics. Brigadier General John Forbes commanded the entire army as well as being responsible for sup-

plies and logistics, while Colonel Bouquet would lead from the front moving the army forward during the campaign.

John Forbes was the son of a Scottish family who originally studied medicine. He later changed his mind and became a professional soldier entering the army as a lieutenant in 1737. During 1757 and 1758, Brig. Gen. Forbes was ill with a disease that some historians think was stomach cancer. Although, he was carried by a litter for most of the campaign and was forced to take shelter to recuperate, Brig. Gen. Forbes set the example for his men to follow. He was a brave man and never allowed his honor to be sacrificed. This disease would eventually claim his life on March 11, 1759, at the age of 51.

During the winter of 1757-58, Brigadier General Forbes began establishing his staff. His staff would consist of newly appointed Major Francis Halkett and Quartermaster General, Lieutenant Colonel Sir John St. Clair who had recovered from his wounds from the Braddock's disastrous 1755 defeat. Also, Brig. Gen. Forbes and Lieutenant Colonel Bouquet needed to work on recruiting additional men for the campaign. Brigadier General Forbes would eventually have an army consisting of 6,000 to 8,000 men, including over 2,200 regulars. The colonies of



After the defeat of the British at the Battle of Monongahela, Brig. Gen. Forbes was given command of all British forces and charged with stabilizing the American frontier.

Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Maryland sent Provisionals; among them was Colonel George Washington.

Brigadier General Forbes while he was getting recruitments together for the campaign also studied the Braddock's Expedition. He wanted to learn

where mistakes were made, what worked well and what didn't work in the American wilderness. He would see to it that his army was properly prepared and equipped for this style of warfare. Brigadier General Forbes studied the layout of the land. Brigadier General Forbes also studied Major General Edward Braddock's line of communications and supplies along with establishment's camps and his lack of fortifications for protection along his route.

Rather than use Braddock's route through the colonies of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, Brig. Gen. Forbes decided to use existing roads and then cut new roads through Pennsylvania. Brigadier General Forbes decided that he could use Philadelphia for his main base of supplies and logistics. From Philadelphia, Brig. Gen. Forbes could use the network of roads leading to Carlisle for his first supply depot. From there, his army could march through Shippensburg, modern day Chambersburg and then to Fort Loudoun where he could establish another supply depot. Moving westward, from there he could use Burd's trail to Ray's Town, modern day Bedford and then cut a new road that would link up with the Braddock Road near Fort Duquesne.

A series of fortifications or stockades could be built along the way protecting the rear of his army if they came under attack and needed to fall back to a safe



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area. These forts could provide a steady line of supplies, flowing to his men. At the same time, this line could be used for communications. By the time Brig. Gen. Forbes made it to Fort Duquesne, his road would stretch for about 300 miles from Carlisle. Fort Loudoun, Fort Lyttleton, Fort Bedford and Fort Ligonier would be the main depots and the protection that Brig. Gen. Forbes needed for his line of communications as well as supplies.

Now that a route had been planned along with a direct line for supplies and communications, Brig. Gen. Forbes now had to set an outline of the campaign. He needed to take Fort Duquesne by late October or November before fall. The leaves on the trees in the American wilderness could help to conceal his army from enemy eyes. Another reason was that during this time in the fall, Brig. Gen. Forbes would lose several hundred Indians because this was their hunting season to prepare their fami-

lies for the winter.

The late winter and early spring of 1758 was spent making preparations and planning for the campaign. The campaign itself got under way in force on April 29 as troops began to assemble. Brigadier General Forbes began sending out orders for the army to make its way to Lancaster from Philadelphia. The long range plan was to have troops move from several locations and mass them at Ray's Town. Once the troops were at Ray's Town, a road would be built linking Fort Cumberland and Fort Bedford at Ray's Town and another road from Fort Cumberland to Fort Frederick. This would allow the provincials located in Maryland and Virginia to move to Ray's Town via Fort Cumberland. These roads were part of Colonel Bouquet's own initiative.

Now Brig. Gen. Forbes realized mobility issues when having large wagon trains moving in mass along roads. To relieve pressure, congestion and damag-

ing the road, a controlled convey of wagon trains needed to be enacted. Ten to twenty wagons with four horses pulling each wagon, guarded by fifty to one hundred men would make up a much more smaller and manageable convey. These wagons were the life support of the army in the field. They contain all the ordnance, supplies from food to materials complete with all sorts of tools and spare parts.

Rations for the soldiers were a huge undertaking as well as forage and feed for the animals. Brigadier General Forbes set the rations for each man for a one week as eight pounds of fresh beef or five pounds of pork. This was followed by seven pounds of flour or cooked biscuits, one pint of rice in lieu of one pound of flour. Pork would be transported in barrels that could weigh upwards to 233 pounds packed in salt brine. Often barrels would spoil and problem that was ongoing during the campaign.

Once the military began converging onto Ray's Town, which would take several weeks, Colonel Bouquet would begin making preparations to train and equip the troops. Ray's Town would be a major supply depot and training grounds. A stockade would be built called Fort Bedford. Most of July and early August was spent training the soldiers.

Problems began to set in with quality horses, wagons and supplies. Brig. Gen. Forbes was an experienced quartermaster officer and commander and knew who to deal with situations as they arose. This was one of the strongest traits of Brig. Gen. Forbes. Remaining behind in Philadelphia while Bouquet moved westward, Brig Gen. Forbes could manage and tackle these problems as quickly as they came.

*To learn more about our rich local colonial history visit the Historical Society section of Emmitsburg.net.*

## Thomas C. Sanders, Sr.



Thomas C. Sanders Sr., a retired wholesale millwork distributor, died of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis Sept. 2. He was 88.

Born in Baltimore, he was the son of John Sanders, who owned the family millwork business, and Elizabeth Myers Sanders. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and was a 1944 graduate of Calvert Hall College High School.

After leaving high school at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II. He was assigned to the Sixth Fleet in the Southwest Pacific. He traveled to the Philippines. He served aboard an ocean-going fleet tug, the USS Hidatsa. He left military service as a quartermaster 3rd Class.

After the war he used his G.I. benefits to attend Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg where he earned

a bachelor's degree in 1950.

"The day after graduating from college, my father started working at the family business," said his daughter, Lauren S. Lorber, a Reisterstown resident. "He was a serious businessman but he had a personal way of dealing with his customers."

"My father typically arrived at work at 6:30 a.m. He had a great work ethic," his daughter said. He retired in 2001 when he turned 75."

Mr. Sanders did not stay still after his retirement. He joined a volunteer program at Saint Joseph Medical Center in Towson. "He found pleasure in helping others and worked with patients in the ambulatory surgical procedure department for 13 years," she said.

Mr. Sanders contributed over 6,000 hours at the hospital as he worked two days a week 6 a.m. to noon. He told family members that the hospital service allowed him to enjoy his retirement.

In addition to his daughter, survivors include his wife of nearly 38 years, Nancy Marie Reddy; a son, Thomas C. Sanders Jr. of Bel Air; two other daughters, Linda S. Obringer of Shrewsbury, Pa., and Barbara S. Franke of Glen Arm; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Robert Francis "Bob" Duncan, Jr.



Robert Francis "Bob" Duncan, Jr., 85, of Emmitsburg died peacefully Tuesday, October 6 at Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg. Born June 29, 1930 in Cumberland, MD, he was the son of the late Robert Francis and Anna Margaret (Painter) Duncan, Sr. He was the husband of the late Anna (Richardson) Duncan, to whom he was married for almost 67 years.

Robert was a police officer in Prince George's County from 1952 to 1978, where he attained the rank of captain. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, and FOP Lodge #89 in Prince George's County. He loved to travel, and was a fan of the Washington Redskins and the former Washington Senators. Most of all, he loved

spending time with and providing for his family.

Surviving are daughter, Dana Cornett and husband Danny of Atlanta, GA; son, Alan Xavier Duncan and wife Julia of Emmitsburg; daughter, Roberta Field of Jacksonville, FL; sister, Margaret "Peggy" Garges and husband Daniel of Rockville; grandchildren, Danny, Jack, and Kelly Cornett, Sara Duncan and husband Michael Barrett, Bradford Meyers, and Logan Fifield; as well as many nieces and nephews. Robert is also remembered by special long-time friends, Barbara and Harold Knuckles. He was predeceased by a brother, William Duncan, and a grandson, Christopher Alan Duncan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, October 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmitsburg with the Rev. Charles F. Krieg, C.M. as celebrant. Interment was in the New St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Ministries, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, 21727 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg, MD, 21727. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).

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## MOM'S TIME OUT

# What it means to be a mom

Mary Angel

There have been many songs, poems, and comedic skits about being a mom. So here is my version of a day in the life of a working, stay-at-home, public school, homeschool, wife and mother. In my opinion there is no such thing as a typical day in my life, but here is a day that we all survived and in our opinion that is a good day. This is also this homeschool mom's play on a run-on sentence.

Get up by 5:30 and make sure the boys are up, get the oldest in the shower and wake the younger of the two high schoolers for the second time, encourage them both to eat breakfast before we are walking out the door, make sure one has packed his lunch and the other has his lunch money, check for brushed teeth and book bags and a lunch box and an instrument and homework, and we are out the door.

Drive to pick up a friend and then off to the high school, drop off the boys and back to the house, wake up the girls and see how my husband is feeling since he is home sick from work today, remind the girls they need to be ready by 8:00 to start home-

schooling and realize I have a part time job and need to be to work by 9:00, and I also forgot I need to drop the dog off to get neutered by 8:00 as well, get the girls moving because they are hanging out with my mother-in-law while I am at work, all of the remaining teeth and heads of hair brushed, breakfast eaten, coffee made, and out the door I go, girls and dog in tow, drop him off at the vet and back home again.

Swing by the middle school and drop off paper work because my daughter is going back to public school the next day, run through McDonald's drive thru and grab two fountain sodas, put in my Bluetooth so I can call the office about my first paycheck, drive past the turn off for work because I am so used to driving to the high school, find another way to work and arrive on time at 9:00.

Gather all of my supplies and bags and fountain sodas and head into work, get ready for group at work just in time, finish group, run over the week with my boss, get a few more assignments for the week, head out, drive to my mother-in-law's to pick up the girls, Bluetooth in again and call her to say I am on my way, get



There is no such thing as a typical day in the life of a mom.

to her house, run in and ask the girls to clean up and get in the car, look at a sweater she wants me to see, love the sweater, thank her and in the car.

Take a moment to pause so my 6th grader can tell me she is nervous to start school the next day. What will she wear? Can I help her with her hair? Will she know anyone in her class? Is it alright that she is nervous? What about school supplies? I calm her down and we talked for a moment and I decide we will go get an outfit at the outlets for her first day, and away we go.

Drive to the outlets while still

answering questions about the 6th grader going back to school, arrive at the outlets while keeping a close eye on the clock since we need to pick up the dog by 4:30, go to Old Navy, Maurices, Justice, a shoe store, realize the youngest could use pants and shoes that fit her, Children's Place, Stride Rite, and oh yeah I forgot to eat lunch (thank goodness Grandma fed them before I arrived), grab some pizza and away we go to grab the dog from the vet.

Arrive at the vet, everything about recovery is explained, girls and dog are back in the car, again

we are on the road, ten minutes from home and I realize it is 3:50 and I was supposed to pick up the 9th grader at 3:30 from the high school because he had stayed after. Try to call him, no answer, try to call his brother, no answer, try to call my husband, no answer, husband calls back and I verify that my son is not home, drop off the girls and the dog and head over to the high school, I arrive an hour late and there he is sitting on the curb, we start driving home and I explain that if he had his phone (which he left at home AGAIN) this wouldn't have happened, I apologize for having too much on my plate, we arrive home.

I take the youngest to my husband's office to homeschool since it is the only quiet place in the house when no one is home, without distractions she cruises through her work, we come to the kitchen to start dinner and find my husband heating up the leftovers (YAY husband), she calls everyone to the table, the 6th grader walks the dog, and we all sit down to dinner, take a breath and eat.

After dinner my husband heads out to his office to get some work done, I remind the boys to take the trash up, then my husband calls the boys out because they are doing a Bible study, I send the 6th grader to grab a quick shower, hand feed the dog because he can't eat with his cone on, clean up the dishes, do a load of laundry, help my daughter pick out her outfit for the next day, take off her old fingernail polish, work with her hair to figure out how to do that in the morning, gather school supplies, give the dog his medicine, put the girls to bed, listen to them sing to dog who doesn't want to sleep in his cone (Hush Little Baby), smile and sit down to write this article...go to bed at 11...Good Night!

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# Cooking with love

## One pot wonders

Brooke Hagerty

The holidays are upon us and as always there is sure to be a ton of running around to do. Shopping, visiting with family and friends, more shopping, parties and along with all of that trying to keep the sanity of living a somewhat normal life. So when we are at home the last thing we want to do is spend all of our time in the kitchen preparing breakfast, lunch or dinner.

This month we will look at three easy-peasy meals that can be made ahead or within an hour to make your meal time a great time to unwind and relax.

First up, breakfast! One of my favorite breakfast dishes is the Frittata. Basically a quiche without the crust a frittata can be filled with anything you want. The one thing that every frittata has to have, however, is baking powder. The baking powder acts as a rising agent to the eggs and makes them nice and fluffy. It also keeps the frittata from deflating if you refrigerate it to be served at a later day or time. The great thing about a frittata is that it also makes a great "anytime" snack, lunch or dinner. Packed with protein this meal is sure to keep the giddy in your giddy up! My favorite frittata is packed with delicious greens and cheese. Using a nine or ten inch pie pan you can get six servings of this protein packed meal.

### Baby Greens and Feta Cheese Frittata

#### Ingredients

8 extra large eggs  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper  
1 cup each raw baby spinach, kale and arugula  
1 cup feta cheese crumbles

#### Directions

Crack eggs and whisk together in a large bowl. Add heavy cream, salt and pepper and whisk again and then add baking powder; whisk vigorously once again. Add greens by folding in with a spatula. Gently fold in half of the cheese. Pour into a pie pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake in a 350 degree oven for approximately 20 minutes or until the center of the frittata shakes firm. Allow to set for three minutes. Cut into pie slices and serve. Can be refrigerated whole or in pieces.

Second on our menu is lunch. What better way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon than with a hot lunch. And if you don't finish this lunch on the weekend (or as a midnight snack) it is a great brown bag option for the office on Monday! Using chicken drumsticks and thighs this lunch is packed with flavor and is oh so easy to prepare in just one dish. This dish is also easily multiplied, you are limited only by the size of your dish and oven!

