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Thurmont's 4th Annual Gateway to the Cure

Thurmont will kick-off their Fourth Annual Gateway to the Cure Campaign on October 1, and will continue through the entire month of October. In 2014, the town of Thurmont began the Gateway to the Cure Campaign to spread awareness about breast cancer in order to support the Patty Hurwitz Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Jeff and Patty Hurwitz created the Patty Hurwitz Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital in 1999 soon after Patty was diagnosed with breast cancer. The goal of the fund is to provide patients with the best options in early detection and treatment of breast cancer without having to travel long distances to receive treatment.

The town's residents and businesses jumped into the campaign enthusiastically and it has been a great success, raising \$4,700 in 2014, \$10,000 in 2015, and \$14,400 in 2016. Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick remarked, "We are very appreciative that our residents and businesses have stepped up to make this annual event such a success. It's a great cause that is supported by an equal amount of great people in Thurmont!"

The campaign has grown over the past three years, and will surely continue to grow as the residents and businesses have shown overwhelming support for the cause. Over thirty-five generous businesses run in-store promotions or contribute a donation to the cause.

As in prior years, pink light bulbs will be sold to allow residents to show their support by turning on their Pink every evening in the month. Pink light bulbs will be available at the Ace Hardware and Hobbs Hardware. Moser Manor is the perfect example of supporting the cause as the entire Manor turned their Pink on every night in the previous three years" says Vickie Grinder, Economic Development Manager. In addition, the Town Office will be selling Gateway to the Cure tote bags, pink pinwheels, magnets, and T-shirts.

This year will also mark the third year for the Gateway to the Cure 5K. The event is expected to be even better this year. The idea for the 5k came from Town Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick, who wanted to do something different for the second annual Gateway to the Cure. Last year, partici-

pants and supporters showed up to the event adorned in all sorts of pink gear to run or walk the 5k.

Mayor John Kinnaird supported the event with pink shoes, beard and hair. Commissioner Wes Hamrick wore a snazzy pair of pink glittery disco high heels while Commissioner Hooper chose a pair of pink flats with bows to wear to the event. The showstopper was Commissioner Marty Burns who rose to a challenge and wore a pink tutu, and in doing so raised additional funds for Gateway to the Cure.

Gateway to the Cure 5k will be held at Eyer Road Park on October 21st. The event starts at 8 a.m., with registration beginning at 7 a.m.. The cost is \$35. You can pre-register at www.gatewaytothecure5K.com.



Thurmont Town Commissioner, Marty Burns, turned heads at last year's Gateway to the Cure when he showed up in a pink tutu. However, in accepting the dare he raised a considerable amount for the effort as did everyone who participated.

If you register online, the cost is only \$25 per person, but will cost \$35 per person if you choose to register on site that morning. T-shirts are available for every participant who signs up in advance. Come on Northern Frederick County! Turn Your Pink On!

Qually to run for State Rep.

On September 16 Adams County Commissioner Marty Qually announced his decision to run for State Representative in the 91st Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Qually will be running against Dan Moul, who was elected to the position in 2006, and has held that position since then. Qually has diligently served as Adams County Commissioner since 2012. In many ways, his time spent as a Commissioner has helped prepare him for the role of State Representative. "Being a Commissioner has allowed me the opportunity to learn about the needs of our community directly from residents and community leaders. The largest challenge of being a Commissioner is that with the lack of funding from the State and the ever-increasing amount of unfunded mandates, it gets harder every year to help meet the needs of the residents." If elected, he hopes to be a Representative who understands that good government can create economic prosperity and that a strong commonwealth is based upon strong local government.

In addition to his time spent as Commissioner, Qually served as an

appointed County Auditor and an elected Gettysburg Borough Councilperson. He now serves as liaison to the Adams County Planning Commission and as a board member of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation. Qually is primarily focused on improving county finances and efficiency, making Adams County a place that preserves its quality of life and encourages economic development through effective planning, and ensuring that he is accessible and accountable to the public.

Qually's commitment to providing better services at reduced costs is evidenced by his work to end expensive county office space leases in favor of a new Human Services Building. This new building has greatly enhanced service to the public and will reduce the annual costs to tax payers for years to come. He currently leads the County's Capital Improvements Team and is working to create a long-term office space needs assessment and a capital improvements plan. These efforts will better outline the County's long term needs and create a path to achieving these goals.

Hamiltonban Township Supervisor Coleen Reamer stated, "I have

known Marty since he first held a seat on Gettysburg Borough Council. I have always admired his drive, his energy, his never give up attitude. He also has a real sense of what is needed at the community level of government to be able to bring a better outcome to us from Harrisburg government. I believe he will make a real difference."

State Representative Dan Moul campaigns on government reform and is currently working on tax and welfare reform, and reducing the size of the state legislature. He also lobbies to protect the safety and welfare of children. Moul was named Vice Chairman of the House Game and Fisheries Committee, and will continue to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Tourism and

Recreation Development committees. Moul also serves on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

Both candidates are lifelong residents of Adams County, attending Adams County schools through High school as well as local universities, and both chose to settle in the county, raising their families while serving the community. Qually will continue to represent and serve the people of Adams County while campaigning for State Representative.



County Commissioner Marty Qually made the announcement to run against Dan Moul for PA State Representative on September 16.

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VHC merger moves forward

Frank Davis, President of the Vigilant Hose Company Fire Department and Tim Clarke, spokesperson/liason for both the VHC and the Ambulance Company, were pleased to announce that the merger between the ambulance department and fire department is continuing to move along smoothly. Four months ago, Emmitsburg's fire department and ambulance department decided to create a merger, bringing both departments together into one, more convenient location. A meeting was held, which was attended by members of both departments, and they voted unanimously to merge.

The two on-duty career Emergency Medical Technician/Firefighters began working from the Vigilant Hose Company facility (25 West Main Street / Station 6) at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 8. Both ambulances were transferred to Station 6 at the same time. The transfer of Frederick EMT's was a decision made by the departments in order to ensure better supervision, continuity and cost savings. Full administrative transition will be effective midnight December 31, 2017, as it

is simpler and easier to make final legal changeovers at the start of the new tax year. It is the intention to have everything in the merger completely settled by Jan 1, 2018. Tim Clarke noted that both companies are anxiously awaiting the county's approval of their submitted proposal, which has been promised shortly. This proposal to assist with the merger will be key in moving forward for everyone involved.

After the merger is complete, all operations will be run out of the VHC facility on Main Street. The ambulance company will continue to house their utility and one duty vehicle at the Creamery Road Station. Once combined, the companies will consist of over 75 active members and a similar number of social and auxiliary members. VHC is proud to say they just welcomed fifteen new members into the organization from Company 26 in September. Of course company personnel are also proud to say that since the merger has started, neither department has failed on a single response.

In regards to questions concerning future events, Clarke not-

ed that a majority of the VHC fundraisers will still be held at the Creamery Road location. The facility provides ample parking, accommodates a great number of people and holding events at this facility means reduces the stress on equipment that would normally have to sit outside in adverse conditions. However, out of tradition, some events may still be held at the station on Main Street.

The transition thus far, as stated by Clarke, has been very positive between both organizations. He stated, "This merger once again shows that the Emmitsburg Public Safety leadership has always been forward thinking when it comes to saving lives, protecting property, and saving taxpayers money. We are extremely hopeful that our merger sets the example for other jurisdictions to do the same. This is why we think it is so important that the county government use this as an opportunity to show other jurisdictions how they will be financially supportive of similar mergers moving forward that ultimately will save county taxpayers millions of dollars."

Church Zoning Code changed

On September 5, the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners voted to amend several sections of the zoning code, all in relation to places of worship. These amendments were discussed in response to a request made earlier in the summer by local churches who wanted to build sanctuaries in the B-2 General Commercial District. However, the zoning ordinance did not permit places of worship in this district, so the Board was asked to consider adding "Church" as an allowed use in the B-2 district.

The town replaced the word "Church" and replaced it with "Place

of Worship" and provided its definition as: a structure or place in which worship, ceremonies, rituals, and education pertaining to a particular system of beliefs are held. This definition and change of language from "Church" to "Place of Worship" is intended to be more inclusive and broader.

Moreover, the amendment allows places of worship to be built in the B-2 zone in addition to other places of public assembly, including auditoriums, meeting halls and theaters. The zoning code previously contradicted the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000

that protected the treatment of individuals, houses of worship, and other religious institutions from discrimination in zoning laws. The code's omission of places of worship, while allowing other public places such as auditoriums or theaters has been considered discrimination under that law. The amendment would correct that contradiction. Commissioners voted unanimously to make the change to allow places of worship in the B-2 Commercial district.

However, more questions arose when discussing the elimination of places of worship from residential areas. The Planning Commission discussed, in length, the recommendation to remove places of worship from residential districts, but decided it was in the best interest of the town's neighborhoods to omit them. Commissioner Cliff Sweeney mentioned that by allowing places of worship in residential areas, you would also have to allow other large gathering places, and that kind of disruption may not be in the best interest of neighborhood communities.

Commissioners Elizabeth Buckman and Joe Ritz were both weary of the idea of limiting areas where places of worship could be placed. Pastor John Talcott, of Christ's Community Church, also disagreed with the exclusion of churches from any area in town, especially a residential area. Town Planner Sue Cipperly mentioned that prayer meetings or small groups of people gathering for a religious purpose in a home are allowed as long as there is no neighborhood disruption. The intention is to prohibit any high-density traffic entering a neighborhood.

The ordinance was passed on a 3-2 vote, Buckman and Ritz against. Places of Worship are now allowed in the B-2 district, but not any of the residential areas.

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Emmitsburg Area Fire and Life Safety "Open House"

The men and women of the community's fire, rescue and emergency medical services proudly announce their Annual Fire and Life Safety Open House on October 12th, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fire Station located at 25 West Main Street. This will be the 62nd year that Vigilant Hose Company personnel have sponsored this always popular event.

Fire and injury prevention in Emmitsburg is a year-round effort done in concert with area residents, businesses, schools, institutions and agencies but during 'Fire Prevention Month' department personnel seek to especially underscore the importance of prevention and preparedness. A large crowd is expected at

the fire station on the 12th. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras.

This year's Fire Prevention Open House will include a variety of activities. Information and demonstrations will be available to help families and individuals prevent unwanted fire; Emergency Medical Services providers will be on hand; Representatives will be present from the Frederick County 911 Emergency Communications Center; and the American Red Cross of Western Maryland will also be present. Fire Truck Rides will be available as well as free refreshments and Door Prizes. These are only a few of the many activities that will be taking place, so be sure to stop by to check them all out.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Emmitsburg, October 16, 2017
7:30 P.M., Town Meeting Room

The Town of Emmitsburg will conduct a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on pursuing a Service Line Warranty Program through the National League of Cities (NLC). The hearing will be held at the Town Office, 300A S. Seton Avenue at 7:30 P.M. on Monday October 16, 2017.

Currently Emmitsburg homeowners are responsible for water line repairs from the curb box to the building, and sewer repairs from the property line to the building structure (Policy 17-03). The NLC Service Line Warranty Program gives residents who have not set aside money to pay for utility line repairs the opportunity to obtain a low cost warranty that will provide repairs on leaking, clogged or broken water and sewer lines for a low monthly fee, with no deductibles or service fees. More information is available on www.emmitsburgmd.gov or by calling the Town Office at 301-600-6300.

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FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

Liberty Township forensic investigation released

The forensic investigation conducted by Karen Frey, PhD at Gettysburg College on Liberty Township's financial misconduct was released to the public August 31. The report was briefly discussed during the Board of Supervisor's meeting on September 5, but some residents are still upset and state that this investigation is not comprehensive enough and doesn't serve as a solution to the problem.

The forensic investigative report showed that the financial irregularities in question totaled close to \$90,000, a number that is more than triple the amount of the originally estimated \$24,000. Frey found several examples showing misuse of the Township's money during previous Secretary LeeEsta Shafer's time

employed by the Township. Money was misspent, misused and stolen over the course of a decade.

As Township Treasurer, Shafer was responsible for providing the Treasurer's Report each month, which showed a detailed list of Township expenses and revenue. Frey found several occurrences where the beginning balance for one month didn't match the ending balance of the prior month. Even more concerning, was the submission of the same Treasurer's Report two months in a row. These errors were overlooked or unseen for years. Documentation showed that every set of Board Meeting minutes mentioned approval of both the Treasurer's Report and the paying of all bills, however the paying of bills was authorized without

proper supporting documentation. Whether this is simply sloppy, uneducated work, or fraudulent cause by Shafer, can't be determined without proper documentation.

Additionally, the report showed that records were not properly maintained; payments were often made late, incurring penalties, late fees and interest; payroll sheets were missing; invoices were missing; and the documents that were available were completely unorganized. Questionable charges to Old Navy, Pizza Hut, Sunoco, Flower Boutique, Back the Alley, WalMart, House of Bender, and ChickCoop, as well as an excessive number of purchases from Microsoft, QuickBooks, Intuit, and Staples are certainly concerning, as they seem to

have been overseen by the Board. However, once again, without proper documentation of filed receipts, it can't be determined whether these purchases were legitimate Township purchases or personal purchases using the Township's money.

However, even without proper documentation, the report still found over-paid wages with taxes and benefits, overpaid hours with taxes and benefits and overpaid mileage over the course of ten years totaling a loss to the Township of \$49,363.10. Another unknown facet to the financial misconduct was Shafer's error in calculating one employee's cost to insure himself and his spouse. According to Shafer's records, the township paid \$34,231.68, while the withholding

was only \$13,080.77, a difference of \$21,150.91.

"It's eye opening, it really is," said Supervisor Chairman John Bostek in response to the investigative report. Scoffs from the residents in attendance could be heard in response to the statement. The root of the cause seems to point to the lack of proper management of the Board of Supervisors, something residents have been voicing concerns over for months now. Even more concerning to some residents was the comment that charges will not be pressed against Shafer. Residents also want to know when an official forensic audit will be performed to provide a truly comprehensive list of numbers. The Supervisors and staff gave no answer.

Strawberry Hill welcomes new education program

A project four years in the making has finally culminated in an exciting way as Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve welcomed their newest environmental education project, a Banded Owl, early in September. The project was originally spearheaded by past Strawberry Hill intern Madison McMann, and has since been taken over by Strawberry Hill's Assistant Education Coordinator, Elizabeth Ryan.

This project is truly exciting for not only Strawberry Hill, but also for the community. The proposed educational program, in addition to educating visitors about the Banded Owl, would ex-

amine the 'big picture' of raptor status and conservation. The program will offer the public a unique opportunity to get to know a native animal that may be frequently hear, but rarely seen. Learning about the wild animals that live in the area will hopefully raise awareness about the human impact on animals and the environment, which furthers the environmental education aspect of the mission of Strawberry Hill.

After funds were fully raised for the project back in 2013, McMann completed necessary renovations to the existing aviary, located by the Lane House, in 2014. This renovation included the

addition of perches and a nesting box, a change in the substrate at the bottom of the aviary, and the addition of a second door to the aviary to prevent the owl from escaping. For the safety of the owl and visitors, the area around the aviary now also includes a rope fence.

Strawberry Hill began the application process for the necessary federal and state permits to obtain an owl in 2014, but the project was put on halt until earlier this year, when it was re-visited by Ryan, who continued researching the process more in depth. Once the paperwork was brought up to speed, the rest of the process went by relatively quickly. An owl

educational program was also completed as part of the application process. Finally, Ryan reached out to a raptor rehabilitator in York, PA named Mitzie Eaton to help finalize the process.

The Banded owl is named Stryx, in honor of its scientific name *Stryx varia*, and is native to Pennsylvania. Stryx was found in Michaux State Forest with an injury to his wing. He underwent rehabilitation by Eaton, but unfortunately, the injury he sustained classified him as being un-releasable back into the wild. Ryan and Programs and Events Manager, Autumn Arthur, went through several sessions with Eaton at her reha-

bilitation facility, learning about proper handling, feeding, maintenance and safety of the new owl, before being safely transferred to his new home.

During the past few weeks at Strawberry Hill Stryx has been getting acclimated to his new environment and the staff at the Preserve. He is currently undergoing training so he can be used in future educational programs at the Preserve. Strawberry Hill's staff and volunteers are excited to welcome their new animal ambassador and are hopeful that the new owl program will help them continue to educate the public about native species.

Fairfield area news-briefs . . .

Carroll Valley removes yard waste disposal site

During the September Borough Council meeting, Borough Council voted to disband the yard waste and waste oil removal site. Citizens will no longer be permitted to use the service and will need to take their yard waste to another disposal site. After discussion for close to a year, staff and Council feel it is in the best interest of the community, financially, to do away with the service. At the current rate waste is piling up, the Borough predicted spending upwards of \$18,000 each year to remove the waste. So far, this year, the Borough has spent \$8,500 and the site already has an additional \$4,500 worth of material needing to be removed.

A majority of the waste is from commercial companies claiming to be working in Carroll Valley. However, non-yard waste materials have been dumped, such as

old electronics and appliances and treated wood, including whole decks. Several recommendations were mentioned including installing security cameras at the site, increasing the signage, and only opening the site seasonally, for a limited number of days at a time. However, many Board members believed these solutions would be ineffective and unwanted waste would continually be dumped at the site, incurring even more costs to the Borough.

A vote was taken, five members in favor, and two opposed. The site was shut down September 13. No Trespassing signs were put up in place of the welcome signs.

Fort Ritchie Community Center earns \$15,000 grant

Thanks to the support of local individuals and businesses, the Fort Ritchie Community Center has earned a \$15,000 matching grant from the Alice Virginia and Da-

vid W. Fletcher Foundation. The fundraising appeal by the Community Center to match the grant amount officially started in March and ended in August.

"The response to the matching grant challenge demonstrates how passionate local residents are about the Community Center," said Buck Browning, executive director of the community center. "The funds raised through this appeal will provide the resources necessary to improve and expand our programs," he added.

One of the new programs to be offered by the Community Center will be a Kid's Club that features sports, arts, and social recreation activities on a weekly basis. Browning said the idea for the new initiative is

based upon the success of the Center's summer camp program. Initially Kid's Club will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m., however, if the community response warrants it, the program may be expanded to multiple evenings per week.