### Chicken and Vegetables in Mustard Tarragon Sauce

#### Ingredients

4 each chicken drumsticks and thighs  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
2 pounds small red potatoes (cut into bite size pieces)  
5 large carrots cut on the bias into two inch slices  
2 red onions, cut in wide slices  
2 lemons, thinly sliced

6 tablespoons minced garlic  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons wheat or white flour  
2 tablespoons coarse grain Dijon mustard  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon

#### Directions

Pre-heat oven to 450 degrees. Mix 1/2 each of the oil, salt and pepper with the potatoes, carrots, onions, lemon and garlic in a large roasting pan, spreading evenly in the pan. Using the remaining oil, salt and pepper coat the chicken parts and place on top of the vegetables. Bake for 40 - 50 minutes or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 150 degrees. Remove chicken from roasting pan and keep warm (place on a plate with a piece of foil covering it - cooking will continue as it is covered). Meanwhile, stir the remaining ingredients together and pour over the vegetables and stir together. Bake for an additional 10 minutes, stirring once in between. Add chicken back to pan and serve. Again, this is a super easy meal that can be multiplied or divided to your hearts desire!

Dinner is next on the menu and what a dinner it will be! Who doesn't love a beautiful piece of salmon? This recipe puts a wonderful Asian twist on one of the best selling fishes in the world. This recipe would also go beautifully with tuna or steak like fish.

#### Ingredients

1 1/2 whole salmon fillet, skin on and bones removed  
1/4 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
1/3 cup light soy sauce  
1/3 cup honey (I use a local honey as it helps with allergies as well)



A frittata is basically a quiche without the crust that can be filled with anything you want.

3 teaspoons chile garlic sauce  
1 tablespoon Chinese or Dijon mustard  
2 large handfuls shiitake mushrooms, thinly sliced  
1 large red bell pepper, thinly sliced  
1 large bunch green onions, cut into 2 inch pieces  
3 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Mix together vinegar, sesame oil, soy sauce, honey, chile garlic sauce and mustard. On a parchment lined sheet pan place the salmon skin side down and brush with half of the wet mix. Bake for approximately 8 minutes. Meanwhile, in a bowl combine mushrooms, peppers and onion with 1/2 of the remaining wet mix. Add to the hot pan with the salmon and bake for another 8-10 minutes or to desired temperature.

Serve with jasmine rice or rice noodles that have been tossed in the remaining wet mix. Please note you can do this recipe with individual pieces of salmon. I like to add more vegetables when I prepare this recipe and often use orange and yellow peppers as well. Use your imagination and get a little crazy with this easily adaptable recipe!

There you have it - three very easy recipes that are the perfect for the days when you are home during the holiday season. Added bonus, they are great for company as well AND instead of spending your time in the kitchen you will be with your guests!

As always, should you have a question, an idea for an article or are in need of my personal chef/catering services please contact me at [brooke@thefoodchick.biz](mailto:brooke@thefoodchick.biz). Be sure to check out my website, [www.thefoodchick.biz](http://www.thefoodchick.biz) or "like" me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/theoriginalfoodchick](http://www.facebook.com/theoriginalfoodchick).

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## THE VILLAGE IDIOT

## Ah, November

Jack Deatherage, Jr.

The Mad One is a good coach, being both cheerleader and a demanding culinary critic. We're sitting in the upstairs kitchen eating one of several primitive pizzas I shuffle off the oven stone. I call them "primitive" because they consist of homemade dough, friend Marda's garlic, rosemary salvaged from Simona's garden before she abandons it, various cheeses and the thickly sliced air-dried meats we found at Wegmans. Simona asks me to recreate the dough using Russian flours because that will soon be all she is likely to find near her new home. The Russian flour focaccia doesn't turn out as tasty as the American flour version because I actually follow the recipe, but she knows it works well enough that she can adapt it to her own methods (considerably more thoughtful than mine).

Luke and I shake hands. Simona hugs me as she cries. Then she and Luke are gone. No sooner are they in Moscow than I blunder onto a copy of Truly Madly Pizza while visiting the library. Sue, a librarian and bread fanatic, reminds me I'll have two years to work with the book's recipes so I can amaze Simona and Luke when they stop by next. I think I can manage that.

Simona fears I'll become a complete curmudgeon while they are away. That I will stop going among people altogether and allow my an-

ger to drive off the few who might come to visit me. I admit the idea appeals to me. Still, the growing cold season aids me in getting out of the funk I've been in. Going into baking mode leaves DW and me with more food ready to eat than we can possibly manage. The dogs can't eat it all either, though they happily try! I have to give some of it away. Which means I have to interact with someone. The local librarians seem agreeable with my leaving baked experiments with them.

Anyhow, the cooler temperatures justify heating the oven for more frequent pizza experiments, general bread building and the roasting of large chunks of various meats since we have to heat the house anyhow. Simona taught DW how to roast a leg of lamb so our New Year's Day feasting will have that added to the roast duck and chicken as well as the steamed shrimp, oxtail stew, a broccoli salad, buttered homemade egg noodles with mushrooms, some breads and cakes, wine, possibly several varieties of homemade mead. If we hold the feast this winter! (The Curmudgeon is thinking we won't.)

Having to turn on the heat in the upstairs kitchen also allows me to make egg noodles, which happen to be better this year because I have a friend who has a small flock of layers and he sells the cackle berries for \$2.00 a dozen. In return for the good eggs at such a low price,

I make egg noodles to gift back to the egg man. Thus, partially avoiding curmudgeonness. (Is that a word? It is now.)

I'm also experimenting with cider, honey and wine yeast. After getting cussed at for not recording the recipe of the last batch I made several years ago, I wrote everything down and taped it to the fermentation bucket and the aging jug this time. We know the last batch was close to two years old when we raised the final drops of it in honor of my accidental creation of something sublime. If a bottle of this latest batch survives the next two years, we'll open it to sip while we sup on pizza and Kaiser roll sandwiches stuffed with roasted lamb, roasted duck, chicken, beef and pork! (Yes, I built the best Kaiser rolls I've ever tasted, a week after Simona and Luke landed in Russia.)

Another experiment I've been putting off, until colder weather, is curing a bag of pig fat I have in one of the freezers. I use the cured fat to flavor bean soups, though I want to try something I noticed while at the Russian deli in Pikesville, a chunk of fat coated in a red powder. Simona told me it was salt and paprika. Real paprika, not the nasty crap we find in our supermarkets, but the good stuff smuggled in from Eastern Europe and hoarded until some special need arises. Like curing pig fat.

"It's very good." She said of the red fat, though I noticed she didn't buy any. She was probably thinking I'd make some for her as I've managed a great cured pork belly she uses to make one of the best bean soups I've ever eaten. With her gone, I'm left with my imagination to come up with something tasty to eat. I can't slough all the hard work off on her now. Of course, we talk on Skype and share photos on Facebook so she's aware of the breads I've made, now that she isn't here to sample them. Eh-hem. She isn't pleased. I try not to laugh.

Ahh November, a good month to settle down with a copy of "Bread, a baker's book of techniques and recipes" by Jeffery Hamelman and study up on the how and why of



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bread building. Having barely skimmed the book in the year I've owned it (I hadn't reached a level of understanding needed to appreciate the book), I'm now aware of how every single ingredient: flour, water, salt, yeast, time and temperature, plus so many other variables I was unaware of, effect the loaf that comes out of the oven.

Yes, any fool can make bread. I've been doing it successfully for years. To make great bread takes more than a basic understanding of the process. Well, to make great bread consistently, it takes a deeper understanding than this fool has. (I just wish the book had more pictures and less words. I like books with lots of pictures.)

While the county's library system has several good bread-building books (offerings by Peter Reinhart, Ken Forkish and Bernard Clayton come to mind instantly,

and have lots of pictures) and more than a few food books that have decent bread recipes, Hamelman's book is not among them. However! The book can be requested via the Marina system. Of course, my favorite non-Frederick County library has a copy. Yay, Enoch Pratt Free Library!

The cheddar cheese and Kalamata olive bread (a wild variation of a Ken Forkish pizza dough recipe) I'm munching while I type also has an excellent crust, a soft and tender crumb and delightful flavor thanks in part to the cheese and olives! A coupla slices of fried ham slid between slices of this bread and I'm chomping down on a great one-handed meal. A meal I have to refrain from eating too much of!

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# Gettysburg Fruit and Wine Trail

## Thinking of veterans and holiday guests

Kathy Reid

November is a time of transitions in the South Mountain region of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Gone are the vibrant October colors of fall foliage and mums. Corn mazes that were filled with the sounds of laughing children have gone silent. Pumpkin patches are empty. Silos are filled. The intensity of apple and grape harvest is over as are the festivals that feature the fruit of the farmer's labor. Our last flirt with summer under a warm October sun is over. More and more of our days are spent under grey skies; the darkness of night falls earlier and earlier each day. November has arrived and so have thoughts of indoor activities, family time and Thanksgiving feasts.

Dan Kulik, owner of Battlefield Brew Works in Gettysburg, won't wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks. Veteran's Day at this member's brewery business will feature the introduction of the Veterans Beer Alliance and Battlefield Brew Works' VBA release: Mandarina Pale Ale. The VBA is a group of Veteran owned breweries and distributors across the country. Dan described the Veteran's Day party as "Buy a Veteran a beer or we will!" Veteran's Day is not the only time this business remembers and honors the sacrifices our country's veterans have made. Battlefield Brew Works' profits from its own Red Circle Ale goes directly to The Red Circle Foundation which supports the injured Special Operations Men and Women of our Armed forces as well as their families. To learn more about The Red Circle Foundation go to: [www.redcirclefoundation.org](http://www.redcirclefoundation.org).

If you can't make the Veteran's Day party, Dan suggests you attend Steampunk Night on Saturday, November 7 and purchase a Red Circle Ale to aid veterans of Special Operations. As Dan describes it, "Steampunk is a cross between the Victorian period meets science fiction. Everyone dresses up into a character and fun and mayhem ensues!" Steampunk begins at 7 pm and includes Fire Dancing, music by Eli August and the Positronic Cats, and Burlesque show by Vivi Noir. Battlefield Brew Works is located at 248 Hunterstown Road, Gettysburg. To learn more about The Red Circle Foundation or the beers offered by Battlefield Brew Works, check out their website: [www.battlefieldbrewworks.com](http://www.battlefieldbrewworks.com).

For many of us, holiday plans create a logistical nightmare in our humble homes. Too many people, not enough beds...too many guests, not enough bathrooms. The Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail has the perfect holiday solution: book your guests a room at one of our family owned B&Bs and historic inns. The Burgundy Lane Bed & Breakfast, housed in a redbrick

Victorian building built in 1887, is a 5-minute walk from downtown Waynesboro and 1.5 miles from the Renfrew Museum and Farm. This artisan cooperative member features oil paintings, watercolors, fine art photographs, wind chimes, musical instruments, fine hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, pottery, tile wall hangings, hand wovens, bronze sculpture, wood carvings, and more under one roof.

The Martin House B&B in Fairfield is perfectly situated for guest overflow for folks who live near Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Gettysburg, Blue Ridge Summit and Waynesboro. Your guests can be at this B&B in less than one-half hour from any of these towns to enjoy a quiet night in the South Mountains. Duke and Lynn Martin are the innkeepers of these B&B located on Jack's Mountain Road between Fairfield and Blue Mountain Summit. The innkeepers live in a home on the property but not in the B&B – which offers a level of privacy that many would enjoy. There is a living room, sun-room and dining area that is common space but each room has their own private bath and excellent view of the South Mountains. A hearty breakfast is made for you by the innkeepers and will surely meet your guest's expectations on all counts. While in the area, stop in at McKesson House Pottery in Fairfield. This member has the area's best selection of Polish Pottery as well as the works of over thirty local artists. From paintings to purses, benches to bowls, sun catchers to season Santas, rugs, cutting boards, floor cloths and more, the McKesson House Pottery will surely help to begin scratching names off of that holiday list.

Holiday plans in the Orrtanna area have three alternatives to keep in-laws happy and rested. Hickory Bridge Farm and the Historic Cashtown Inn are the perfect places for your holiday overflow com-

pany. Both of these members offer dinners on-site as well as gift shops on site to help your company begin their holiday shopping. The Penn National Inn in Fayetteville is another selection near Orrtanna that allows easy access to Route 30 and Route 81 once the party is over and it is time to return home. Guests staying at these three overnight accommodations can easily add a winery tour to their agenda. Reid's Winery, Halbrendt Winery and Hauser Estate Winery are just minutes away from all three of these facilities. If fresh roasted peanuts and handmade fudge sound like a great hostess gift with your guest's interests, they will be close to Mister Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Emporium on Route 30.

The Gettysburg area offers three Trail options for guest overflow. The Inn at Springfield Manor Winery & Distillery in Thurmont offer guests a taste of a European style estate. Luxurious and tranquil, the suites reflect their prominent history. Your sumptuous accommodations include a farm fresh country breakfast as well as a complementary wine tasting in their beautiful winery tasting room located on the property. A second winery tasting is just minutes away at Catocin Breeze Vineyard, also in Thurmont, with fine wines and sweet honey wine meads for gift giving or for enjoying during your holiday events. The Mary Penn B&B is the perfect solution for those who have multiple guests to accommodate. The Mary Penn B&B offers a tranquil setting with plenty of space for younger guests to play outside undisturbed. Bea Waybright is the innkeeper of this historic home which has part of the residence in Maryland and part in Pennsylvania as a result of the creation of the Mason and Dixon line. Bea welcomes her guests with a wine basket at check-in and a hearty homemade breakfast. For those who would prefer an in-town setting,

select the Historic Farnsworth House Inn on Baltimore Street in Gettysburg. The Bluebrick Gallery on Washington Street will entertain your guests with the work of local artists while next-door the perfect post-holiday meal can be found at Food 101.

For those who would rather pack up the whole holiday feast and family and be somewhere else, the Trail has the Guest House at the Tate House Vacation Rental and Bluebrick Place in Gettysburg near three in-town tasting rooms for three Trail wineries: Hauser Estate Winery, Knob Hall Winery and Reid's Winery.

Perhaps it is you and your family that will be traveling to family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday. Hollabaugh Brothers Farm Market in Biglerville is the perfect place to stop if your route takes you to Route 34 in Biglerville. Homemade pies, sweet breads, ciders and apples will all be in abundance to get you quickly back on the road to your destination. The beast for the feast, an organic turkey, can be ordered from Oyler's Organic Farms & Market in Biglerville.

More information, websites and addresses for all mem-



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bers of the Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail can be found at the Trail's website: [gettysburgwineandfruittrail.com](http://gettysburgwineandfruittrail.com). Check out the Trail's Facebook page for a coupon code to use as you make your reservation which will give each of your guests over 21 a free GWFT wine glass to take home as a souvenir of this holiday visit. Our Trail member families welcome your families and friends to their businesses and to this region that we all call home. As the saying goes, home is where the heart is, and for our family businesses, our hearts are in our businesses. Stop in and discover the joy of supporting a local family business.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

# Girl Scouts!

**Patty Green**  
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Girl Scouts in the United States of America began on March 12, 1912 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia. It has since grown to more than 2.8 million girl and adult members, worldwide. Juliette Low, who had met Baden-Powell in London while she was living in the United Kingdom, dreamed of giving the United States and the world "something for all the girls." She envisioned an organization that would bring girls out of their sheltered home environments to serve their communities, experience the out-of-doors, and give them the opportunity to develop "self-reliance and resourcefulness."

Girl Scouting in Frederick County has grown significantly in the past 103 years. The first troop in

Frederick County was formed in 1933 by Mary Benson at the Maryland School for the Deaf. Frederick County is part of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. Girl Scouting in Frederick County currently has more than 200 troops which encompass more than 4,700 girls and adults.

The program currently has six program levels for girls ages 5-18 which includes grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program levels are called Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouting is a community effort. Girl Scouting would not be possible without the support of the many local businesses that provide locations for troops to hold meetings and activity opportunities for girls. These locations include Public Libraries, Community Centers; the many churches and schools that provide troop meeting locations. There are many local businesses' that gener-

ously provide support for the troops both physically and monetarily.

The Girl Scout cookie sale is a large part of the Girl Scouting organization fundraiser which provides program funding for girls. Many businesses in the area have provided spaces for the girls to set up booth sales for many years. This enables the girls to learn goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

Troops have been camping at state and local camps, which helps to provide out-of-doors and nature opportunities for girls. This provides opportunities for girls to experience learning opportunities for nature, hiking trails and an environment for girls to plan projects for earning badges and award projects such as the Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award a girl joins the ranks of generations of young women who have made a difference both locally and globally. The Gold Award is celebrating 100 years during 2015-2016 as this highest award. Many special cele-



First time Brownie campers with their troop flag.

brations are planned for girls that earn this award during this time.

Girl Scouts thanks the community for their support and looks forward to continuing the affiliation with the local area, families, and businesses as we build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We are all always looking for girls and adults to join the organization. Adults who would like to share their time and talents by participating with events, troops, both

physically and monetarily are encouraged to join.

Girl Scout continues to strive by our mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

*For more information about Girl Scouting and opportunities to assist can be found by contacting the area Girl Scout office at 301-662-5106 or visit the website at gscnc.org.*

# Annual Gift and Rug Festival

**Carrera Bedwei-Majdoub**

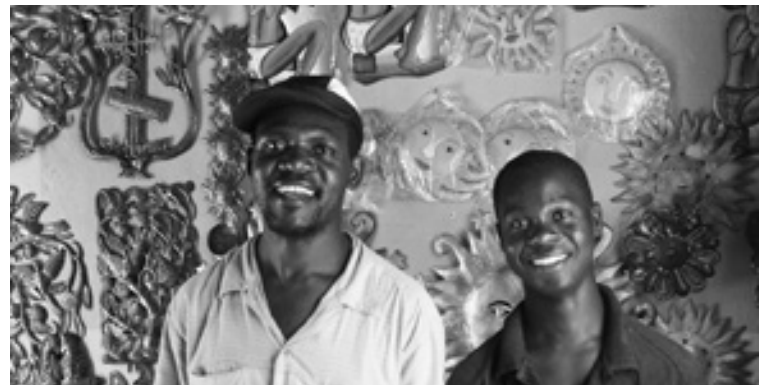
This November will be the 55th year of Ten Thousand Villages' annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug event held at the Fairfield Mennonite Church. After all these years, the Gift Festival continues to provide consistent aid, while perpetually empowering artisans all around the world. Beginning with a small group of women at the church, the international gift festi-

val was one of the first major catalysts to the movement of fair trade.

"In those early years we did not call the festival fair trade but we talked about job creation. We talked about teaching a man to fish versus handing him a fish," recalls Joyce Shutt who has been involved with the festival since year one. She remembers how Edna Ruth Byler, the founder of Ten Thousand Villages, began her project and eventually connected

with Fairfield Mennonite Church.

Edna Ruth Byler was substantially moved by the poverty she witnessed on a trip to Puerto Rico. She believed she was called to make a change, and thus the movement was born. Mrs. Byler established a sustainable market for handmade products in order for these skilled artisans who were unemployed to have a stable income. These handcrafted sales assisted the artisans in many ways, such as paying for food,



The tradition of Haitian cut metal art began in the early 1930s with Georges Liataud's imaginative cemetery crosses, crafted from recycled metal. Artisans at Comité Artisanal Haitien cut open 55-gallon drums, hammered them flat, and marked designs on the black metal with chalk. They then carved the design and finished using chisels and other simple hand tools.

education, healthcare and housing. With little to start, Mrs. Byler began selling samples of the handmade items out the trunk of her car, taking orders from the local conservative Mennonite churches. With little demand for these handcraft products within the conservative Mennonite church, Mrs. Byler was relieved when a group of women from the Fairfield Mennonite Church reached out to her and were willing to help her expand her sales in order to support more artisans.

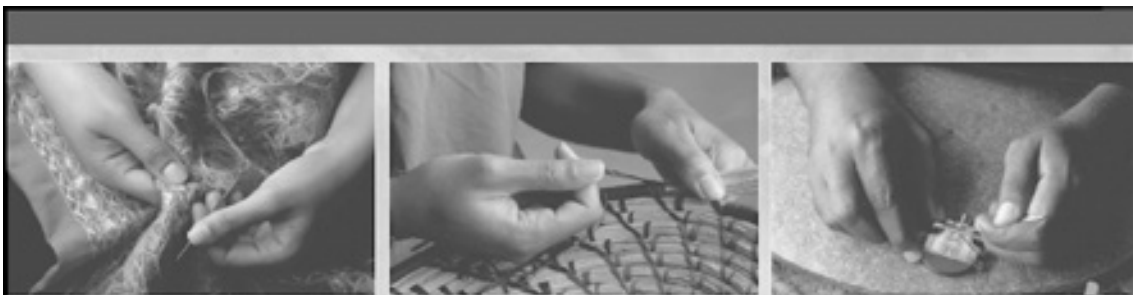
The Fairfield Mennonite Church organized their first sale and entitled it "The International Gift Festival." Year by year sales rapidly began to increase, along with the ideology of church sales. These rapidly growing sales allowed Ms. Byler to expand further and support even more artisans. The festival expanded from one morning to one entire day, to two days, and then to three full days. By the 1980s, the festival had become so overwhelmingly popular that the sale even spilled over into a tent outside!

This year, for the 55th year, the Gift Festival will continue in its long tradition of beautiful craft and artisan empowerment. The Festival includes jewelry from Peru, hand knotted rugs from Pakistan, colorful throws from Bangladesh, cut metal from Haiti and many

more handmade gifts from over 35 countries. Every gift sold is unique in its own way, each product sold has a story behind it describing its origin and creation, and how the purchase supports a certain group of artisans in developing countries.

A large selection of new holiday décor will be featured at the festival this year including new cut metal designs from Haiti. These new designs depict peace in English, Spanish, or French. They remind us that Christmas is a time for all nations to celebrate peace. Cut metal designs come from recycled 55 gallon steel oil drums that are hammered flat into shapes, punched through and chiseled to give it outstanding details and texture. These creative designs and artworks are inspired by Haiti's religion, culture and landscape.

This year, Ten Thousand Villages' 55th Annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug Event will be held November 10th - 14th at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St, Fairfield, PA. Event hours are Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, with free coffee and chocolate tasting on Thursday and Friday evening from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. For more information visit [www.facebook.com/giftfestivalfairfield](http://www.facebook.com/giftfestivalfairfield).



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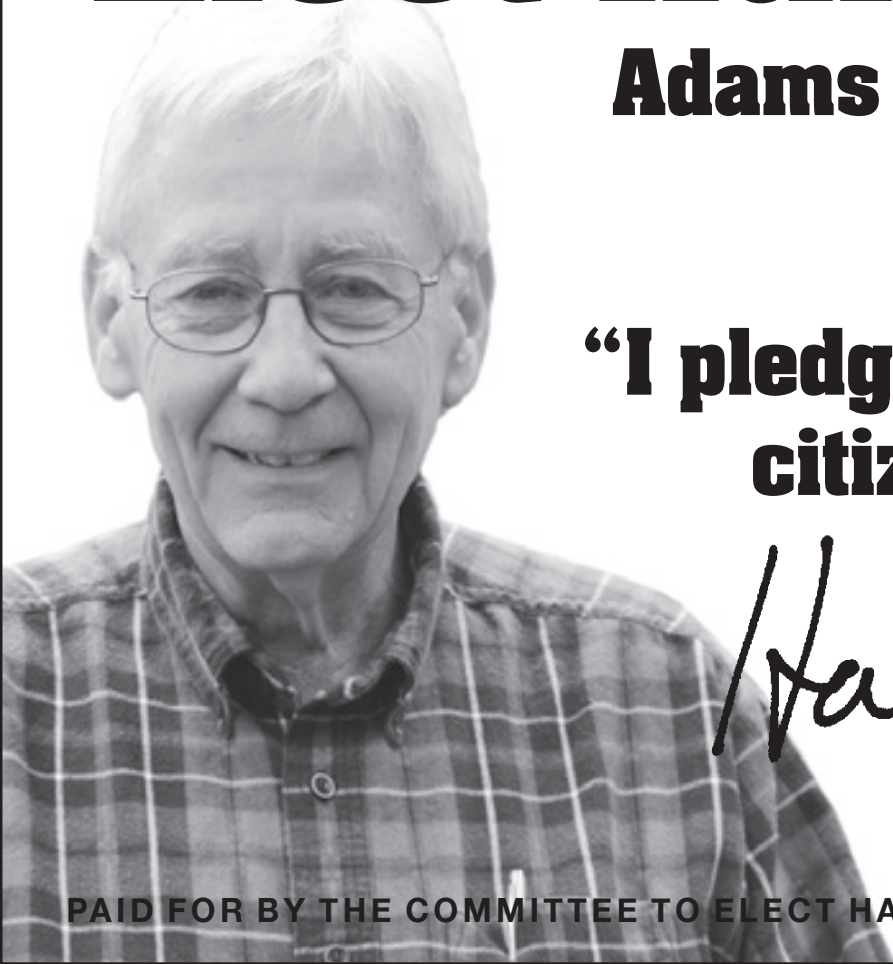
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## SCHOOL AND LIBRARY NEWS

# Library news

Linda Frydl  
Frederick County  
Public Libraries

The library in Emmitsburg, a vital part of the community since 1906, has something to offer everyone regardless of age. If you haven't visited for a long time or even if you're a regular patron, there are probably new services, programs or materials you didn't know we offered. Visit [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org) to learn more about the library or stop in and talk to staff about how the library can provide you with free books, movies, music, computer services, instructions for your e-devices and much more. We are also interested in working with partners in the community to provide interesting, educational or entertaining programming for adults, especially retired and 50+ people looking for something new to try. Share your ideas! We are ready to help facilitate events.

A few new books to look for in November:

**The Improbability of Love** by Hannah Rothschild: While searching for a gift Annie McDec finds a grimy painting hidden behind a rubber plant on top of a file cabinet and buys it. She doesn't realize she has stumbled across a lost masterpiece by one of the most important French painters of the eighteenth century. Soon Annie finds herself pursued by a quirky list of interested parties who would do anything to possess her picture. In her search for the painting's identity, Annie will unwittingly uncover some of the darkest secrets of European history.

**Crimson Shore** by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child: In the latest installment in the Special Agent Pendergast series, Pendergast and Constance Greene investigate a theft of a wine cellar in an ancient village on the coast north of Salem, only to discover during their investigation the entombed remains of a tortured man.

**Make 'Em Laugh: Short-Term Memories of Longtime Friends**

by Debbie Reynolds: In this memoir, she recalls wonderful moments with the greats of the entertainment world—Lucille Ball, Frank Sinatra, Bette Davis, Phyllis Diller, and many, many more—sharing stories that shed new light on her life and career and the glittering world of Hollywood then and now. Debbie has plenty to tell—and in *Make 'Em Laugh*, she dishes it in the warm, down-to-earth voice her fans adore.

Also in November watch out for *Murder, She Baked: A Plum Pudding Mystery* a Hallmark Movie based on Joanna Fluke's Plum Pudding Murder airing on Sunday, November 22.

### Children and Teen Programs

**Teen Program: Japanese Culture Day:** Celebrate Japanese culture with a program of anime film and sushi. Then everyone will get a pair of chopsticks and a serving of rice and the race will begin to see who can finish first! Tuesday, November 10, 4-5 pm. Register online at [fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org), or call 301-600-6331.

Drop in for a Play Date! Every Monday drop in for a special play-

group. We'll start off with a fun story. Afterwards, you can meet new friends, read books, and play with toys. For ages 0-5. Mondays, 10:30 – 11 am.

**LEGO and Mega Blok Party:** Join us for an afternoon of LEGO and Mega Blok fun! Build tall buildings, create mysterious scenes and have an endless amount of STEM fun with LEGO® bricks at the library! Best for ages 2 and up with an adult. Tuesday, November 17, 3:30-6pm.

**Gingerbread Engineering:** Listen to the classic tale "The Gingerbread Man". Put your engineering skills to work as we try to help the Gingerbread Man find a better way to cross the river. Saturday, November 14, 11:00am – 12:00pm. Register online at [fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org), or call 301-600-6331.

**Full "Steam" Ahead:** Play, Learn, and Explore at our pop-up "STEAM" lab. A variety of activities will be available. Try one or all. Tuesday, November 24, 4-6 pm.

All Frederick County Public Libraries will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in honor of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.

### Blue Ridge Summit Free Library

#### Movie Nights

November 5th at 6 p.m. will be having a free showing of Disney-Pixar's "Inside Out", rated PG. Bring your pillows!

November 19th at 6 p.m. will be showing the movie "Warm Bodies," rated PG-13, for teen night.

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Wednesday - Coffee house "Coffee, Tea, and Thee" from 3-5 p.m.

Thursday - Teen night from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. 2015 WII competition starting soon!

Saturday - Story hour at 11:00 a.m.

Anyone interested in a "twens" book and movie club that will meet twice a month, please sign up at the front desk.

Check out our Facebook page "The One And Only Blue Ridge Summit Free Library" to keep up with all our current events!