The Community Center is a 501c3 non-profit organization located in Cascade, on the former Fort Ritchie property. The effort to se-

cure the matching funds began with the Community Center's volunteer board of directors but grew to include other interested individuals.

"The Fletchers were well known in this area and several of the donors that helped raise the matching funds knew Mrs. Fletcher personally," Browning said. "It's inspiring to have so many local people concerned about the community and our future."

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THURMONT NEWS

Cluster developments approved

Thurmont voted to approve an amendment to the zoning ordinance that will allow residential clustering on September 12.

The town has been discussing the idea of cluster developments since last year, when David Lingg, of Mechanicstown LLC brought the proposal to the Committee in hopes of a potential amendment. Since that time, three public hearings were held for this ordinance in April, July and September,

and the ordinance was finally voted upon in September.

Clustering allows for more open space to be consolidated or assembled together so it can operate in an ecological systems approach. This allows, theoretically, natural resources to be consolidated. Lots in the development would be smaller, under 30,000 square feet, but there would be no increase in the number of houses planned for a development. This square footage is

smaller than most single family homes in Thurmont, but it would allow for more open area.

As discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Commissioners, there are various benefits from utilizing clustering. Cluster developments take less road area, less pipes and less drainage facilities to service a cluster of houses than houses spread out over a distance. Those cost savings will be realized over

years, stated Chief Administrative Officer, Jim Humerick. The Planning and Zoning Commission considers the use of clustering as a technique for designing new residential developments and believes it would allow for more efficient and cost-effective provisions of municipal services and infrastructure, especially as an alternative to large lot subdivisions, and for the preservation of open space and protection of natural areas.

Mayor Kinnaird voted against the ordinance because he was apprehensive of

future increases in density. A previous proposal included a line that stated that two or more adjacent parcels could be treated as a single tract of land; this raised some concern with Kinnaird. However, under the approved ordinance, unless the property owner goes through the legal process to combine all parcels into one tract of land, homes must be clustered on each individual parcel and not as a whole. Kinnaird doesn't see a problem with this as long as the proper legal parameters were followed through in order to combine parcels.

50% donations received for Thurmont Celebration Murals

This past spring, Local Artist Yemi Fagbohn announced that he would be completing the Mural Project on Main Street on the former electric building after the Commissioners of Thurmont approved the project to proceed. The current Main Street Murals depict Thurmont's historical buildings, natural resources, and trolley history which were completed as a collaboration with the Thurmont Lions Club, Yemi, and the town of Thurmont. There are four panels left

to complete the works of art on the building, and Artist Yemi's aspiration has always been to ensure every empty panel is framed with a mural! Yemi says, "Thurmont is one of the most beautiful places in the USA! The Catoclin Mountains are the backdrop with tall majestic trees, the beachfront lake at Cunningham Falls State Park, wildlife, clean air, cycling, hiking, fishing, Catoclin Colorfest, and Camp David! Not too many communities can say they live or recreate with the

president of the United States!"

The Main Street Mural project will be completely financed by donations and grants. Dr. Jon Moles of Gateway Orthodontics is leading the mural project journey, and serves as General Project Chairperson and a sponsor. Dr. Jon Moles and Yemi are pleased to announce today, "We are getting close to reaching 50% of our funding needs for the Thurmont Celebration Murals!" In addition to Chairperson Dr. Jon Moles, the following

associates have engaged their efforts to assist with the Thurmont Celebration Mural Project: Dan Ryan Builders, in Thurmont, major project partner and sponsor; they will participate in unveiling activities; Ausherman Family Foundation, signed on early as a matching grant sponsor; George Delaplaine signed on as a major sponsor; Marlene and Mike Young signed on as advisors and sponsors; Catoclin Colorfest signed on as advisors and Sponsors; Several anonymous donors

to the project so far.

The Main Street Murals are a Celebration of the scenic beauty and tapestry of history for a picturesque town located at the foothills of the Catoclin Mountains in Northern Frederick County. Yemi states, "My goal is to have the viewers of the completed murals come away appreciating Thurmont as the jewel it is, and hopefully come to visit us often while rejuvenating their spirits in the mountains, relax, shop, dine, worship, and enjoy!"

Thurmont's Annual Halloween in the Park

Thurmont's Halloween in the Park has become an iconic fall event for the town of Thurmont. Commissioner Wayne Hooper & wife Jill have chaired this event for many years and continue to deliver more fun and activities year after year! The Hooper's have a dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly each year to deliver a memorable Halloween event for all children who attend.

This year's activities will include a children's area (12 & under) from 6 - 8:30 p.m. featuring a variety of games and crafts like Ring-a-Monster, Eyeball Toss, Apple Dip, and a Candy Corn Ball Toss. There will also be crafts available in the children's area including Mini Pumpkins, Halloween Books Marks and Masks. There will be a magic show, face painting and the ever-so popular Halloween Egg Hunt at 6:30 p.m.. There is a non-scary children's area available but for those who want a thrilling good time there will be the traditional Haunted Hayride, Haunted House, and Little Shop of Horrors. There will be all types of refreshments, drinks and more.

Halloween in the Park will take place October 28 starting at 6 p.m.

in the Thurmont Community Park with free parking available at Criswell Chevrolet. Cost of admission is \$3 plus a canned food donation to support the Thurmont Food Bank. Children five and under are free. The rain date for the event is November 4. Round up your little ghosts and goblins

and experience the best Halloween event in Frederick County!

Additionally, Thurmont will be holding their 2nd Annual Halloween Decorating Contest for those residents and businesses within the town limits. Decorate your house or store front for Halloween and you could

win one of three prizes for your Halloween décor. First prize will be \$75, second place \$50, and third place \$25. Judging for the Halloween deco-

rating contest will be October 24, 25, and 26. Winners will be announced at Halloween in the Park and posted on the Town's website and Facebook page after October 28. Happy Haunting Decorating!



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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

October 1917

October 5

Charges For Selling Booze Dismissed

The three Emmitsburg men who were tried on charges of selling booze to United States soldiers from the Gettysburg camp, in violation of federal law, were dismissed. There was not sufficient evidence to convict the accused.

Reifsnider Gets Four Years

Four years in the Maryland penitentiary was a penalty inflicted on John Reifsnider after he had been found guilty of stealing a beef hide worth \$11.52 from Gilelan & Son in September.

Automobiles Left Along Roadside.

This week, starting Sunday, several automobiles have been left along the roadside in the neighborhood. One, in badly damaged condition, was seen at the foot of Payne's Hill, another was discovered near Hollinger's orchard on the Waynesboro Pike, and a third was towed into a local garage from a point between Emmitsburg to Mount St. Mary's.

Robberies In The Open Now

Robberies these days are being done out in the open in Emmitsburg. The failure to apprehend the thieves who, heretofore broke into premises, have emboldened them to pilfer under the glare of the electric lights. Saturday night Mr. Maurice Topper's buggy was hitched in front of Fraley's store, two persons lifted a lot of groceries out of the back of it and were about to return for a twenty-pound bag of sugar when they were frightened off by the return of the owner.

October 12

French Creek Home Burns

A log house occupied by Mrs. Catherine Hardman and daughter, situated near French Creek, was completely burned to the ground Sunday. The fire was first noticed by the neighbors. Some furniture on the second floor was consumed in the blaze. Some paper money was also lost. Neighbors rendered all the assistance possible. Mrs. Hardman is a nonagenarian and was assisted from the house with difficulty. They spent the

night with relatives in the section. There was no insurance on the property.

Enormous Pumpkins On Display

Mr. Kerrigan has on display in one of his spacious windows of his store on East Main St. three enormous pumpkins of the sweet potato variety, weighing 40, 45, and 50 pounds respectively. Mrs. Kerrigan prides herself as being a good horticulturalist but these pumpkins surpass all other vegetables of this class she has ever raised in her garden. On Tuesday, a very large stalk of corn eleven-feet tall and bearing three large ears was presented to the Chronicle office.

T. J. Frailey Receives Appointment

Among the appointments of noncommissioned officers in the 313th infantry of the Maryland Regiment, the name of Thomas Joseph Frailey is announced as corporal. It will be remembered that Mr. Frailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frailey.

October 19

Soldiers In Altercation

All Monday night several soldiers from the Gettysburg camp got into an altercation which developed into a free-for-all gash fight that resulted in smashing craniums, decorated faces and slit ears. On Tuesday night a soldier from the Gettysburg camp was arrested, charged with stealing an auto robe from a car standing on West Main Street.

Schoolchildren Give Entertainment

Before a large and appreciative audience, pupils of St. Euphemia's school gave an entertainment on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Christopher Columbus. The stage and Hall were decorated in the national colors, ferns and cut flowers, and presented a beautiful spectacle. The program was well rendered even from the smallest child to the largest member participating. The dramatic numbers were highly commendable and received rounds of applause.

Maryland Draft Men Transferred

The first of the drafted men from

Camp Meade who have been assigned to train at Camp Gordon arrived in Atlanta Wednesday. The first arrivals are all Marylanders and even though they have already been examined and equipped there was little of the regular routine for them to follow when they were marched into the reception posts. They were assigned to different companies and started work as if they had been in Atlanta from the beginning of training. Those from Emmitsburg, members of Company I, who have been removed to Camp Gordon are: Martin Hall and, Clarence Baumgardner, Joseph Kriets, and Guy Knott. William Shuff, who remained at Camp Meade, was raised to the rank of Corporal.

October 26

Camp Gettysburg Disbanded

The monster military athletic tournament, which was to have been held at Mount St. Mary's College next Wednesday, was called off at the last moment because of orders from Washington to the Gettysburg Camp to break camp, and move to Camp Green, South Carolina.

This tournament was to have been the biggest military athletic event of the year. An entire regiment was to have hiked in from Gettysburg to Emmitsburg. There would have been three regimental bands, over 100 contestants, football and baseball games, track events in the regimental drill-all. Proceeds were going to the Gettysburg Camp Athletic Fund.

Preparations on elaborate scale were being made for this big event and an enormous crowd was expected. The disappointment at the unavoidable upsetting of the plan is disappointing to the officers and to the people here. But as these are war times all understand change orders may come at any moment so everyone accepts the situation philosophically.

Narrow Escape From Death

Messrs. Roy and Jack Oden, of Emmitsburg, narrowly escaped death from drowning on Wednesday morning. The young men were crossing Flat Run, which was in a turbulent state caused by the heavy rains of Tuesday night, and were washed down the stream some 50 yards. After floundering for three quarters of an hour they were washed ashore.



Flooding near the old covered bridge on Old Frederick Road (now South Seton) was a familiar sight. Tom's Creek would always overflow its banks after a heavy rain.

The buggy they were driving was completely demolished but the occupants and the horse escaped injury. Meanwhile, automobilists were put to some inconvenience by having to make a detour owing to the fact that a new floor was being laid in the bridge over Tom's Creek and all stream crossing was impassable.

Runaway On Saturday

During the Frederick Fair Mr. Mead Patterson, of Emmitsburg, bought a very fine mare, a spirited animal with plenty of speed. Saturday night it broke loose from the hitching post in front of Mr. Patterson's house and came up Main Street at a 2 10 gait, having in tow an empty runabout. The horse was eventually stopped at the western edge of town and no damage to the animal or vehicle occurred.

Attempted Robbery

It was reported that on early Sunday morning an attempt was made to rob the 5 & 10-cent store on Frederick Street. Report has it that a key was broken off in the front lock and that the glare from a flashlight was seen in the place by neighbors in the vicinity. An examination of the stock did not disclose any evidence of a "hall."

"Strong Men" subdued.

Strong Man In Town

Saturday evening there was a real melodrama, a "strong man" was in town itching to knock someone's block off, beat up a prizefighter and shed gore generally. He was a soldier, or rather a fake "bad man," wearing a soldier's uniform hidden under overalls. He was big enough to put a crimp in Jess Willard and used more fiery language than "Deadwood Dick," of ancient dime novel fame, but as it usually happens when a bluff was called by the constable he became as docile as a lamb, paid a fine and moved

on like a real nice little boy.

Committee Formed For Food Conservation

Cooperating in the movement for food conservation throughout the county a waste campaign will be held in Emmitsburg district. Every housekeeper will be visited by members of the committee and the aid of each housewife will be solicited. Mr. Lewis Motter has been named captain for the county, and Mrs. Andrew Annan has been appointed chairman for the Emmitsburg district. There will be pictures of food conservation at the moving pictures in St. Euphemia's Hall on Friday night.

Humerick's Celebrates Golden Wedding

The golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Humerick was celebrated on Monday at their home near Emmitsburg. The old couple are in excellent health and were overjoyed to see all their descendants gathered around them. Every member of the family came to visit their parents during the course of the day, within the event was a series of glad meetings of old-time friends and a general good time for both young and old. The Humericks have ten living children, who are always delighted with the prospect of visiting the home on the mountainside. Most of them have scattered to different parts of the country, and this was the first instant in a long time every one of them visited their parents at the same time. The Humericks received many presents during the day and at the luncheon a monster cake on which 50 candles burned brightly occupied the center of the long table around which her ten children were seated.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

County Council President Bud Otis

I hope you and your families are enjoying the lovely fall weather and activities thus far. We are so fortunate to live in the part of the country that not only has distinct seasons, but is rarely prone to severe weather such as what we saw in Houston, TX and Florida due to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma this past August and September. Luckily my family and friends in those respective areas are all fine, and I hope all your loved ones are as well. We have donated support for the folks hit by these natural disasters and many of you have done so as well. Thank you.

There were festive parades and carnivals in our area which many of us enjoyed. It was great fun going to the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community show last month. They keep the FFA alive and showcase their talents well. Representative of our entire county is the Great Frederick Fair. It is a tremendous tradition and truly one of the best on the east coast. My wife Rose and I have a lot of apprecia-

tion for this continued institution as it shows off our spectacular farming industry and our respect for hard work and tough, sometimes dirty jobs.

As a council, we are focusing on some legislation including the Location of Recreational Facilities in PUD/MXD Bill which I sponsored on behalf of the Administration and a Wood Waste Recycling Bill sponsored by CM Tony Chmelik. Both these Bills are slated to go to public hearing on Tuesday, October 17th at 7 p.m. to hear from residents.

A workshop on October 24th will have a presentation on the Final Proposed Legislative Package for the 2018 Session of the MD General Assembly. If you have ideas for consideration of state wide impact, it's not too late to have your message heard. Please email me at BOtis@frederickcountymd.gov.

Upcoming council workshops will include the DRRRA Bill proposed by CE Gardner along with the School Needs Assessment Residential Pipeline data

and the Roads Study. The Monocacy Scenic River Plan is tentatively scheduled for a workshop on Tuesday, November 14th, and on Tuesday, December 12th we will get an update on the Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living facilities.

I am working on legislation to include tiny homes in our zoning codes and on two additional pieces of legislation. . . . stay tuned!

This has been a busy summer and early fall. I really enjoy traveling this great county and the following events deeply touched my heart. The September 11th Patriots Day Remembrances at City Hall and Winchester Hall were very moving with stories of our own employees and how they came to the rescue on that tragic fateful day 16 years ago.

Another poignant event was the Seton Center's Getting Ahead Graduation Ceremony celebrating seven individuals overcoming poverty in their own lives. One more inspiring event

was Hood College's President Dr. Andrea Chapdelaine presenting a Hood alumnae the Presidential Medal. It was bestowed on Special Agent Crystal Griner for stepping in when a gunman opened fire at a Congressional Republican baseball practice on June 25th.

We truly live among heroes every day in Frederick County – from Special Agent Griner to the men and women of our law enforcement personnel, our EMTs, paramedics and fire fighters, our doctors and nursing staff, to our teachers and various public servants. . . . all serve to help the lives of others.

Switching gears for an update on our schools. An exciting ribbon cutting was held for Frederick High School on September 29th! I'm very proud of the community, the students, faculty, administrators and local businessmen for bringing this project to fruition. Thank you all.

On October 3rd, the Council will recognize Ms. April Clark, 6th grade

science teacher at Oakdale Middle School as the sole 2017 recipient of the MD Association of Science Teachers (MAST) statewide middle school level Outstanding Educator Award! One more excellent example of our wonderful and talented teachers within FCPS.

Two upcoming groundbreakings: Sugarloaf Elementary and Butterfly Ridge Elementary - both celebrations on Thursday, October 19th. Wow, we are taking concrete action on supporting students and families here in Frederick County. I am very proud to have voted (along with CM Keegan-Ayer, CM Donald and CM Fitzwater) to pass the budgets for FY16, FY17 and FY18 which support these improvements to our FCPS system. Great school systems support economic development as firms which have the potential to move here look very closely at the stellar rating of our local school system as an important part of the rubric in their decision making process to move here. Way to go Frederick County!

If you'd like to chat, please call me at 301-600-1101. Thank you once again for giving me the honor of serving you.

County Councilman Kirby Delauter

Recently the County Executive was quoted in the Frederick News-Post about many things she blames on the previous board of county commissioners. She uses perception of numbers to simulate that the sky is falling on several issues when in fact when you look closely at the real data; nothing could be farther from the truth.

The Executive claims that the bridge over route 340 at the entrance to the Jefferson Tech Park was "the largest bad deal and the largest taxpayer giveaway in county history". She said the interchange "could cost" \$120 million in maintenance over the next 100 years. She changed an agreement made by the previous BoCC where the county

will now take over 3.8 miles of dilapidated excess state highway roads and in return give the state highway a brand new bridge.

Now in case you don't already see the flaws in this incredibly bad deal, I will put this in layman's terms so it's very easy to follow. Let's say the new bridge built by and paid for the developer is a brand new Cadillac. The 3.8 miles of existing 40-year old state roadways are just that, a 1977 AMC Gremlin. In order to get the Gremlin to run, you have to put "X" amount of dollars into it, then in order to keep it running, you need to maintain it at a cost of "X".

These roads are no different, they're 40 years old + -, so they need to be brought

up to current standards which is not cheap, as well, every year now we have 3.8 miles more of roadway to maintain and remove snow, year over year over year. Whereas the new Cadillac you would spend zero dollars on repairs and maintenance is minimal year over year. This goes for the bridge as well.