# Just visiting

Katie Groth  
Frederick County Schools

As the fall of each school year winds down and the winter holidays approach, it is a good time for Board of Education members to do school visits. The weather is generally favorable, and the business of public education is well in hand. Board members enjoy school visits because it is during these visits that we can see what is being accomplished by all the work we do. Teachers and students have adjusted to their routines and the real business of teaching and learning is happening with regularity. Most of the time, when an unfamiliar adult peeks in, the children don't even pay any attention. As a Board member,

when I make school visits I prefer to be accompanied by a staff member in case students are uncomfortable with a stranger entering their classroom. This is understandable.

Although Board policy does not require it, I always notify the principal of a school before I plan to visit. To me, this is just the respectful thing to do. I also want my visit to be convenient, and not a distraction. I want to agree on a time that is mutually agreeable so that if I want someone to take me around, that can be arranged. If the principal is not available, we can make an alternate plan. Principals love to show off their schools and they want a visitor to see all the interesting things happening in their classrooms.

What am I looking for when I make a school visit? What questions do I want to ask the staff, and what questions do I want to ask the principal? Do I want some time to interact with students? On a recent school visit to one of our larger elementary schools, I observed a real "buzz" about the place as I walked in past the security door. It was the sound of many children and teachers busily engaged in teaching and learning. It wasn't noisy exactly, but there was a real "buzz" just the same. I remarked about this to the assistant principal and she told me she was aware of that, too. Even in the smaller of our schools, you can detect that sound of busy teachers and students in a building.

I usually have specifics in mind when I visit a school, regardless of whether it is an elementary, middle or high school. I like to observe



special programs like a bilingual class or a group of pre-K students. Sometimes, I like to see how schools are handling overcrowding situations or how a new school seems to be working out for everyone. Having worked in special education for a number of years, I often like to ob-

serve our special educators and interventionists helping children with learning challenges. Principals seem to like it when I have a special request. Where I have concerns – for example about school security or whether a school has adequate technology – I appreciate the opportunity to discuss those concerns. I like to see students and teachers making good use of the technology we have, especially now that most all classrooms have "white boards" to be used for instruction. I always appreciate it when older students have learned to use this technology and know how to use it in the classroom setting to make presentations, etc. I also like it when I am invited to have lunch in the cafeteria!

No matter the size or location of the schools I visit, I am impressed by the sense of community I find in each place. I am happy to see so many good people working hard to educate our children, and I am gratified by the decisions we have made to build school buildings in ideal locations to serve our students, their families and our communities. Getting out to visit schools is a good way for us as Board members to experience the real world of public education in Frederick County.

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# SCHOOL AND LIBRARY NEWS

## Giving thanks

Lynn Tayler  
Mother Seton School

It's autumn again, and as regular readers of this column know, it's my favorite time of year. How can you not love it, especially living in the Catoctin Mountain Valley? The drive up Route 15 from Frederick in the morning, and back down in the afternoon, is simply breathtaking. The mountains pop with trees turned the color of fire, and when you see the golden fields and farmland in the foreground—well, this beach lover can appreciate living so far inland!

When I tell people my children attend Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, the reaction I get most often is a shocked, "You drive every day?!" Some days I do, yes. Other days, they take the MSS bus that provides transportation from Frederick, Walkersville, and Woodsboro. Sure it's still a ride, but it's a gorgeous one! The kids also get the opportunity to wave to Zoey the Zebra as they pass by her farm.

We live much closer to other area Catholic and private schools, but it's worth the little extra time it takes to go to MSS, and not just for the scenic ride. Since it's so close to Thanksgiving, let me tell you some of the reasons I'm thankful for Mother Seton School.

The students here are valued, not just for what they can do academically, but also for their spirit, talents, and strength of character. There are the Christian Character Trait awards (like Citizenship, Respect, and Perseverance) that recognize those students who demonstrate those characteristics. New this year, we are also recognizing students who exemplify the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, gifts that we are all endowed with, such as Peace, Joy, and Generosity. The faculty and staff appreciate the students and strive to bring out the best in them—academically, creatively, and spiritually.

Penny Power Week, our annual fundraiser for the technology program, recently concluded and it was met with much enthusiasm from everyone at school. The proceeds raised will go toward purchasing Lego® Robotics Kits for the classroom, which will help students at all grade levels with their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, key components of a vibrant Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) program. The program has also added Chromebooks for class use and, thanks to a grant from the Knott Foundation, interactive projectors will be installed in each classroom, all to enhance the students' technology experience.

But while we are proud of our S.T.E.M. capabilities, and thankful for how they have helped our students be competitive in a world

with constantly changing technology, we take equal pride in the fact that there is still an emphasis on the "low-tech" part of education. It is one of the reasons my husband and I decided to enroll our children at MSS. They are still taught handwriting, for example, which isn't as obsolete as some may think, and which exercises a different part of the brain from computer and keyboard use. Literature is a focus in language arts, while map reading and social studies are integral to our students' understanding of the world around them.

Of course, as a Catholic school, religious instruction is a core part of every day, but it isn't simply memorization of prayers and bible passages. The children are encouraged to live the Gospel they learn about, and to embrace the strong Catholic identity that defines us, something the presence of so many Daughters of Charity influences. Meanwhile, the arts

and music program appeals to the students' creative sides. Many students have won contests for their artwork, and the band has received a Superior rating consecutively over the past few years at the Archdiocesan Music Festival. Like most of my fellow parents, I'm grateful my children receive such a well-rounded experience.

I don't know what my children will grow up to be. Right now, one wants to be a marine biologist, another wants to be a doctor (after he retires from the NFL), and another wants to be a princess. What the fourth one wants to be is anyone's guess, but there's plenty of time for him to decide. Thanks to the foundations they are building on at MSS, they will have the tools and confidence to strike out on any path they want, whether it's artistic or scientific, or even spiritual. There are no limits to what any of them can do. For me, it's certainly worth the drive, knowing they are reaping the benefits of a whole-child education. Getting to view the beauty of the Catoctins along the way is merely icing on the cake.



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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

*This month, we asked our writers to write to their past and future selves, imagining what their lives might be like if they had the knowledge they have right now. Each of them has written to themselves over an eight year span, four years ago and four years from now, remembering where they were and speculating as to where they might be.*

### Freshman Year Fearless and unapologetic

Elizabeth Veronis  
MSM Class of 2019

Dear 15 year old Me,  
So you want to know how to survive the cruel halls of high school? First of all, they are not really that cruel; stop picturing scenes from Mean Girls. Nevertheless, I suggest you watch a few episodes of the Gilmore Girls, Gossip Girl and One Tree Hill. Don't just study Serena Van der Woodsen's wardrobe. Trust me, nobody wears couture to class. Most suburban high schools rock a Forever 21 or J Crew vibe. But in your case, you get stuck with the classic plaid skirt and knee socks.

Listen to the wise words of Brooke Davis, "People are gonna label you. It's how you overcome those labels. That's what matters." Still, you might want to dodge the Queen Bees, the Wannabes, the Type A super-strivers and the Burn Outs. Your goal, my friend, is to ditch the drama and focus on flying under the radar. This is not to say that you want to remain invisible all four years. You should leave a foot-

print, but not necessarily any DNA that could land you on an administrator's watch list, or worse, on a detention detail. This can be tricky, but there is one thing on your side.

As a freshman, you are a blank slate. Take advantage of your low status and say yes as often as possible. Never been on a mogul? So what? Join the ski club. Think you look good in spandex? Sign up for the Dance Club. But whatever you do, don't commit to any one group of friends or any one activity. You don't want to get stereotyped right out of the gate.

Another thing, don't for even one second, believe that high school is going to be the best time of your life. You are still living at home, still getting told just how short your skirt can be, still operating under a curfew, and still unable to sneak out to Starbucks for a mid-afternoon pick-me-up. Worse, you have to suffer through Western Civ, pretend you care if the football team wins on Friday night, and figure out how to get a date for the Prom.

More often than not, things will

work out in your favor. But don't despair when things don't. Believe it or not, everyone needs a few hiccups in life. Just keep them in perspective.

Here's another thought: try to occasionally think about your future and I am not referring to your plans for the weekend. I am talking about college and beyond. What you do in high school does have an impact on the rest of your life. So don't blow off your studies, tank your mid-terms or always opt for the easiest classes. For some reason, most college admissions counselors frown upon those things.

But don't get too neurotic, either. You get a lot of do-overs in life, so if you screw up, chances are, someone will throw you a net.

Xo,  
Elizabeth

Dear 22 Year old me:

Remember Nathan Scott's words: "One day, you're 17 and you're planning for someday. And then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today. And then someday is yesterday. And this is your life." Well hey-- here we are. Say goodbye to your childhood, kid. Your extended adolescence is over. Don't believe me? The first payment on your student loan is due in exactly six months. So here's hoping those summers you

languished as an unpaid intern start paying off.

You did log some quality time at career planning and placement, but I don't blame you for feeling anxious. You started college as an undeclared major. Who are we kidding? You would have marked the "completely clueless" box had that been an option. So congratulations on your progress. You found an area of interest, a path that held some promise. Hopefully, you came by it deliberately, after being exposed to lots of different disciplines and many different viewpoints. That's what you were hoping for when you opted for a true liberal arts education.

But unfortunately your degree doesn't come with a GPS for life. You will have to figure out how to parlay that, and all of your other experiences, into a career. I know you are seeking something that will give you purpose and meaning. Wouldn't it be great if you got that right off the bat? Alas, that probably won't be your experience.

You may very well find your first job dreadfully dull. But you can take solace in the fact that you will probably have 15 to 20 jobs in your lifetime. That's the expectation for the average Millennial, who isn't afraid to job-hop or switch up careers. So,

don't worry if you have one or two false starts, or even three or four.

But have reasonable expectations, too. You want pay equity and rapid promotions and you are willing to delay marriage and childbirth to get it. Good for you! But there is no such thing as having it all. Balance is always elusive and something or someone is always getting shortchanged. Don't lose your optimism or your confidence! You haven't been beaten up by life yet. So be fearless and unapologetic. Ask for what you want.

Sometimes what you want will be help, and you shouldn't be afraid to ask for that, either. You aren't expected to know it all, now or ever. Remember that your education continues and so does your obligation to serve those who have less than you: less money, less opportunity, or less ability. You have been the recipient of much love, support, and prayer.

This will continue. So don't get too neurotic over this stage of your life, even though it is scary and uncertain and in a constant state of flux. And hey, if you screw up, someone's bound to throw you a net.

Xo,  
Elizabeth

*We welcome Elizabeth to our team of writers!*

### Sophomore Year Sincerely, me.

Sarah Muir  
MSM Class of 2018

Dear Sarah (ver. 2011),  
So high school is great, isn't it? That was sarcastic, as you know. I wish I could tell you that it becomes more exciting, but, alas, I cannot. However, you also know it is not all bad. Though these are not the best years of your life, they are certainly not the worst and it gets better.

College is wonderful and I am not sure if you have considered it yet, but I am planning on studying abroad. I hope to go to London because, I am sorry to tell you, you do not improve in foreign language so it is best to stick with English-speaking countries.

I wish you (well, I) could actually read this. If you could, I would tell you that whatever daydreams you are having are going to grow and evolve into wonderful stories, and that you really should start working on them because trust me, if you don't, that nasty procrastination habit will NOT get better.

A great many things have happened in the past four years. You actually get a part in a musical (it goes well, don't worry), you manage to get a scholarship, your passion for writing increases and you even get a small job at a newspaper. Another big thing is that your sister (well, our sister) is getting married in a few months...yeah, I know, weird right?

You change a bit too. It's not too much, and probably not very noticeable to others, but you do and it is all for the best.

See you in four years!  
Sincerely,  
Me

Dear Sarah (ver. 2019),

I have no clue what you are doing right now or how much has changed, will change, in the next four years. By your clock, Katie has already been married a few years and I pray that we did not make a fool of ourselves during the maid-of-honor speech. How well did we do in school? We better have studied abroad. If so, it was probably spectacular and I cannot wait to have the memories you already have.

I wish I could ask, "What are you doing right now?" and get some kind of response. If you could respond, I would also ask if we will travel and if so, where? What kind of people will we meet? What kind of person will we become? And what, pray-tell, are the next winning lottery numbers?

I wish you could give me a summary of the next four years. I know that it will probably be worth the surprise, but I am impatient and you know how we are when it comes to surprises. However, I guess I have no say in the matter. Let me just make it clear that you have better finished writing at least one of

the books I have started. If you have not, then consider this a letter from yourself to get going!

Speaking of things you have done or should do, I wonder how many items you have crossed off our list. Have you been an extra in a movie or been to New Orleans during Mardi Gras? What about learning to ice skate? Have you become (miraculously) fluent in a language or gone to see the pyramids? (That last one is a bit of a stretch, all things considered).

I don't know what you are doing or even what I want you to be doing. Well, that is a bit of a lie. I know I would want you to still be writing and at least be almost done with one book. However, life changes and gives us both blessings and challenges and I understand that sometimes we must adapt. I am still figuring things out and, right now, you know more than I do.

I would love it if you are happy wherever you are and that you have someone to share it with (even if you don't that's fine too). Even though you are four years older and four years wiser, we are the same person (literally). If I know myself at all, I know that I have not changed on the important things.

Whatever happens between then and now, from the person I am and the person I will become, I know that the mistakes that I will make, that you have already made, have created who we are and who we will be. Wow! Dealing with past, present, and future tense is headache inducing.

Anyways, I am eager to meet the person I am going to become and

I hope to have a fun time getting there. See you when I see you!

Sincerely,  
Me

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## LETTERS TO MYSELF

# Junior Year

## The only constant is change

Leeanne Leary  
MSM Class of 2017

It is October 21, 2015 – the day I anxiously anticipated 10 years ago while watching Back to the Future for the first time. 4:13 pm has come and gone and Marty McFly has (unfortunately) not shown up anywhere in the world, but I do get to do some mental time travelling of my own.

Four years ago today, I was a junior in high school and I can almost guarantee I was sitting in the journalism room, room 201, staring at a computer screen, adjusting a yearbook layout. If I wasn't there, I was just finishing up field hockey practice near the end of my favorite season as my favorite coach was preparing to leave for another school.

In some ways, I thought everything I was doing was preparing me for my future. I wanted to be the editor of a big time magazine and I wanted to play and coach field hockey. Therefore, I spent copious amounts of hours in room 201 at my personal computer, roaming around with my camera, and sitting around our discussion table in editing meetings trying to create the perfect year-

book and finally get some recognition in the yearbook world.

Later that year when we attended our conferences, I wanted to be in a place where I was ready to take over for senior year and get into a school with a stellar graphic design and journalism program. I was also preparing for a future in field hockey with all the best coaches and off-season programs.

I'm here to say now, all of those dreams peaked during that year. Realizations of the changing media world and injury upon injury led me away from both dreams and I spent the next few years with no solid career goal. But as a 17 year old, I was sure knew what I wanted.

Now I am an almost 21-year-old English Lit and Secondary Ed major, preparing for a career as an Army officer, anxiously planning trips to Haiti, and I really love fitness. I am not at all where I thought I would be – my passions, goals, and even my daily activities are entirely different. I still play field hockey and love media and journalism, but I don't do either to the extent I used to dream about.

Sometimes I wonder if I would be as happy if I had stuck with

the same dreams, and because I still am very unsure if my future, I often think I would be. It takes some time, but I always realize that simply because my passions and goals have changed, does not take away any importance of old goals nor does it diminish the fire behind the new ones. I am blessed to have had things in my life that I have felt so much passion for over the years, and I wouldn't be surprised if they continue to change to fit my life in the upcoming years.

I truly miss intense field hockey games, nine hour designing sessions, constantly being behind a camera, and getting a layout just right; but as much as I miss this, I love everything I do now. I love waking up in the mornings for PT, as much as I may complain about it, I love the feeling of a new PR in the gym, traveling and working in places I never saw myself before, forming relationships with kids who inspire me more than anything, discussions about a text or an issue, and having time to grow and explore everything around me.

So a lot has changed and the idea that it will continue to change is, I must admit, pretty scary. Now I have to consider my life four years from today. To this, I laugh – I don't have a clue. It might be the state of my nervousness, but I feel like I've been asked to write about my future quite a few times



recently. Maybe I should take that as a sign and figure it out, but instead I'm still kind of laughing at the idea of myself in four years, because I could be anywhere.

In about five months I'll make the decision whether I want to go Active Duty or National Guard. Five months. Does everyone realize how soon that is? Because I certainly didn't until about five minutes ago when I looked at the date again. I will make that decision, and the rest of my life will be determined from that single choice. If I choose Active Duty, I will be a full time Army Officer in four years. I'll most likely be a first lieutenant, but I have no clue where in the world I'll physically be. If I choose Guard, well you got me there – imagine my nervous laughter once more – I have no idea. I'll have a degree allowing me to be a high school teacher, but I'm leaning more towards

the missionary field. So it will be as much of a surprise to me as it is to you when I finally make that decision.

I joke about the nervous laughter and the fear I have about my future because it is all just a little terrifying, but if the next four years go anything like the last four, I'm sure it will turn out okay in the end. I have learned that goals change, passions develop, and relationships can alter your views, but as long as I love what I'm doing, I will be happy and I can only hope that I will always have the common sense and strength to value what I love and put it at the center of my life. If I do that I am certain that the latter half of this eight-year span will go as well as the former.

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# Senior Year

## Don't blink

Katie Powell  
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Past Katie,  
I don't even have to ask what you are doing right now, because I already know: you are sitting in the back of your AP English class, senior year of high school, thinking about how badly you want to get out of your town, go somewhere where nobody knows your name, and start a new life. College will be the best, you tell yourself.

That is when your life will really begin.

I am urging you to change that mindset. You are wasting so much time waiting to start your life that you are forgetting to live it. Life doesn't begin at 18. Life has already begun. I know it seems silly, especially to you, in all of your teenage angst and senioritis, because how could one be alive without living? But you would be surprised.

Think about all of those times you have said, "I can't wait for . . ." or started counting down the days to an event, or planned your life out rigidly (and don't lie to yourself. I know how you think). Think about all of those days you skipped over, daydreaming about graduating high school. Think about all of those little moments spent with friends that you missed out on because it seemed insignificant at the time. Those are your memories.

Don't let them pass you by.

Life is too short to let fear guide you. I know that you think "fake it till you make it" is a better approach than admitting you are unsure, but you forget that failure is a natural step toward success. Admitting failure is not the same as admitting defeat. Instead of shying away from it, you should embrace it because you are an amazing person with a great deal to offer to the world. Do not be afraid to make mistakes, and do not be hesitant towards taking chances because you are afraid of failure. Shortcomings are part of successes, and shortcomings often teach you more. So embrace them, analyze them, and then do better next time.

Future Katie,

I can imagine you are working full time now—you are 25 years old, out in the real world, maybe you saved up money and are living in a swanky apartment in the city (ooh, high roller). Maybe you are still living at home (economic, I like it). Either way, I cannot even begin to imagine what your life is like.

I am sure you look back all the time and think that I have it easy (well, its 8:30 pm and I am in bed so, yeah I kinda do). I hope for the life of me that some of the things that are dear to you now are not things you have abandoned in your pursuit of success.

First of all, I hope you haven't forgotten the importance of spending

time with your friends. I can imagine that graduate school was hard and that the habit of isolating yourself to study will die hard as you attempt to regain familiarity with sunlight, birds chirping, and other standard sounds that are significant to a hermit. I know you are passionate about your work and the people you meet and collaborate with, but I hope that is not your whole life. I hope you still remember to take time for your loved ones.

Remember, life is not a sprint. Don't rush into marriage, or children, or anything like that. Take your time and enjoy each adventure as it comes! Experience life as a young professional, living in the city. Travel the world. Learn to knit or sew or do yoga to make you slow down and enjoy life. The early bird may get the worm, but slow and steady wins the race (or something like that).

Please do not take life too seriously, because as Uncle Bob loved to say: no one gets out alive. Your career is important. You help change lives. But you still need to stay grounded. Have fun, and improvise at times. Remember those little moments that seemed insignificant, but later proved to be some of your best memories? Hold on to those, and never stop making new ones.

Never stop trying to make the world a better place. I know you have heard the inspiring Dr. Seuss quote many times, but, as the Lorax said, "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to bet better. It's not."

As I sit here, I remember your first experience observing an occupational therapist, and the passion and pride you felt watching the children leave each day. Remember that on good days and bad, you make a difference. Remember that you can change the world.

The best advice I can offer you is this: whatever you do, don't blink. Life is hectic and sometimes days and weeks fly by without noticing. I am sure you remember senior year going by at the speed of light. I wonder if you've ever looked

around your office and thought that just four short years prior, you finished your undergraduate degree. I hope you do. I hope you take those moments in, hold on to them close, and allow that moment to take all of its time passing over you.

Do not lose your passion for life. It is a beautiful, strange, and fragile gift, and nothing should ever come between you and the life you want to live.

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## FASHION

## Fall fashion

Valerie McPhail  
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Fall is my favorite season. Time to bring out the cozy, oversized sweaters and hot chocolate, and to start pumpkin picking. I like the holiday spirit this season brings. It is that time of year for Halloween decorations, Halloween candy and Halloween costumes. Can you tell I like Halloween? Not only is this holiday a fun time for fashion enthusiasts, but also a landmark for my favorite time of the year.

My second favorite thing about fall is the new fashion. This fall hit New York hard, but after all, this city is the mecca of fashion; so New Yorkers didn't seem phased, but were rather quick to sport their puffy down jackets, plaid printed scarves and camel coats. All of these essentially are the first sights of fashion. But what I enjoy most about fall fashion is what layers underneath. I also have a shoe obsession. Designed with anticipation for the now, the items that follow are the fashionable accessories and the trending pieces that trumped the fall 2015 runways back in February. These pieces are here to cover your basic needs for fall.

Ladies first: Our accessories are shoes and scarves.

#### The Ankle Boots

Also known as the half boot or demi-boot, this style of boot guides your first step into fall. Its form is characterized by the length it hits your leg—right at the ankle.

Personally, I advocate for this boot because it plays a specific part in your wardrobe; the ankle boot is ready for

colder weather. The lug sole, the shoe's practical sole, is popular companion to the design this season. This is the type of coverage you want for fall and need for winter.

The lug sole is a rubber outsole, allowing a shoe to function as the jack-of-all trades. It is a shoe to live your life in, and now, you can do so in fashion. For fall 2015, Rag and Bone and Creatures of the Wind showed patent leather styles while Marc by Marc Jacob dazzled the shoe design with silver studs. Without neglecting their sensibilities for style, these shows were among the fall 2015 shows that supported this movement towards functional fashion.

High fashion is now becoming more inviting to everyday life; the lug sole ankle boot is a clear example. Embrace this accessory without the cost of losing style; the ankle boot is here to help you combat the cold weather of your everyday life this season.

#### The Block Heel

I am a fanatic for the block heel. If there is one shoe I could wear through winter, this style would have my vote. What I love most about it is its style. It carries a classic look decorated by the 60's wild side. Plus it breaks all sorts of fashion rules when offered in patent leather. This heel is a pure fashion statement.

For runway references, explore the fall 2015 collections by Simone Rocha and Chanel. These brands showed nude colored styles. The shoe was simple, sacrificing its attention for the benefit of the clothing. But I think that is the best quality of a shoe. They are items that complement an outfit; they make-or-break a look. This season, keep a look

out for the block heel; it is the Mary Jane style shoe with the block heel and a strap crossing the top of the foot. It may be a simple style on the runway, but it is an eye catching piece in my opinion.

#### The Twilly Scarf

As one of the styles of the Hermes scarves, the Twilly has made a name for itself. For its size, this scarf—a length of 32 x 2 inches—is a true accessory. This is a piece that will jazz up every outfit. The prints on a twilly scarf are cute; they demand attention while their 100 percent silk-make characterizes class. The style has taken flight into world of fashion design and most recently the style has been reinvented.

In fall 2015 runway appearances, this scarf is recognized as the "Skinny Scarf" and it is longer in length. For the Winter 2015 shows, Haider Ackermann showed a pretty black and white polka dotted style as Bottega Veneta offered an assortment of sophisticated prints that complemented their classy collection.

I recently bought a Twillie—a design inspired by the original—from a New York City emerging brand called Lexicon of Style. I am a fan of its style because it offers an elegant way to wear an unconventional scarf. The Twillie allows for experimental fashion without looking outrageously avant garde. I find that this statement adamantly stands true for the skinny scarf as well. This accessory allows you to try new fashion in a small way, without remodeling your entire closet. So bundle in a cape and beanie—or wear a barrette, this too is another trending accessory. Enjoy the fashion capabilities of these scarves, this fall!

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Gentlemen, accessories are an advantage to easier shopping.

#### Turtlenecks

Turtlenecks are my all-time favorite items for fall. I have a real attachment to this item, and it is a basic piece in my wardrobe. The term "turtleneck" is a familiar phenomenon among shoppers here in the states, but elsewhere the title rollneck or polo neck connotes.

The collar defines the turtleneck and it is an item for fall because it is commonly incorporated in sweater designs. I find that this piece has a classic appeal to it. It carries an aged look, appreciated by classic tastemakers. Thus, it goes



Ermenegild Zegna Fall Winter 2015 cues the stylish sensibility of the pleated pant.

without explanation that the turtleneck is a current fall trend.

It was spotted on the runways of fashion houses like Balenciaga, Lanvin, and Kenzo, and re-invented throughout the fall 2015 Collections of J. W. Anderson, Marc by Marc Jacobs and Christopher Kane. In such illustrations of fashion, the item itself was utilized as fundamental piece to layer upon. The difference between how the turtleneck was incorporated within each look was simply an element of style. At these fashion houses, the turtleneck was an obvious addition to an outfit. Placed under plain white button downs, t-shirts, and blatantly incorporated into a sweater design. The turtleneck came down the runway as a true fashion statement.

For the younger brands, the turtleneck held a different purpose—that is, to merely serve as a backdrop to graphic sweatshirts, exquisite coats and jumpsuits. If there is one lesson in style we can all take away from this season it is that the turtleneck is new "plain white t-shirt" for fall.

#### Knitted Scarves

Perhaps the most functional option of these accessories is this item—the knitted scarf. It is an old-time favorite and a prized possession when received as hand-made gift. The knitted scarf is purposed for warmth. It is a nice addition, a final layer to your outfit, before bracing the cold weather.

This season, the Acne Studios, Hermes and Thomas Maier incorporated this scarf in their collections. At Acne Studios and Thomas Maier, the knitted scarf proved to be a true accessory—it was a truly unique piece. Hermes' fall 2015 collection was the exception. In this show, the scarf was basic item. Although shown with an array of different colors—mauve purple, charcoal grey and robin's egg blue—it was consistent to most looks.

For fall, the best way to use the knitted scarf is to pair it with an outer coat. Shop knitted scarves with patterns and graphics to update traditional systems of wearing this accessory. Or, stick strictly with solid colors to stay true to a minimal aesthetic.

#### Pleated Pants

I never understood the attraction towards pleated pants. I was taught they were designed to help men shop true to size—a valid statement. In fact, the name carries a self-explained title. Pleats function to provide more room for the dresser. The pleat, or a tuck of fabric in a pant, provides a wider legged. However, what has been considered an alternative to slim fit pants has been recently recognized as a fashion statement.

I initially noticed the trend among the fashion of grown men. My dad is one who naturally abides by this trend; he has been wearing this style unapologetically for years now. With serious curiosity I asked my father to explain this style and fit preference. He simply stated that he felt more comfortable in the pleated fit.

If the fashion community has been taking note on this cultural trend, it showed on the runway. Ermenegildo Zegna, Ami and Maison Martin Margiela are brands that exemplified the effortless comfort of this style pant. The prize of this pant is in the pleat; it accessorizes the typical dress pant.

The key to shopping for fall is found in the details. Accessories are the ultimate details for any outfit. An accessory is defined by a piece that completes a look. These pieces are made to work in accordance with what you wear. I hope these fall/winter items help accessorize your outfits for the season so that you can start to enjoy the holidays!

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# The thankful-tree

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**B**EEP! “BEEP!” Susana’s alarm clock rang loudly. She rolled over and hit it forcefully as she groaned. The blinds on her window were open, but it was too early for any sunlight to shine through. She took a deep breath knowing that it was going to be a hectic day. The next moment, she was out of bed and starting her morning.

She tiptoed so she didn’t wake anyone as she inched down the hall. She came to the stairs and did her best not to make a sound. The third step couldn’t help but let out a creak. She paused, hoping no one heard it, and then continued into the kitchen.

“First things first,” she thought to herself as she dumped coffee grinds into the filter and started the pot. Then she was off grabbing things out of the kitchen, the pantry, the dining room, and nearly everywhere else that had become a hub for all things “Thanksgiving.”

Luckily, they had student volunteers visit earlier in the week that had helped them sort their donations. This made things a lot easier when she began cooking. She took the turkeys that had been jammed-packed into the fridge out and pre-heated the oven. She glazed them as best as she knew how and threw on some salt and pepper. Two turkeys were shoved into her oven to the best of her ability.