This bridge will require zero repairs for 50+ years and the maintenance will be minimal as well. Another factor to look at on this, most state highway bridges take a beating day in and day out and they last 40-50 years with very minimal repairs and most will last 75-100 years until replacement. This bridge into Jefferson Tech Park will service 825 homes as well as

commercial tenants. This bridge will take on minimal traffic loads unlike a bridge say on route 270 and not require replacement until well beyond the 100-year mark. So what would you do, buy the Gremlin and own the money pit, or take the Cadillac and keep your money in the bank?

Now for the numbers, this tech park subdivision will have 825 houses when complete. Let's use a modest property tax rate on each house of \$3500 annually. That amounts to \$2,887,500.00 annually from the property tax of the residential portion. If we use a ratio of 71% of the tax revenue (currently the income tax ratio to property tax is 71%) that adds another

\$2,050,125.00 of revenue.

Let's use the County Executive's example of 100 years for the lifespan and add in these revenues and you'll see that over 100 years (at current rates not adjusted for inflation) the county would collect just under \$494 million. Keep in mind this does not include inflation or any of the commercial uses that will pay both property and income taxes as well. So the real number over 100 years could far exceed \$1 Billion of revenue. I think it's safe to say we could afford to do some work on the bridge at that point.

The Jefferson Tech Park TIF is a great deal. It will bring jobs, housing and revenue to the county and if we spend it wisely there's no reason we can't afford schools, roads, emergency services and law enforcement.



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Election updates

On September 26, Emmitsburg residents voted to fill the seats of Mayor Don Briggs and Commissioner Joseph Ritz. Briggs ran uncontested for the position of Mayor, while Ritz ran against Jennifer Joy, who ran in the election last fall against new-

comer Elizabeth Buckman.

Ritz won re-election in a landslide over Joy, by a margin of 89 votes to 29. Mayor Donald Briggs, who ran uncontested, was re-elected with 98 votes. Jack Deatherage, the Village Idiot, received at least one vote for Mayor. How many

others opted to vote for someone other than Briggs is not known, as the town did not report write-in results. 118 votes total were cast this year, significantly less than last year's 181 votes. The 118 votes only represents 7% of the 1,754 registered voters in Emmitsburg, proving this year's polls were a new record low.

Additionally, on September 26, candidates were officially announced for the upcoming Thurmont election during the Nomination Convention. Up for election this year is the Mayor's seat as well as two town Commissioners. The incumbent Mayor, John Kinnaird, gave no real indication of his intention to run in an interview two weeks ago, but made his intention clear Tuesday night in accepting the nomination to re-run for Mayor. Kinnaird will run unopposed. Both incumbent Commissioners, Wayne Hooper and Marty Burns, will also run again for their seats. They too will be unopposed as no other nominations for town Commissioner were made.

On election day, October 31, town citizens can vote at the Guardian Hose Activities Building from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.. The deadline to register to vote is fast approaching, as voters must be registered by October 3. Absentee ballots will be available to citizens unable to vote on election day by October 6.

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County Executive Jan Gardner

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To learn how Frederick County is energized by innovation, please watch my State of the County address at 8:30 a.m. on October 6th. The presentation will be broadcast live on FCG TV, cable channel 19, and web-streamed from www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video.

Making Residential Growth Pay its Way

Residential growth has been and will likely continue to be a hot topic in Frederick County. As I attend events around the county, people often express concern about residential growth, raising issues ranging from clear cutting and tree removal, to overcrowded schools and congested roads. Citizens see new housing projects popping up in parts of the City of Frederick and in the New Market, Monrovia and Urbana areas. Some of these areas are already experiencing serious road congestion and school overcrowding.

It is reasonable for people to ask "How can the county allow more residential growth when it is obvious that roads and schools are not in place to support new residential growth?" This

is a good question, and the public has the right to know.

That's why I ordered studies on the impact of residential growth that has already been approved, to determine what needs to be done to address the impact on our roads, schools and critical county services like fire and EMS.

I, along with every taxpayer in Frederick County, was dealt a bad hand by the prior administration, who approved a large number of new housing projects and signed 14 contracts with developers that will ensure severe school overcrowding and traffic congestion particularly in the New Market, Monrovia and Urbana areas. At the same time, the Board of County Commissioners weakened long-standing county laws that required developers to pay for the necessary infrastructure. I believe new development should pay for itself. Unfortunately, the prior board of commissioners decided to intentionally shift the cost of residential development primarily to the taxpayers.

Here are facts about the pipeline of residential development previously approved and not yet built, which will:

- Permit 21,000 new housing units.
- Add 50,000 residents. The New Market area alone will see new residential growth equal to two Urbanas.
- Add 9,700 additional school-aged students (25% increase in school enrollment).
- Create a need for more than \$500 million in schools and

roads projects, according to two recent studies:

- 10 new or expanded schools beyond what is already planned over the next six years, at a cost of \$510 million. After impact fees and mitigation fees are paid by developers, taxpayers will be left to pay \$167 million.
- \$340 million in road projects in the Monrovia/New Market area.
- The cost to taxpayers to build the necessary infrastructure will exceed \$500 million, according to studies on schools capacity needs and roads. Both studies can be found on the county webpage at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ResidentialGrowth.

Much of the residential growth was approved with legally binding contracts, known as Developers Rights and Responsibilities Agreements (DRRAs). County officials can only modify or change these DRRA agreements if the developer agrees or it is essential to protect public health and welfare, a situation that may come into play.

Never again! To make sure the county never allows these agreements again, I have proposed a bill to limit the use of DRRAs or developer agreements in the future and to prohibit the freezing of fees developers usually pay. The prior board froze the fee that developers pay for regional transportation improvements at \$0 for the next 20 to 30 years in these agreements! It is absolutely shocking that the prior administration did not think residential development should contribute toward

transportation improvements.

I also proposed legislation to increase the school mitigation fee so that it reflects the actual cost of school construction to generate enough money to actually build needed schools. The school mitigation fee should not be confused with impact fees. The prior administration allowed residential developers the option to pay an extra fee called a school mitigation fee, which allows housing development to build in areas even when the project failed the school adequacy test and schools are already overcrowded with no new schools in the county capital improvement plan. Plus, this nominal school mitigation fee does not provide enough money to actually build the needed schools. This was a

plan to allow developers to "buy out" of school adequacy requirements with no plan to fund or build the needed schools. I have already removed this option from the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance so no new housing projects can use this buy-out option. However, those projects with developer agreements that permit the use of the school mitigation fee should pay the actual cost of school construction or should wait until the schools are adequate. Residential growth needs to pay its fair share so taxpayers don't get stuck with the tab!

I encourage residents to speak up and support these initiatives.

Stay tuned! There will be more to come on the topic of growth and who should pay.

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If I should run

Justin M. Kiska

... there would be a reason.

Believe it or not, there was a time when "politics" wasn't a dirty word. It was at a time when elected officials could disagree while debating an issue, then turn around and go out to dinner and put their differences aside.

It may sound idealistic, but I believe we can get back to a time like that in the country and right here

in Frederick County. Of course, that means we need to elect the right people. People who, above all, are willing to put service first and do what's best for the people they represent. I told you it sounded idealistic. But you have to understand, the people I consider to be my teachers are Elizabeth and Bob Dole and Jack Kemp. I've been very fortunate in my life to have worked for such legendary public servants – to have learned from them. Public service meant something to them and public service means something to me.

Looking at Frederick County, I am amazed at its potential. I grew up

knowing Frederick County is a very special place and that's why after my time in Washington, I came back to Frederick and started a business with my family. I wanted to be a part of Frederick's future. In the last sixteen years, since my family purchased The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, Frederick has changed and grown and will continue to grow. As much potential as I saw sixteen years ago, it has even more today. I am excited about all of the possibilities of what can happen right here in Frederick County.

That's one reason I was a candidate for the newly formed County Council

in 2014. To help guide Frederick County into the future – to help unleash Frederick County's potential. I also ran because I knew we needed level-headed, practical leadership to transition us into the new form of government.

We're only about three years in to our new Charter government and as expected, there have been some transition pains. Personalities have clashed and politics have been more important at times than policy making.

Not necessarily by its design, but by the actions taken since the last election, we've seen how the new government has created a strong County Executive while the power of the County Council has been relegated to being something of a rubber stamp, going along with the executive on everything and anything. The system was set up so there would be checks and balances. Just like in every level of government. The Council has missed opportunities to exercise its own power as the legislative arm of the county government. The members of the County Council were elected to represent the residents of Frederick County. They have a responsibility to the people, not the County Executive. That's certainly not to say they can't work together. But at the end of the day, the County Council and its members need to provide a true balance to the executive.

One specific way the County Council can do this, which I have been advocating since day one, is by advancing a Charter amendment

dealing with the budget process. Under the Charter as it is currently written, the County Executive is responsible for putting the budget together. The executive gets to decide how much and where county dollars will be spent. That's one of the main reasons they are elected after all and that's the way it is done by counties throughout Maryland.

What, then, is the role of the Council in the process beyond approving the budget?

They can make cuts to the proposed budget and decrease spending, however they do not have the ability to increase funding for any budget item. To provide a true check and balance to the executive, the County Council should be given the authority to not only decrease funding for particular line items but increase it as well. With the caveat that they are able to find the money in other areas to keep the budget balanced. A change for which the next Council should advocate.