Before long, she heard a knock on the door. Susana opened it into the darkness that was still morning. There stood Maggie, a woman in her mid 50s, with an aluminum tray in her hands. “Good morning,” she said, eagerly as she set the tray down and gave Susana a big hug. “I’m already feeling stressed!” Susana replied. “Oh, nonsense,” said Maggie, “This is all going to turn out perfectly!”

Before long, everyone had woken up in the house and they were all downstairs. This operation required all hands on deck to make it a success. The five adults worked on the cooking while the three teenagers helped to decorate the house, clean up the living areas,

and assist the four children with the most important task of all; preparing for the thankful-tree.

The arrangement was not of your “average” family, but somehow they made it all work. It started off with Susana and her husband Mark. They were high school sweethearts who went on to get married. At the time, their work required them both to constantly be in and around the city so they decided to make it their home. They bought a small townhouse and were doing well.

When Mark got sick, one thing lead to a million others and the medical bills started adding up quickly. Soon enough, they had lost nearly all their savings and weren’t left with much of anything. Mark had to leave his job and Susana had to start working only part time to take care of him. It was in this time that the couple found time to gain a new perspective. They started to notice the people experiencing homelessness around their neighborhood and they felt called to help.

The first to come to the house was Mary and her son Phillip. Susana invited them to live with her and Mark for a little while to give them a place to rest. They moved in and somehow it just worked. Mary was pleased that Phillip would be able to stay at the same school for a while, and grateful to not be forced onto the streets. Susana was grateful to have help around the house and with taking care of Mark, who loved the company. They decided to make the arrangement permanent. Susana and Mary found that they loved opening up their home and in doing so, it opened up both their hearts and minds. They decided to extend the offer again and their family continued to grow with other individuals in need of a family and a home.

For the family, Thanksgiving was an important day. It was an opportunity to take time to express your gratitude and they all had a lot to be grateful for. A couple years back when Phillip was eight, he asked Susana about this holiday with great confusion. It wasn’t something that he had previously

experienced celebrating in the traditional ways.

“But what about the people who don’t have food?” he asked, concerned. This got Susana thinking and was the beginning of their traditional Thanksgiving open house. Each year, the family opened their doors to the public for dinner. They relied on donations that they collected throughout the months leading up to November. Then they worked diligently to prepare everything and make it a special holiday. The first year they accommodated roughly 20 additional guests and the numbers have only grown since then. Their doors were open to anyone, no matter their situation. There was one requirement though...they had to put a leaf on the thankful-tree.

The thankful-tree was started by a couple of the children as a way to share all of the things we are thankful for. The children would cut out leaves and color them on one side and then leave the other side blank. At the top of each leaf was a piece of string. They would search outside for any branches and tape them together and put them in a vase to make a “tree.” The idea was to have everyone write or draw on a leaf about what you are thankful for and then hang it onto the branches. By the end of the night, the branches were always overflowing.

The day had flown by and it was nearly supertime. The family was working in many different directions. The adults hung back in the kitchen doing final preparations while the teens and children greeted the guests and chatted. Before long they were all gathered together and Susana came out of the kitchen to address the nearly 70 people.

“Thank you all so much for being here,” Susana started, “Thanksgiving is a day that helps to remind us of the people and things that are really important in life. It gives us a time to gather together as one community and one family. It is a time for shared laughs, love, stories, experiences, and of course food. Today is a day I look forward to every year because it brings so many



beautiful people into my life and gives us all a chance to be present to each other and build relationships. As many of you know, there isn’t any fee or anything but we do request that each of you, if you are able, write on a leaf that the children have cut out about what you are thankful for and hang it up. We like to do this as a visual representation of all of our gratitude. Again, I am so happy to have you all here and to share this holiday with such great company. Enjoy!”

Soon enough they were all digging into the food and having endless conversations with each other. The home had become a home for all during this meaningful holiday. After hours of enjoyment, the night ended and the leftovers were

distributed. The family was exhausted and headed to bed after helping to clean up. Susana hung back in the kitchen and said goodbye to Maggie. Then she heard feet on the stairs and Phillip turned the corner.

“Aunt Susana,” he said. “I don’t think I see any leaves on thankful-tree with your handwriting. Don’t forget!” Susana laughed and walked over to get started. “This leaf isn’t big enough for all the things I am grateful for!” Susana shouted to Phillip as he headed back upstairs. Susana took a deep breath and began to write.

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# Mount Fall 2015 showcase

Jack Williams  
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Autumn is my favorite season for a number of reasons, one of them being that many fall days are just the perfect temperature. It's colder than the summer, but not cold enough to bunker you into your home. On the colder days of the fall, especially in October, everyone starts to throw on a light jacket or scarf to keep warm while picking pumpkins or wandering through haunted corn mazes. But now that it's November, we're probably going to be spending more time inside than outside. Luckily, there are still plenty of local art events to keep us entertained!

Last month I spoke about The Thurmont Thespians, their history, and their upcoming show *God's Favorite*. Beth Watson, co-founder of the Thespians, Matthew Bannister, director of the show, and the entire cast have continued working exhaustively on the upcoming show, and are excited to share a stageplay comedy based on the tribulations of the Biblical Job in a modern context. It should be a fantastic event, and is certainly worth attending. The show will be performed on the first and second weekends of this month at The American Legion building in Thurmont, MD. On the 6th and 7th, as well as the 13th and 14th of November, curtains rise at 7:30 pm. There will be an additional rendition conducted on Sunday, the 15th, at 2 pm. If you'd like to make a reservation, feel free to contact the Thespians at (301) 271-7613.

In addition to the upcoming show by the Thespians, I also gave attention to Mount St. Mary's classical music concert which took place on the 4th of October. It was an incredibly engaging evening, with violinist James Tung and pianist John Wickelgren putting on an excellent show playing some of the most challenging compositions by Claude Debussy, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Henry Vieuxtemps. I wrote a commentary on the event, including the pieces that were covered, on the Emmitsburg Art Scene webpage. If you're interested, the link to the website can be found at the end of this article.

The Fine Arts Department at Mount St. Mary's has been working tirelessly on three major events for its Fall 2015 showcase. Included in this showcase is another classical music concert, which will have a more directed focus on the voice, a Wind Ensemble & Lab Band concert that will emphasize music via instrumentation, and their stage production *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*. Let me share some detail about what you can expect from each venue, and why each event is worth your attendance and interest.

The first concert for MSMU's academic year was a harmonious interplay between the violin and the piano, and the only words spoken were background notes from the composers and bravos from the audience. The next concert, planned for the 11th of November, will emphasize the human voice more than the Mount's last musical event. The up-

coming Wednesday show will be an evening of Grand Opera, featuring Soprano Francesca Aguado, tenor Andrew Rosenfeld, tenor Nicholas Simpson and pianist Scott Crowne.

Each performer in this evening of grand opera has impressive and extensive backgrounds. Nicholas Simpson is one of America's rising opera stars, who just recently returned from an engagement in London to take part in an opera in New York City just this summer, which was covered in *The New York Times*. Francesca Aguado also has international credits, as does Nicholas Simpson. According to the Italian Newspaper *Corriere di Rimini*, Simpson "possesses a voice that is flexible, but powerful... he literally stunned the public with his technical and expressive capability." Andrew Rosenfeld was appointed Assistant Conductor of the Frederick Symphony Orchestra just this year! He has also served as musical director and conductor of Maryland's Hub Opera Ensemble in the very recent past.

This evening of opera will feature some of the most well known, yet also some of the most demanding arias and scenes from the grandmasters of opera Giacomo Puccini, Richard Wagner, Giuseppe Verdi, and Ludwig van Beethoven. More specifically, you can expect arias and scenes from Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* (1903), Wagner's *Tannhäuser* (1845) and *Siegfried* (1876), Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* (1857), and Beethoven's *Fidelio* (1805).

Another reason to consider attending this concert, if you have not attended an opera in the past, is that this event is both accessible and local. Other opera houses in Maryland have an expectation for dress and are often quite expensive, which can be a serious disincentive for anyone uncertain whether he or she would like to spend a night watching opera. Neither condition is present for this upcoming show. There is no mandatory dress code, it won't cost you a thing, and it's open to all! It will be held in the Knott Auditorium on Wednesday, November 11, at 8:00 pm.

Mount Saint Mary's Wind Ensemble and Lab Band likes to highlight both popular and less popular orchestrations, as well as other genres of music. This year, in light of the upcoming seventh installment of the Star Wars franchise, the Wind Ensemble will be performing music from the first three Star Wars films: Episodes IV, V and VI. The Ensemble is already prepared, as of this writing, to perform an excellent rendition of Donald Hunsberger's demanding transcriptions from John Williams' musical scores. The Wind Ensemble will play for half of the event, and the Lab Band will take over the remainder of the play by bringing a retrospective of rhythm and blues music.

When I was learning to play the guitar in high school, one of the first scales I needed to learn was the blues pentatonic scale. After learning about the circle of fifths, I was taught the ladder of thirds, a modal frame that's found in both Blues and British folk music. After I became proficient enough in the ladder, my instructor showed me just how many rock and

roll songs I could play following this modal frame. I was shocked that I could play *A Hard Day's Night* by the Beatles and *My Generation* by The Who. You might be surprised by just how much the blues has influenced popular music since the 1960s.

I once heard Dr. Carlson, director of the Wind Ensemble / Lab Band performance, say that no genre of music every truly dies. Music history is a continuum where certain genres of the past had influences from music that came before it, and these genres will shape the melodies of genres that don't yet exist. If you choose to attend the Wind Ensemble / Lab Band concert, you can expect two things: you will hear classical symphonies that you may have heard many times before, and then you will hear the grooving musical structures which underpin most of your favorite songs and albums. If you'd care to attend, the ensemble and band will play on Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 pm in the Knott Auditorium. And like the evening of Grand Opera, this concert is free and open to everyone.

The final major event of the Fall 2015 arts showcase is the Mount Theatre's Fall Mainstage, presenting *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* ((which I'll abbreviate as *TML* for the here on in). I am fortunate enough to have seen both *God's Favorite* and *TML* in person, and I can tell you with great confidence that these two plays are quite distinct from one another.

*TML* is the product of the late 20th-21st century artistic movement Neo-Futurism. When I attended *TML* in a different setting, the program had this tidbit of information, adding that Neo-Futurism was an artistic departure from postmodernism. There was a couple sitting behind me, who sounded like they were in their mid-50s or early-60s, and they were commenting that this play would be this pretentious, indecipherable commentary on modern society. They were expecting it to be terrible. I too was wondering whether it would be memorable.

I have never had more fun attending a theatrical play. That is a very bold statement, and I don't say it lightly. Let me explain why. *TML* is unlike most other theatrical plays you will ever see, for a few reasons.

When my friends and I made it to the theatre, we knew what the ticket price would be, because there was only one advertised price. We were confused when the ticket holders handed a die to each attendee at the register. We stepped up to purchase a ticket, and we learned out that our price was determined by the number we rolled. This was great fun, and it was before we even entered the theatre. Each of my friends rolled a 1 or a 2, and I was last in the line. I rolled a 6. The reactions from my friends were infectious; we already had a memory before we even saw the show.

We were wearing rather upscale clothing, Oxfords and slacks because we expected this to be a routine theatrical event. The evening was anything but your regular expectations for a theatrical show, most clearly seen



Mount students sharing a fun moment in rehearsal for *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*.

in its emphasis on audience participation. Perhaps the most well known fact about *TML* is that it consists of 30 plays in 60 minutes, each of which merge into a cohesive message which will both challenge and entertain. There was some sparse adult language in the production, but I still had a fantastic time engaging in the play and watching the performers act their roles so enthusiastically.

A final tidbit about *TML* is that the order in which these 30 plays will be performed is entirely up to the audience. When I attended *TML*, there was a clothesline onstage with 30 sheets of paper, numbered 1-30, hanging on individual clothespins. Cast members asked random audience members which number they would like to see next. What's so intriguing about this is that no two performances of *TML* will ever be played in the same order. With just these 30 numbers, there are  $2.65 \times 10^{32}$  different possible ways to perform this theatrical production. There's also a fun, little surprise for the audience which

I won't spoil here. If you choose to attend *TML*, you can be assured that you will watch a play that has never been performed before. This play will take place between Thursday, November 19 and Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 PM in the Lynne & Joseph Horning Theatre, located in the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center located near the Immaculate Conception Chapel. There is also a production on Sunday, November 22 in the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices will range between \$5.00 - \$7.00. If you'd care to make a reservation, feel free to contact Michelle Venzin at the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center at (301) 447-5308. And all of these events, if you happen to miss them, will be reported and reviewed on the Emmitsburg Art Scene webpage! This will be a very entertaining month for local art activities.

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## SPORTS

# Catoctin varsity soccer

Michael Donahue

After another month in the books for Catoctin High Athletics, the fall season is starting to take shape for each team. In men's soccer, the Cougars are struggling mid-way through, as they are still without a win. However, on the other side of the pitch, the women just had a two-game winning streak, snapped on senior night against North Carroll in a thrilling shootout.

On October 13, the Lady Cougars welcomed the Frederick Cadets. In a game Coach Olson called "a rollercoaster ride of events," it seemed that Catoctin had a grasp on the game in the final few minutes with a 2-1 lead. However, after a late, controversial foul, Frederick was in position to attempt a free kick around 25 yards from the goal. When the whistle sounded, the strike was clean and beat the Catoctin goalkeeper to send the game into overtime.

Instantly, it seemed as though Catoctin was the faster team in overtime; they were playing with a renewed vigor. This continued until Carrie Reaver was tak-

en down in the box, five minutes into overtime. Taylor Crum, who had already scored twice during the match, stood over the ball. She took one breath, began her run up and slotted home the winning goal in the top right.

The following Thursday, the men began the game with Brunswick on their heels. Their backline was forced to jump into the game quickly because Brunswick had a strong attack throughout the first few minutes. However, Catoctin was able to hold and dispel the first few weak chances by the Railroaders. The first real chance of the game came during the eighth minute, when Noah Olson, the sophomore captain, led the attack. With a few brilliant touches, he dribbled his way around two clueless defenders and down the left flank. Olson swung the ball in on the outside of his right foot toward the middle of the 18th, where he connected with Kyle Gasior. Gasior headed the ball on goal and gave the Brunswick defense little chance at making the save.

Up 1-0, Catoctin played with a fiery attitude. Still on the defensive, their back four were able to

hold off the Brunswick attack until the 23rd minute when a throw-in came from the near side of the goal. The ball skipped across the pitch and past a few players until it was within the grasp of a Brunswick striker. The volley came from the top of the 18th and found of the back of the net to knot the game at 1-1. However, seconds later, Brunswick generated another opportunity with a few key passes opening up the Cougar back four. Free on net, the Brunswick striker struck a clean shot on goal that slipped past Reid Clingerman.

The game went back and forth until halftime. Reid Clingerman kept the Cougars in the match with a few key saves and the attack nearly generated multiple chances. However, nothing decisive happened by the time the final whistle of the first half sounded.

The second half began extremely quickly for the Cougars. Olson played a long ball into Justin Herman. Herman attempted a shot on target, however, the ball was blocked, shooting skyward. Pablo Archila, a freshman playing for the varsity squad, got his body to the ball and forced it across the goal line. This knotted the game at 2-2, seconds into the second half.

The Cougar defenses held from this point on. Reid Clingerman made save after save, however, after a long gruesome game, the defense fell apart with only a few minutes left on the clock. A Brunswick midfielder ran through the defense and slipped the ball past Clingerman to take a 3-2 lead. After a few desperate moments from Catoctin, Brunswick won the game.

Senior night for the ladies came the following Tuesday, October 19. The first opportunity of the game was sparked by a pass delivered by Cruz onto the foot of Snyder. She was through on goal and the play had potential, however, Snyder was pulled down from behind by a North Carroll player. The crowd waited in silence, hoping for a whistle, yet, the referee was not willing.

The game continued with Cato-



While the men's varsity soccer team is struggling mid-way through the season, the Catoctin women's team is on a roll.



ctin holding most of the attack until the 13th minute. Carrie Reaver sparked the attack from the back delivering a stunning long ball to Crum. Crum gathered the ball and slipped it through to Snyder, who finessed the shot to the bottom left to take a 1-0 lead.

The Lady Cougars kept the lead for most of the first half, but with six minutes left, North Carroll's Elizabeth Hillman broke through the Cougar defense and slid the ball past the keeper to tie the game. However, it would be the Cougars who would take the lead into halftime. A free kick struck by Carrie Reaver, bounced past the North Carroll back line. After a skirmish, the ball suddenly chipped the goalkeeper and found the back of the net, sending Catoctin into the locker room with a 2-1 lead.

Minutes after the second half

began, Reaver sent the ball into Crum. Crum dribbled ball past the keeper and easily scored on an open net to take a 3-1 lead. With a two-goal lead, it seemed Catoctin had the matchup all but secured, but North Carroll refused to quit. In the 55th and 56th minutes, North Carroll scored to make Catoctin's senior night a shootout.

Play continued for another 15 minutes until the ref blew his whistle, controversially. He pointed to the spot, gifting North Carroll a penalty kick with only a few minutes remaining. Sure enough, the penalty was finished and North Carroll had completed the comeback. They were now leading 4-3 with only a few minutes left.

Despite Catoctin's last efforts, the game ended with North Carroll beating Catoctin at Senior Night.

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MOUNT SPORTS

# Mount women's basketball

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Mount St. Mary's women's basketball is ready to take on a new battle and has been turning up the heat in hopes of redeeming their playoff run from last year. The ladies fell to a tough Bryant team last season. Though they were stopped cold last March, the Mountaineers are ready to come full force this winter in hopes of delivering a good punch to their opponents.

The goals set for this season will propel the Mount forward in their play. The ladies have always battled hard and plan to do the same this season. Head Coach Bryan Whitten said that the team's ultimate goal was "to make the NCAA Tournament." He continued to explain that the team must first finish at the top of the conference so they can host a playoff game. This home-court advantage would give the Mount the edge it needs to win the playoffs.

Though the tournament is the ultimate goal to reach for the Mountaineers, the ladies must first rigorously train for the fight that is this season. Coach Whitten mentioned several things the team has been doing to prepare for the upcoming competition: "We worked in the off-season to improve on our individual skill sets by taking summer classes in June and July. Now that school has started, we are focusing on team improvement. The players have been getting shots as well as team chemistry."

With team improvement in mind

the Mountaineers have brought a new coach into the equation. With the addition of assistant coach Carolyn Riley, the Mountaineers gain a new perspective on the game, as with any new coach, and plan to use her guidance in a way that formulates a good run for the season. Coach Riley has some impressive accreditation in the basketball world. She played semi-professional basketball in the Netherlands before returning to the U.S. to coach at Georgia Southern University. It has been reported that Coach Riley has a great work ethic and can build good relationships. This, as many sports fanatics know, is crucial to building team discipline and chemistry.

Coach Whitten stated, "Coach Riley is fantastic. She is energetic and brings a great skill set to the table. Her positive attitude will give us another coach who can inspire."

Coach Riley gained much experience as being part of the Georgia Southern University basketball team. Mount Athletics reported, "During her time at Georgia Southern, Riley was responsible for game scheduling, scouting opponents, post player development, recruiting and coordinating academic support. She was a member of the Eagles' coaching staff for the 2014-15 and 2012-13 seasons."

Before her time at Georgia Southern Riley also had a successful run with Virginia Commonwealth University. Mount Athletics stated, "Riley served as VCU's director of basketball operations for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons, coordinating

team travel, equipment and film exchange while serving as the team's academic liaison in addition to camp planning and programming, marketing and community service initiatives. She started her career as a graduate assistant at VCU in the 2009-10 campaign."

Coach Carolyn Riley clearly brings a diverse set of skills to the table. This type of skill set will enhance MSMU's women's basketball's great program.

Along with bringing on a new coach, Coach Whitten is expecting his players to step into new roles this year. He is looking for seniors Jody Chickey, Jayla Leftwich, and Sarafina Arthur-Williams to provide exceptional leadership skills to the rest of the team. There was an addition of transfer Alexis Carter, a player that the team is counting on this year. Kaitlyn Eisenhard is coming back from an ACL tear which knocked her out of last season and freshmen Juliette Lawless and Katelyn Kuster are expected to adjust well to the new level of play that is college basketball. Needless to say, the Mount is equipped with the right personnel to have an impactful season this year.

When asked what the biggest thing a basketball team can give to the community surrounding it, Coach Whitten responded, "A sense of pride and togetherness." This type of pride is what brings a community together. The team puts in the effort and hopes to gain the respect and support from the people around them. That not only allows for a deeper reason to play sports

but it also shows just how much an event such as a basketball game can impact its fans.

The fans are what help hold a sports community together. Though the players are the core of the community, the fans are the energy that keep it going. When in a

packed PNC arena, one can feel the intensity of the situation. It livens the spirit and gives one memories of a lifetime.

The women's first game is on Friday November 13th, at home, against William and Mary. William and Mary always offer tough competition to their opponents, which will make it a good game to watch as the Mount embarks on their journey to the big tournament.

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## COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

# All you need is love

Renee Lehman

Last month's article was about the prevalence of fear in our modern day society. I believe that instead of being consumed with our fears, insecurities, and dramas, that it is time to focus on living with love and compassion. Hasn't it been proven that doing things out of fear, or that the dualistic belief that there's an "us" and "them" causes an endless no-win situation? There is only suffering that comes from these beliefs. It is time to live fearlessly, with courage, and with LOVE!

How many times have you heard or read that it is important to have love and compassion? Pope Francis has said, "For us Christians, love of neighbor springs from love of God; and it is its most limpid expression. Here one tries to love one's neighbor, but also to allow oneself to be loved by one's neighbor. These two attitudes go together, one cannot be exercised without the other." The Dalai Lama has said, "My religion is love." "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." In 1 John 4:18, it is written: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." Thich Nhat Hanh has said, "To love our enemy is impossible. The moment we understand our enemy, we feel compassion towards him or her, and he or she is no longer our enemy."

But what does it mean to love and be compassionate? I believe that love is not a feeling or an emotion, it is a state of being. Love is an act.

Here is a true story to demonstrate this belief (from Jesus, Buddha, Krishna and Lao Tzu, The Parallel Sayings by Richard Hooper):

Years ago, an encounter took place between a Jewish rabbi and his wife, and a young member of a white supremacist group who hated Jews. This young man and his fellow group members broke into a local synagogue and destroyed much of it. They defaced almost every surface with racial slurs and other slogans of intolerance.

Instead of calling the police, the rabbi and his wife went looking for the responsible individuals. They were able to locate a young member of the

group, and instead of responding to him angrily, they told him that they loved him. This response so disarmed the man that, when the rabbi invited him to dinner at the couple's home, he accepted the invitation.

After dinner, the rabbi and his wife talked with this young man for hours, during which he shared his life story with them. It was not surprising for the couple to learn that this poor lost soul had been abused and unloved as a child. Neither was it surprising to them that his role models had been parents who were bigots.

It was apparent to the rabbi and his wife that the young man's hatred had nothing to do with them personally or because they were Jewish. They understood that this young person's hate was really an expression of his own pain and suffering. Life had been hard and cruel to him, so he had become hard and cruel to survive.

The rabbi and his wife did not see a hate-filled criminal before them — someone who ought to be vilified and punished. They saw a human being who was desperately in need of love and compassion. As it turned out, love worked a miracle: not only did the ex-white supremacist voluntarily repair all of the damage his group had done to the synagogue, but he became like a son to the rabbi and his wife, and they became the loving parents he never had.

If something like this were to happen to many of us, our first reaction might be one of anger and hatred. We would want the perpetrators to be caught, arrested, and punished. Some of us may even want to retaliate. Just remember what the Buddha said about anger and hatred: "Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned."

However, the rabbi and his wife did not act with anger and retaliate. They chose to perform an act of love and compassion. We need to see how we need to be in this world, what we need to do in this world. We need to recognize the pain and suffering that we all carry. We can transform ourselves and embody love. We can all



choose to love; live love, BE LOVE!

From a Traditional Chinese Medicine viewpoint, the Heart is where love originates. The Heart is considered to be your Emperor/Empress who controls and co-ordinates all of the organs within the body and at the same time relies on them for guidance in "running the kingdom." If the Heart radiates virtue, then all will be in harmony, balance, and peace.

On a physical level, when the Heart is in balance, one can fall asleep easily and stay asleep, complexion is clear and radiant, and there is a sparkle in one's eyes. On an emotional/mental level, when the Heart is in balance, one has the ability to maintain a sense of inner order enabling you to have appropriate behavior in any situation, thus giving you the ability to have meaningful relationships. Finally, on a spirit level, when in balance, the Heart allows you to feel calm, serene, feel compassion and demonstrate warmth, joy, and love.

Therefore, to care for your Heart and to improve your ability to choose LOVE. How can you do this?

Stay in the present moment. Fear causes us to live in the past via our memories and in the future because of our worries. The more that we live in the moment, the more we open ourselves to life's opportunities.

Try some traditional Qigong (pronounced chee gung) (energy) exercises that benefit the Heart. One is a practice of "Baby Heart," where you practice cultivating the soft, pure, non-judgmental qualities of all our Hearts when they were first born into this world. It was Marianne Williamson who said, "Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learned here." Be more "child-like," be present, embrace life, be more open.

Another traditional Qigong exercise is "Smiling from the Heart." By smiling directly from the Heart — not a fake smile but a true one—you can make Qi (pronounced chee) and blood flow throughout your entire body, having a profound physical and spiritual effect. Once you master smiling at yourself in this way in front of the mirror, try smiling from the Heart at others.

We need to accept that we are ultimately responsible for how we live and for how we love. The world can distract us with fear, anger, hostility, and anguish; yet it is our job to quiet our fearful mind and listen to what

our Heart is saying to us. We must remember to always send ourselves a positive message and keep our Heart clear and loving. The possibilities are endless when we come from a place of unconditional love.

Finally, here are some quotes about love:

"Mindfulness is about love and loving life. When you cultivate this love, it gives you clarity and compassion for life, and your actions happen in accordance with that." — Jon Kabat-Zinn

"And the second is like this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." — Mark 12:31

Man must evolve for all human conflict a method that rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love. — Martin Luther King

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I know you don't want to think about this already but the Holidays are just around the corner. I'm sure you have already been into the Halloween candy and you know how long that seems to be around the house. The key to resisting that temptation is to only buy a small amount of the kind of candy you like and get something you don't like to give to the trick or treaters. This way you will not eat all of it before Halloween gets here and you won't get all those calories which are not good for you diet.

The next holiday to prepare for is the Big One, Thanksgiving. Everyone is amazed how many extra calories we consume just with

Thanksgiving dinner, not to mention during the day while preparing it and of course the next week with leftovers. That's why it is a good idea to start watching what we are eating now and just maybe we can drop a few pounds in the next month or so. Starting early can achieve a couple of things that will be helpful when the big days finally arrive.

One benefit is that if you can change some of your sugary sweet habits starting now you may not want so much candy and desert when the time comes. I keep telling people that if you cut back on and hopefully cut out some of the foods that are not so good for us like soda, chips, candy and other foods filled with sugar and fat that if you do eat these things again they will not taste nearly as good as you remembered and you will be able to not eat

them as much as you used to. I'm not sure if people don't believe me or they just don't want to believe it because they don't want to give up their favorite snack foods like chips and soda.

Those folks who have tried giving them up are surprised when they do go back to eating these foods that they really don't want them as much. I have actually had few people admit to me that they didn't think they would be able to give up their chips but since they did they don't miss them. The point behind cutting back now is that when you go to the holiday gatherings hopefully you will not be as tempted to eat the junk food and you will be able to make a few healthier choices along with the others. I'm not saying give up everything just cut back a little and you will be surprised how much better you feel after the party. Even if you just try a little of everything at a gathering by the next day you feel so full and sluggish because you are eating differently than usual. I like trying new foods but I don't like the way I feel afterward and am always

glad to get back to my routine.

Many hosts are trying to include healthy snacks and foods along with the usual suspects to give their guests more choices. If you are going to a party where everyone takes a dish it is always a good idea to take something you know is healthy, that way you know there will at least be something there that you can eat that will be good for you and that will help cut down the temptation to overeat the junk food.

All these ideas can apply to Halloween parties, Thanksgiving Dinners and Christmas. Make this year

the one that you will be able to say "I made it through the holidays and did not gain a pound" or at least not as many as usual. Starting the New Year will be a little easier if you don't still carry the old one with you. Talk to your friends and share ideas on a strategy for tackling the holidays and having fun with it.

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## ASTRONOMY

# The night sky of November

Professor Wayne Wooten

The moon will be last quarter on November 3, rising in the east at midnight. On Sunday, November 1st, remember to fall back to CST as daylight savings time ends. On the morning of November 6th, the waning crescent moon passes two degrees south of Jupiter in the dawn, and then passes Mars below it a few hours later. Jupiter is much brighter, and Mars of course reddish in color. The following morning, the moon passes only a degree south of brilliant Venus. The moon is new on November 11th. On the 13th, you might spot a slender crescent moon passing just 3 degrees north of Saturn, but they are only 15 degrees from the Sun, easily lost in the sun's glare. The moon is first quarter on November 19th, and Full moon, the Frosty Moon, is on November 25th.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about October 31st visit the [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com) website and download the map for November 2015; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map.