As the candidates begin to line up for the election next year, we need to take a good long look at each one. Why are they running? What do they believe in? Do they have a plan for the future? If they win, will they serve the people above all else, putting politics aside when it's the right thing to do? The next four years are going to be just as important as the last, so we need to make sure to elect the people who are going to show up and do the job.

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FROM THE DESK...

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

The first Electronic Recycling Event held on September 9th by the Adams County Council of Governments in partnership with Adams County and the Adams Electric Cooperative Inc. was a success. A total of 274 cars came through the line bringing televisions, computer towers and monitors. The volunteers were averaging 17 cars every 15 minutes. Approximately 31,406 lbs. of electronic equipment were collected in 4 hours. It was so successful that the people involved are thinking about holding another recycling event sometime in the future. To see the pictures, go to ron-pictures.net. Special thanks go to the Adams County commissioners, especially Marty Qually, the 40 plus volunteers, Supervisor Coleen Reamer, Supervisor Bob Gordon and Gus Fridenvaids.

Also on September 9th, I had the pleasure to attend Fairfield Boy Scout Troop 76 quarterly Court of Honor. The celebration was held at the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association airfield in Liberty Township. The glider club had graciously hosted the boys for an aviation camp-out weekend in the summer where the boys learn about aspects of aviation and went for glider rides. At the Court of Honor, the boys received 40 merit badges including Metalwork, Kayaking, Environmental Science, Rifle Shooting,

Forestry, Fish & Wildlife Management, Aviation and Golf. Two boys were recognized for going to National Youth Leadership Training, Sebastian Toscano and Bryce Jensen. The AP Gleason Award, which is presented by the Fairfield Lion's Club for the year's most outstanding scout, was given to Bryce Jensen who is a Star Scout. Bryce exemplified what it is to be a scout. Members of the Soaring club were given certificates of appreciation for all their hard work and the sharing of their talents. The club was also presented with a plaque for their club house from an appreciative Troop 76. To see the pictures, go to ron-pictures.net.

At the September 12th Council meeting, the Council decided to close the Yard Waste facility located in the Ranch section of the borough. The purpose of the facility was to provide a place for Carroll Valley residents to dump their yard waste and leaves at no cost. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out that way. Air conditioners, refrigerators, and as Borough Manager Dave Hazlett commented, "Someone decided to dump a full-size deck at the facility." The council already spent \$8,500 to clear the previous pile and are now looking to spend an additional \$4,500 to clear the current pile. So, what to do now? You may want to consider using the Re-

fuse Transfer Station & Recycling Center on Route 16 in Washington Township. Their phone number is 717-762-4413, or browse their website at www.washtwp-franklin.org/recycling-center/. If you are planning to burn leaves and yard waste on your property, please be sure to read and follow Ordinance No. 6-2008. Go to carrollvalley.org and click on Administration and select ordinances.

On September 13th, I had the honor to attend the Getting Ahead graduation at the Seton Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The invitation was issued at the request of their graduates. These graduates completed a 20-week course that involved doing intense research into poverty in their own lives, their community, and their nation. From what I was told, they have gained tools and perspectives to make lasting personal and community changes. I especially would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Peter Ferguson on his accomplishment. Peter is a resident of Carroll Valley.

It is October. The leaves will start to change into brilliant colors – a last "hoorah" before they fall. National Fire Prevention week is observed from October 8th to October 14th. The National Fire Protection Association announced that their theme for this year is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out" which

is a powerful reminder that fire escape planning saves lives. In their promotion, they shared the following suggestions: (1) Draw a map of your home with your family members (young and old); (2) Mark two exit routes from each room to the outside; (3) Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year (one at night and one during the day); (4) Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them; (5) Close doors behind you to slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire; finally, (6) Call the fire department and never go back inside the burning building. For more information on what you should do during the week to protect your family go to visit www.firepreventionweek.org. We celebrate Columbus Day on Monday, October 9th. And then, on Tuesday, October 31st children and adults will dress up in "strange looking" costumes to celebrate Halloween by going around the community proclaiming "Trick or Treat".

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away is a health hazard.

In response, the "15th Medicine Take Back", a collaborative program between local law enforcement, adults, agencies and businesses, the Adams County Environmental Services, and Collaborating For Youth, will be held on October 28th, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Carroll Valley Community & Education Complex.

Community members are encouraged to participate in the disposal of any expired, unused, and/or unwanted prescription medications (liquids, pills, powders) during the disposal hours. The disposal allows community members to dispose of their medicines properly, reducing both the availability to youth and the contamination of water sources. Pet medications will be accepted. NO needles. For more information about the "Medicine Take Back", including opportunities to volunteer, contact Eileen Grenell, at acsaprevention@cfygettyburg.org or call/text 717-357-4439.

Borough meetings to be held in October are: Finance Committee (Oct 2nd), Borough Council (Oct 10th), Borough Council Finance Workshop (Oct 17th), Borough Council Finance Workshop (Oct 24th) if needed, and Parks/Recreation (Oct 25th). Please reduce your speed to make sure your loved ones, your friends and your neighbors will be safe. If you have any questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email at MayorRonHarris@com-cast.net.

Liberty Township Supervisor Walter Barlow

Corruption and mismanagement are among the most serious problems afflicting our local governments. They are also, however, often among the most difficult to uncover. Officials who neglect their duties or abuse their authority have every incentive to conceal their misdeeds, to escape public condemnation and – ultimately – retain their positions.

That is why a recent investigative report addressing my own township – Liberty Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania – is so remarkable, and so im-

portant. The report (available at <http://libertytownship.pa.org/karen-frey-report-08-31-17/>) finds that, over the course of more than a decade, the former treasurer of the township misallocated, mispent, or simply embezzled nearly \$100,000 of township funds through at best "sloppy" and at worst "criminal" accounting practices. Month after month, year after year, sitting supervisors of the township approved the treasurer's accounts notwithstanding blatant and repeated failures in record-keeping and ever-increasing

unexplained expenses and losses.

And this may be just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The investigation was not a full audit of the township's finances, but only a review of the former treasurer's accounting practices. Given the report's findings, and the apparent near-total lack of oversight over at least ten years, it seems all but certain that the losses and the violations – possibly criminal – extend much farther.

Yet, even when faced with such clear evidence of wrongdoing, officials in far too many townships –

including my own – refuse to act. Rather than opening a public dialogue regarding the misconduct, they seek to conceal the information, and to restrict public access and public comment. Rather than initiating a full investigation into the issues, they resist further inquiries, in the hope that no additional unflattering (or potentially incriminating) facts will be uncovered. Rather than proposing measures to correct the problems, and to avoid future ones, they simply continue with business as usual.

We as citizens deserve better, and must join together to demand it, including at the ballot box. That is why I originally ran for election as a supervisor two years ago; why I have pressed to investigate and uncover any and all misconduct and corruption in my township; and why – if reelected this November – I will continue to push for a full audit of the township's finances and for measures designed to guarantee transparency and correct past issues of mismanagement. Only through such measures, and continued vigilance, can we secure the government that we deserve: one that serves us, not itself.

Vincent Gee, Candidate for Liberty Township Supervisor

The ability to communicate thoughts and ideas plays a crucial role in our daily lives. Every day we interact with hundreds, if more

people via the internet, telephones, newspapers, and in person. Our ability to communicate starts developing right after we are born and our

messages carry on long after we have passed away. Our success as an individual and community is determined by our ability to discuss our ideas with one another to solve problems.

I believe, the most critical skill a township supervisor can possess is the ability to communicate. Supervisors must be able to convey their thoughts clearly to other supervisors, employees and the public. When communication fails, lawsuits soon follow as anyone following Liberty Township can attest to. Therefore it is important to elect individuals who speak and write effectively and do not pass this responsibility to others.

Additionally, beyond having the skills to communicate well, one must also have the desire to estab-

lish relationships with people or businesses they would prefer not to. As a supervisor, your job is not to decide with whom you will interact, but to collaborate with all to solve problems and issues facing the township.

Today's world has no room for a supervisor who lets others communicate for them due to their lack of skill or motivation. Currently, Mr. Barlow's campaign is built on others communicating for him, whether it is written or spoken. It is seldom that he communicates directly with the people of the township and when he does communicate directly his facts are usually in question. In fact, at the 09/21/2017 Supervisors Workshop he chooses to attack peo-


ple instead of answering questions.

Is this the type of person we want as a supervisor? More importantly, can we afford to have more lawsuits due to his lack of ability? I would say "No."

In comparison, I have built my career on my ability to convey and explain abstract ideas to others. Every day I interact with all types of people. I want to use my skills in conversation to establish a dialog and relationship with the people of our township.

I believe our community is special, and we can overcome any obstacle if we communicate with one another. If the ability and desire to communicate is important to you, please cast your vote for Vincent Gee this November 7!

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Jim Martin

Over the past several months I have repeatedly contemplated how effective local government, County government in particular, can be. This came to mind as I watch the state and house legislative maneuvering trying to develop a budget for 2017–2018 which is nearly three months overdue. Since the County operates on a calendar year budget and the state operates on a fiscal year budget, this produces uncertainty for county funding and cash flow for the remainder of 2017.

As you may recall, this fiscal year the legislature approved the spending side of the budget without knowing what the revenue side would be. It was opposed by State Representatives Tallman and Moul; I agree with their opposition. As a county we always begin by determining our revenue and then balance the expenses against revenue.