It is not a good month to spot the planets in the evening sky; catch Sat-



The Double Cluster is the common name for the naked-eye open clusters NGC 869 and NGC 884, which are close together in the constellation Perseus.

urn right after sunset, low in the SW near the claws of Scorpius. It is lost in the sun's glare by midmonth. Mercury too is lost in the sun's glare all month. But in the dawn, Venus passes just south of Mars on November 3rd, and Jupiter is also well placed for observation, west of the pair. The best meteor shower this month is the Leonids, which peak on the morning of November 18th; the crescent moon will already be set when the radiant rises in the east about midnight. While this shower has produced historic meteor storms in 1833, 1866, 1966, and 2001, the comet is not now close to us, and maybe a meteor every 3-5

minutes is the best we can hope for this year.

Setting in the southwest is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way Galaxy, but the best view of our Galaxy lies overhead now. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky in the northwest. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear autumn evenings. Use binocs and your

sky map to spot many clusters here, using the SkyMap download to locate some of the best ones plotted and described on the back.

Overhead the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it is the only bright star of Fall, Fomalhaut. If the southern skies of Fall look sparse, it is because we are looking away from our Galaxy into the depths of intergalactic space.

The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W, rising in the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them. 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.

To the northeast, Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. Between 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. Check it out on a clear November evening, and see if the gorgon is winking at you. If so, then instead of being as bright as Polaris, Algol fade to be only as bright as kappa Persei, the star just to its south. Look at Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster to rise, a sure sign of bright winter stars to come. In fact, yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, rises at 7 PM as November begins along the northeastern horizon. It is the fifth brightest star in the sky, and a beacon of the colorful and bright winter stars to come.

### Meteor Showers in November

**November 5**, Taurids: Radiant--near Pleiades, 10 per hour with many fireballs. Debris from comet Encke.  
**November 12**, Pegasids: Radiant--Near Square, 10 per hour, used to be spectacular.  
**November 17**, Leonids: Radiant--near Sickle. Most spectacular of modern showers. 1966 saw 500,000 per hour-- 140 per second. Comet Temple--Tuttle is parent.

## Farmers' Almanac

*"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.*

—Edward Sandford Martin (1856-1939)

### Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:

Showers, windy lake effect snow (1, 2, 3) turning fair and cold (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11). Showers in the southern part of the region, then snow mainly north (12, 13, 14, 15; fair and cold 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22) with periods of snow, rain in the south (23, 24, 25, 26, 27); fair and cold again (28, 29, 30).

**Full Moon:** November's Full Moon occurs on the 25th. Colder days and heavy frosts have killed off most of the grasses and all of the leaves have now fallen which is why most Native Americans called it Dying Grass Moon and Falling Leaf Moon. Some tribes called it Big Wind Moon, because of the high winds that would sweep through many regions this time of year.

**Special Note:** Remember to turn your clocks back at 2AM on Sunday, November 1st as Daylight Savings ends for this year.

**Holidays:** Elections are traditionally held on the first Tuesday of November and this year, that will be on Tuesday, November 3rd. Remember, it is everyone's right to cast a vote and that right should never be squandered away. All military service branches will be honored on Veteran's Day, which falls on November 11th every year. May we never forget that without the sacrifices of the millions of servicemen and women in the past and their service now and in the future, we would not have the freedoms to create our own destiny, speak our minds, and practice the religion of our choice. Celebrate Thanksgiving this year on Thursday, November 26th with family and friends and must be thankful every day for what we have been blessed with in our lives. Advent Sunday is Sunday, November 29th.

**The Garden:** Place small stakes or markers where you've plant-

ed bulbs or late-starting Spring plants in the perennial garden, to avoid disturbing them when you begin Spring soil preparation. If you feel that stakes don't fit your landscape style.... you might consider marking stones with fingernail polish or paint, and set them on the planting spot (painted side down) Drain your hoses and put them away so they don't freeze and burst. Continue to watch for insect, slug and snail, or disease damage throughout the garden. Take the necessary steps to control the problem. Winter heating dries the air out in your home considerably. Help your house plants survive by misting them or placing the pots on a pebble filled tray of water to ensure adequate humidity and moisture. Pot up some spring flowering bulbs for indoor color during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place, until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.

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# COMPUTER Q&A

## Don't risk losing data

Aysë Stenabaugh  
Jester's Computer Services

Unless you have a newer computer that is utilizing a solid state hard drive or flash storage (which from my own personal encounters can still be problematic) you should know that your data is not safe if stored in only one location. Standard hard drives have moving parts and any electronic device with moving parts will eventually fail. Studies have shown that hard drives experience a higher failure rate during the first year of use and the failure rate spikes even higher after three to four years of use. What can you do to ensure your data won't be lost due to hardware failure?

If your computer's motherboard fails, your data should be accessible, however, if the hard drive that stores the data fails and you didn't create a backup -you're out of luck. If you have pictures, documents, music or videos that you don't want to lose you need to have a backup of that data to ensure it won't be lost. There are several backup options including flash drives, CD/DVD's, external drives and cloud storage. Read more below about each of these storage options and the pros and cons of each.

What type of backup solution is right for me?

Depending on your budget and your skill level you may favor one backup solution over another. The four types of backups that we are covering each have their own advantages and disadvantages. You might prefer something more automated which will cost a bit more or something inexpensive that you can manually maintain might be more desired.

Flash Drives – For those who are comfortable manually copying files from one storage location to another and don't need a more complex automated backup system a USB flash drive is an affordable option (with lower storage capacity drives averaging \$20). They come in varying sizes and get more expensive the larger the storage capacity. USB devices have an estimated lifespan of 10,000 uses (meaning the number of times the device is expected to last when plugging and unplugging the device)

CD/DVD's – This used to be a great way to store data until flash drives came along. Burning discs can be more complicated than copying files to a flash drive and since they can be scratched or broken they aren't as reliable as flash drives are today. This storage method, while not preferred, may be the only option in situations where company policies don't allow the use of external USB devices. In which case be sure to store your CD or DVD's in a case to help resist damage. One benefit to using a disc as a storage medium is that other than being damaged the discs themselves can't wear out.

External Drives – An external or backup drive can be a bit pricier (Averaging around \$100) but with the additional storage space and features make it worth the expense. With the

drives included backup software or Windows' built in backup software your drive can be set to back up on a schedule to ensure that it keeps any data being added to your computer safe. With Windows and some other software applications you can even create an encrypted system image. This is a highly sought after feature that allows you to take a snapshot of your computer allowing you to restore your computer back to the state it was in when the image was created – programs included! In addition to having a snapshot the system image is encrypted unlike a standard backup which means that a system image that was created prior to being infected with the CryptoWall virus (which renders all of your personal data including pictures and documents inaccessible) could be restored without losing data.

Cloud Storage & Backup – Some companies like Carbonite offer a full

ly automated online backup system. Others, like Dropbox or Microsoft's OneDrive, allow you to store data in designated folders both on your storage device and in cloud storage. Data plans for Carbonite range from \$60-150 a year depending on the level of service you choose. If you are using an internet provider that limits your monthly data usage (like a cell carrier typically does) you may want to exclude cloud storage as a data storage option.

Don't wait until it's too late to learn how important backing up your device can be. Unless you have absolutely no pictures, documents etc. stored on your computer or device that you can't live without we highly recommend choosing a backup solution as soon as possible. Hardware failures can occur at any time in both new and old hardware. Yearly maintenance on your device can help to identify potential hardware failures



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

berlain, the battle for the southern slope of Little Round Top on July 2, 1863 stands among the most famous and crucial military actions in American history and one of the key engagements that led to the North's victory at Gettysburg. For more information call 717-334-2100.

Majestic Theater's 90th Birthday Gala This once-in-a-lifetime gala features Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway and the greatest moments from the finest shows with the actual stars that performed them on Broadway in such long-running hits as The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, CATS, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Jekyll & Hyde. Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg. For more information call 717-337-8200 or visit [www.gettysburgmajestic.org](http://www.gettysburgmajestic.org).

**November 15**

St. John's Lutheran Church presents "The Blue Grass Chapel Band". Light refreshments follow the service, Come and enjoy an evening of good music, good food, and fellowship. 8619 Blacks Mill Road Creagerstown, MD.

**November 19**

Gettysburg National Park's Dedication Day - 152nd Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address an annual observation with memorial services held annually in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The program includes the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Soldier's National Monument and a formal ceremony with a keynote speaker. Sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg College. For

additional information call 717-334-1124 x8023 or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

Blue Ridge Summit Free Library will be showing the movie "Warm Bodies", rated PG-13, for teen night.

**November 21**

Gettysburg National Parks' Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies an annual event held in conjunction with the Gettysburg Address anniversary. A parade of Civil War living history groups. Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For information call 717-259-6156 or go to [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org).

Johnsville United Methodist Church's Annual Christmas Bazaar. Cookie platters, crafts, elf gifts and door prizes, silent auction and bake table. Food

served all day. 11106 Green Valley Road (RT 75). Between Libertytown & Union Bridge. For more information call 410-775-7217.

12th Annual Remembrance Illumination, Soldiers' National Cemetery. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation. From 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. luminary candles will be placed on each Civil War grave as a testament to the sacrifices made here in 1863. Free. For information call 717-338-1243 or visit [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org).

**November 26**

The 7th annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle. Beginning in the Emmitsburg Community Park behind the Town Library. A 5-mile run through the scenic back roads

of Emmitsburg and weaving along the base of College Mountain followed by a free community breakfast. At the conclusion of the breakfast, a 1-mile fun walk through the town will help prepare participants for their Thanksgiving feast with family. Runners in the 5-miler will receive awards by major category and for best Thanksgiving-themed costume. Proceeds benefit Seton Center, Inc.. For more information and to register, go to [www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com](http://www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com).

St. John's Lutheran Church Creagerstown's 123rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner! Menu: roast turkey and dressing, country ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, sauerkraut, corn, string beans, homemade cranberry relish,

applesauce, and assorted pies, fancy table with home made baked goods, Price: Adults \$18.00, Children (7-10) \$9.00, Children under 7 Free, Carry-outs \$20.00. 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown, MD.

**November 29**

49th Annual Christmas Concert - The thirty member chorus will open the concert with Mary McDonald's Gloria! A Christmas Fanfare to help us get into the Christmas mood. The chorus will sing classic songs of the Christmas season, such as The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Snow from White Christmas, Silver Bells, Peirpont/Bridwell's Nutcracker Jingles featuring music from Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite.

**Taneytown's 5th Annual  
MAIN STREET  
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**Elf Hunt**

**Saturday, November 21, 10 am - 5 pm**

\* The elves have escaped from Santa's Workshop and we need your help finding them again!

Visit the Downtown designated shops and get your card punched to register for a gift basket!

The drawing will be held at the Stone House Cakery and Cafe  
12 E. Baltimore St. @ 5:00pm  
Attendance is NOT required to win.

Designated Shops  
Taneytown Dance Center - Good Hope Thrift Store  
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Curiosity Shop - Country Kitchen Restaurant  
Pristine's Collectibles & Gifts - Red Door Boutique

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BINGO Saturday, Nov. 14th**

Treat yourself to a girls' night out before the holiday craziness sets in!

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## LIFE & DEATH THE MIDDLE EAST REFUGEE CRISIS

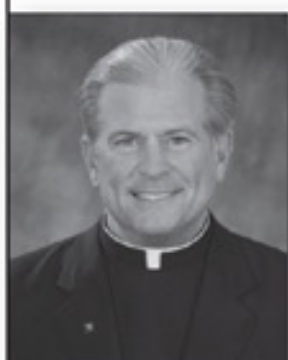
An expert panel discussion featuring

Fr. Dave Heney,

Middle East expert and author

Wednesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Knott Auditorium



Deemed by the United Nations as the "great tragedy of our time," the Middle East refugee crisis will be examined by a Mount St. Mary's University panel of experts, including Fr. Dave Heney of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This in-depth examination will focus on why millions of Syrian and Iraqi residents are risking their lives and fleeing their homes for safety beyond their country's border, while considering the human, social justice, global terrorism and economic factors. This event is free and open to the public.

### UNIVERSITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### Art Exhibit: Border Spaces by Pat Golsee

Sunday, Nov. 1–Thurs. Nov. 19  
Williams Art Gallery, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center  
Pat Golsee's abstract paintings explore pattern and color to offer impressions of both order and entropy. By alternately building and breaking down the boundaries that stand in for human connection and disconnection, her work suggests architectural structures, the human form, and the subtle energies that permeate.

#### The Ethics and Economy of Healthcare in America—Corporate Social Responsibility Symposium

Thursday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m., Knott Auditorium  
Join a panel of distinguished Mount St. Mary's University alumni to discuss key issues surrounding healthcare in America today.

##### Panelists:

- Richard P. Kidwell, C'76, Sr. Associate Counsel, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- Richard P. Miller, C'74, President & Chief Executive Officer, Virtua
- William J. Ward, C'65, Former Director, Master of Healthcare Administration Program, Johns Hopkins University
- Moderator: Gracelyn McDermott, C'93, Vice President of Accrediting & Client Services, URAC

Free and open to the public.



#### An Evening of Grand Opera

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Knott Auditorium  
Opera fans, don't miss this evening of arias featuring two members of the MSMU Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Soprano Francesca Aguado, lecturer in voice, and tenor Andrew Rosenfeld, professor of music, will join forces with tenor Nicholas Simpson and pianist Scott Crowne. The program includes arias and scenes from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, Wagner's operas *Tannhäuser* and *Siegfried*, Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*, and Beethoven's *Fidelio*. The concert is free and open to the public.

#### Wind Ensemble and Lab Bands Concert

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m., Knott Auditorium  
The Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and Lab Bands join forces in a program of popular music. The Wind Ensemble will perform music from the original *Star Wars* films. Special guests will join the ensemble for Donald Hunsberger's demanding transcription from John Williams' orchestral scores. The Lab Bands bring a retrospective of rhythm and blues—highlighting important moments in the history of rhythm and blues. The concert is free and open to the public.



#### Mount Theatre Mainstage presents *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind*

Thurs. Nov. 19–Sat. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.  
Lynne & Joseph Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center  
*Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* (30 Plays in 60 Minutes) is the brainchild of Greg Allen, founder of a Chicago-based performing ensemble called the Neo-Futurists. Combining aspects of long form improvisation and audience participation, the performance promises something truly unexpected. Ticket Prices: \$5 -7



#### NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Gates close at 5.)

##### First Saturday Devotions

- Saturday, Nov. 7, Noon
- Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m.

The grounds of National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes will be open on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, however, the Visitors Center, St. Bernadette's Shoppe and the chapels will be closed.

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