This year Adams County started its 2018 budget process earlier to prevent a last week of the year approval. We are making good progress meeting with department directors in a timely manner. If Adams County maintains the 2018 budget development schedule we are on,

Adams County may have a 2018 budget prepared before the state completes its 2017–2018 budget.

Adams County's budget for 2018 will be balanced, as we have always done. We do not pass deficit budgets as the state did for 2016–2017. Tallman and Moul voted against the state's deficit budget. Why? Best management practices do not allow spending more than projected revenues. I call that common sense voting.

Also, I believe Adams County Government is more effective financially than the State of Pennsylvania. A case in point is that the County's bond rating and the state's bond ratings are headed in opposite directions. Financially the county's house is in order as evidenced by our recent increased bond rating, Aa2. In contrast the State of Pennsylvania has had repeated downgrades; their financial house is not in order. Their most recent down grade was a result of not being able to produce a balanced budget.

Why make a bond rating an important issue? Firstly, elevated bond ratings reveal the solid strength of an entity's financial condition. Secondly, when upgrades occur, it shows that earnest mea-

asures and good decisions have been in place and are effective. This has been true of Adams County. Thirdly, it shows investors of bonds that their risk with Adams County bonds is minimal to near zero. This translates into selling our bonds at a lower interest rate and thus reducing operation costs.

In comparison the state, with poor bond ratings, must pay a higher interest rate to borrow/sell their bonds. Obviously this represents higher operational costs to do business for the state. This is very similar to individuals with poor credit scores; they pay higher interest rates.

There are actually financial benefits to boroughs and townships as a result of a county's financial strength and elevated bond ratings. The strong financial climate created by the county allows its municipalities to borrow funds at a lower interest. This indirect effect is appreciated by surrounding municipalities when borrowing for capital improvements becomes necessary.

As a county, we are overdue for major capital improvements. A number of capital improvements and major repairs

have been delayed and they are now essential for continued and effective operations. Many temporary repairs have been made month after month and year after year to stay functional, but the inevitable – "judgement day" is approaching; either replace or face the consequences of disrupted operations and services.

I regret to say that various elements of the courthouse are suffering from age and equipment failures, both the historic courthouse and the newer addition built in 1974. The newness of the county prison is fading and wear and tear are taking their toll. Unfortunately these needs are occurring at the same time as the needs of the courthouse. The preliminary capital budget to meet these needs has reached a total cost that cannot be covered by the general fund. Also reserve funds are not adequate for the projected capital improvements. Our recently approved bond sale will be necessary to meet our capital needs. In regard to that, delaying our capital improvements allowed us to capture a favorable interest rate due to the bond rating upgrade. The new bond will also refinance current debt at nearly a 50%

lower interest rate. So if there is a silver lining, this is it. The rewards of waiting and preparing for an upgraded bond rating is a measureable cost reduction in borrowing.

To many, the life of a bond could be more exciting. However, it is exciting to see how many positive factors were coordinated to achieve a best cost scenario. With the strategy and monitoring of our county manager and bond council we were able to hit a sweet spot in the market. We were positioned ahead of time to refinance a required renewal of a note, but we decided to delay until receiving our new bond rating. By receiving the bond rating upgrade just prior to the renewal, we could refinance a higher variable rate for a fixed rate at nearly half the rate of the original note. We were also able to roll our capital budget needs into the low fixed rate bond sale, not achievable last year. Additionally, our forward preparation enabled us to time our bond sale prior to the fall bond activity that bids bond rates higher.

On a lighter note, I'd like to encourage everyone to enjoy the upcoming National Apple Harvest Festival October 7th, 8th & 14th, 15th, just west of Ardenstville on state route 234. We hope to see you there.

State Representative Dan Moul

Credit Downgrade Signals Lack of Confidence in PA's Stability

Standard and Poor's announced last week that it is downgrading Pennsylvania's credit rating, due to, among other things, its ongoing failure to meet its obligation to pass budgets. The credit downgrade had been threatened for months, and the inability of the House and Senate and Gov. Tom Wolf to reach a budget agreement signals instability – something for which financial markets have little tolerance. S&P's action means it will cost the Commonwealth more to borrow.

The decision came as the Senate rejected a House-approved revenue package that proposed to fill gaps in the \$32 billion budget, using surplus funding that has been sitting unused in various government accounts – in some cases, years. To his credit, our senator, Rich Alloway, was not among those who voted against the House plan.

The surpluses were discovered by a workgroup of rank-and-file House members that I assembled last summer to find the funding necessary to cover

\$1.5 billion shortfall in last year's budget and a shortage of about \$600 million this year. For about eight weeks, our group of 17 members traveled to the Capitol each day to pore over the budget, documents provided by the state Treasury, our own Appropriations Committee and other government sources.

We found was that there was more than enough in surplus accounts to fill the budget deficits, without affecting the operation or mission of any state agen-

cy. Using surplus funds in this manner has been done previously without a problem, and it is certainly preferred over the Senate's plan to borrow \$1.5 billion and raise taxes to fill in the rest. We believe it is not right to ask the taxpayers to dig deeper when there are accounts containing unspent taxpayer money sitting unused.

Our findings and our plan to use these resources to fund the budget were reflected in House Bill 453 – the fiscal code bill to the state budget, which determines how the budget is funded. The Senate's failure to concur means that leaders in both the House and Senate and the governor must now come together in a conference committee to negotiate an agree-

ment. Once reached, this agreement cannot be amended in either the House or Senate, and will be put before both chambers for an up or down vote.

Since the credit rating downgrade means that the Commonwealth and, therefore taxpayers, will pay higher interest on government borrowing, I can only hope that any plan our leaders come up with does not raise taxes or borrow against the future of our children and grandchildren.

Clearly, the credit downgrade is not good news, but I fail to see how additional borrowing and higher taxes will add to Pennsylvania's economic recovery and stability.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

Come with me

Fr. Ted Trinko, IVE
Seton Shrine and Lourdes Grotto

As you all know, Emmitsburg is a very blessed location. Throughout the whole history of the United States of America, only three native born individuals (including the Native American St. Kateri Tekakwitha) have been canonized, and one of them is buried here in Emmitsburg. In all of America there are approximately 70 National Shrines, and two of them are in this town whose population barely exceeds 3000. Now it would be natural to see these sites as a sort of religious version of Gettysburg insofar as they are historically important on account of what happened at them; but this perspective falls very short of the reality.

The Seton Shrine and the Lourdes Grotto are not merely places to visit and remember what once took place or what they once were. They are not simply nice parks with spectacular views or beautiful buildings made of stone. No, a journey to one them is primarily an answer to a call, a response to a voice which beckons. And behind that voice which makes itself felt within us, there is a Person who waits; His name is Jesus Christ. Sometimes He calls us through those closest to Him such as His Blessed Mother or His faithful daughter Elizabeth Seton. But these associates of His always redirect us to Him.

We can ask, "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold?" (Lk 7:24). Why do we climb that mount? Why do we

descend into that valley known as Joseph's? Whether we knew it or not, we are in search of Someone who we desperately need. For without Him, we are like branches pruned from the vine that wither and are fit for nothing more than to be cast into the fire to be burned (cf. Jn 15:6).

When our boilers break in the winter, we are desperately in need of a mechanic. When our houses are on fire, we desperately need firefighters. When our bodies have been traumatized by a car crash, we are desperately in need of a medic. And when we separate ourselves from Him by sinning, we are desperately in need of something that can bring us back to Him.

The supernatural union between us and our God which was bestowed upon us at Baptism is not infallibly kept regardless of our actions. Rather, like a marriage which needs to be chosen anew every single day lest the love which unites it together wither away, so too does our union with God need to be re-elected every day. To say that we were linked permanently to God at baptism without the possibility of separating ourselves from Him thereafter is to say that man is not free to choose. Our freedom as human beings is one of God's great-

est gifts to man. However, it is also our greatest burden since we so often use it to choose that which evil instead of the good.

But this liberty, once abused to choose what is wrong, does not cease to exist, and we always have the opportunity to return to the good. After we have freely broken away from God by sin, we can freely reunite ourselves to Him. This is one of the principle reasons to make a pilgrimage: to reunite to Him whom we have lost; to come back into His fold which we wandered from; to reconcile ourselves with He who we offended. How is this accomplished? Through the forgiveness of sins. And this takes place in the sacrament of Reconciliation, in the confessional.

It is not revealed in scripture why Jesus decided to institute this sacrament (Jam 5:16), why He chose to give men the power to forgive sins (Jn 20:23), why He gave His Church on earth power over eternal realities (cf. Mt 16:18-19; 18:18). But thanks be to God that He did! We need it so urgently as St. John reminds us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn 1:8). Hence, the confession of sins has been a practice of the Church since the time of the apostles as we read in The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles: "thou shalt confess thy transgressions in the Church."

We have truly all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23) and so all of us must be reconciled to Him (2 Cor 5:20) in the very sacrament of Reconciliation.

This forgiveness of God offered in the sacrament is unlimited. There is nothing which has been done or could be done which can't be forgiven. For the voice of a mere man might be heard, but it is the power of God acting through that human instrument which guarantees the forgiveness of absolutely every evil deed done. "God above confirms what priests do here below" said St. John Chrysostom. He who chose to redeem mankind as a man, continues to save men through men.

Once the sins have been confessed and that absolution received, we "set out a new life, a new existence itself." What more could we hope of from a pilgrimage? A good confession works a spiritual resurrection in our souls and brings us back into God's household like the prodigal son who "was dead and is now alive again; was lost, and is found" (Lk 15:24). After the son was reincorporated into his Father's household, there was a great joy and everyone came together to celebrate his return. So too, in heaven, there is great rejoicing every time one of us emerges from the confessional with a cleansed soul (cf. Lk 15:7).

Hence, we can see why these shrines are no mere commemorative landmarks, for in them we do not only look to the past but are also revitalized for the future in a very real way. A pilgrimage to them could be an opportunity to receive forgiveness for our sins and the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist which we need for our earthly pilgrimage.

It is He who is calling you to come away with Him to a quiet place to rest your weary hearts in his presence (Mk 6:31). He calls to you from the tabernacle with that soft red candle flickering at its side like an anxious heart. In the depths of the church is a pulsating heart which beckons you. I pray that you will answer the call. May God bless you all.

If this article has moved you, please feel free to join us for mass Saturday or Sunday at noon at the Seton Shrine.



Missionary priests from The Institute of the Incarnate Word have taken on the role of chaplain at both The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Reverend Daniel Mentasana, IVE, and Reverend Theodore Trinko, IVE, are sharing the chaplain duties at both locations. The Seton Shrine and National Shrine Grotto worked together with the Archdiocese of Baltimore on the placement.

"We've been without a permanent chaplain since October 2016, and are grateful to the priests who filled in during that time," said Rob Judge, Executive Director at the Seton Shrine. "We look forward to having our visitors get to know Father Daniel and Father Ted."

Father Daniel has served as a priest with the Institute of the Incarnate Word for many years, most recently serving as a pastor in Toronto, Canada, for 17 years. Father Ted is new to the priesthood, as he was ordained in May 2017. When Father Daniel and Father Ted are not at the Seton Shrine or National Shrine Grotto, much of their time will be spent in prayer, as per their roles as monks in the IVE community.

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A Halloween tale



There is perhaps no night in the year that the popular imagination has stamped with a more peculiar character than the evening of the 31st of October, known as All Hallow's Eve, or Halloween. It is clearly a relic of pagan times.

The leading idea respecting Halloween is that it is the time, of all others, when supernatural influences prevail. Divination is then believed to attain its highest power. Children born on Halloween are prone to possession of certain mysterious faculties, such as that of perceiving and holding converse with supernatural beings.

One of the unhallowed rites of All Hallow's Eve, is to wet a shirt sleeve, hang it up to the fire to dry, and lie in bed watching it 'til midnight, when the apparition of the individual's future partner for life will come in and turn the sleeve. The following is an interesting story on Halloween divination:

"Mr. and Mrs. M were a happy young couple, resided on their own estate in a pleasant part of Ireland. They spent their time in various rural occupations; and the birth of a little girl promised to crown their felicity, and provide them with an object of perpetual interest. On the Halloween following this last event, the parents retired to rest at their usual hour, Mrs. M having her infant on her arm, so that she might be roused by the slightest uneasiness it might exhibit. The child, about midnight, became very restless, and not receiving the accustomed attention from its mother, cried so violently as to waken Mr. M. He at once called his wife, and told her the baby was uneasy, but received no answer."

"He called again more loudly, but still to no purpose; she seemed to be in a heavy uneasy slumber, and when all her husband's attempts to rouse her by calling and shaking proved ineffective, he was obliged to take the child himself, and try to appease its wailings. After many vain attempts of this sort on his part, the little creature at last sobbed itself to rest, and the mother slept on 'til a much later hour than her usual time of rising in the morning. When Mr. M saw that she was awake, he told her of the restlessness of the baby during the night, and how, after having tried in vain every means to rouse her, he had at last been obliged to make an awkward attempt to take her place, and lost thereby some hours of his night's rest."

"I, too," she replied, "have passed the most miserable night that I ever expe-

rienced; I now see that sleep and rest are two different things, for I never felt so un-refreshed in my life. How I wish you had been able to awake me it would have spared me some of my fatigue and anxiety! I thought I was dragged against my will into a strange part of the country, where I had never been before, and, after what appeared to me a long and weary journey on foot, I arrived at a comfortable looking house."

"I went in longing to rest, but had no power to sit down, although there was a nice supper laid out before a good fire, and every appearance of preparations for an expected visitor. Exhausted as I felt, I was only allowed to stand for a minute or two, and then hurried away by the same road back again; but now it is over, and after all it was only a dream."

"Her husband listened with interest to her story, and then sighing deeply, said: 'My dear Sarah, you will not long have me beside you; whoever is to be your second husband played last night some evil trick of which you have been the victim.'"

"Shocked as she felt at this announcement, she endeavored to suppress her own feelings and rally her husband's spirits, hoping that it would pass from his mind as soon as he had become engrossed by the active business of the day."

"Some months passed tranquilly away after this occurrence, and the dream on Halloween night had well nigh been forgotten by both husband and wife, when Mr. M's health began to fail. He had never been a robust man, and he now declined so rapidly, that in a short time, notwithstanding all the remedies and attentions that skill could suggest, or affection bestow, his wife was left a mourning widow. Her energetic mind and active habits, however, prevented her from abandoning herself to the desolation of grief."

"She continued, as her husband had done during his life, to farm the estate, and in this employment, and the education of her little girl, she found ample and salutary occupation. Alike admired and beloved for the judicious management of her worldly affairs, and her true Christian benevolence and kindness of heart, she might easily, had she been so inclined, have established herself respectably for a second time in life, but such a thought seemed never to cross her mind."

"She had an uncle, a wise, kind old man, who, living at a distance, often

paid a visit to the widow, looked over her farm, and gave her useful advice and assistance. This old gentleman had a neighbour named C, a prudent young man, who stood very high in his favour. Whenever they met, Mrs. M's uncle was in the habit of rallying him on the subject of matrimony. On one occasion of this kind, C excused himself by saying that it really was not his fault that he was still a bachelor, as he was anxious to settle in life, but had never met with any woman whom he should like to call his wife. 'Well, C,' replied his old friend, 'you are, I am afraid, a saucy fellow, but if you put yourself into my hands, I do not despair of suiting you.'"

"Some bantering then ensued, and the colloquy terminated by Mrs. M's uncle inviting the young man to ride over with him next day and visit his niece, whom C had never yet seen. The proffer was readily accepted; the two friends started early on the following morning, and after a pleasant ride, were approaching their destination. Here they descried, at a little distance, Mrs. M retreating towards her house, after making her usual inspection of her farm.

The first glance, which Mr. C obtained of her made him start violently, and the more, he looked his agitation increased. Then laying his hand on the arm of his friend, and pointing his finger in the direction of Mrs. M, he said: 'Mr., we need not go any further, for if ever I am to be married, there is my wife!'"

"Well, C, was the reply, that is my niece, to whom I am about to introduce you; but tell me, he added, is this what you call love at first sight, or what do you mean by your sudden decision in favour of a person with whom you have never exchanged a word? 'Why, sir, replied the young man, I find I have betrayed myself, and must now make my confession. A year or two ago, I tried a Halloween spell, and sat up all night to watch the result. I declare to you most solemnly, that the figure of that lady, as I now see her, entered my room and looked at me. She stood a minute or two by the fire and then disappeared as suddenly as she came. I was wide awake, and felt considerable remorse at having thus ventured to tamper with the powers of the unseen world; but I assure you, that every particular of her features, dress, and figure, have been so present to my mind ever since, that I could not possibly make a mistake, and the moment I saw your niece, I was convinced that

she was indeed the woman whose image I beheld on that never to be forgotten Halloween."

"The old gentleman, as may be anticipated, was not a little astonished at his friend's statement, but all comments on it were for the time put a stop to by their arrival at Mrs. M's house. She was glad to see her uncle, and made his friend welcome, performing the duties of hospitality with a simplicity and heartiness that were very attractive to her stranger guest. After her visitors had refreshed themselves, her uncle walked out with her to look over the farm, and took opportunity, in the absence of Mr. C, to recommend him to the favourable consideration of his niece."

To make a long story short, the impression was mutually agreeable. Mr. C, before leaving the house, obtained permission from Mrs. M to visit her, and after a brief courtship, they were married. They lived long and happily together, and it was from their daughter that our informant derived that remarkable episode in the history of her parents which we have above narrated.

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COMMENTARY

Words From Winterbilt

Trump's words – are there consequences?

Shannon Bohrer

President Trump is known for speaking in terms that some have said are not presidential. He has been accused of creating stories, telling half-truths, creating alternative truths and even contradicting his own staff. He has created a lot of his own press on this subject with his tweets. There have also been instances where his own version of an event changes, like the purpose of firing the FBI director. Saying he fired him because of a report by the Assist Attorney General and just a day later telling the press he fired him over the Russia investigation.

While the President's words are repeated by the press and well documented, he has supporters that disbelieve the press, in essence believing that President Trump is still moving forward in his quest to "Make America Great" again. Sometimes people really do believe what they want to believe. From my perspective the larger problem is not that people believe him, it's that he may believe himself.

President Trump's alternative reality has been evident for good while. We could start with his belief that President Obama was not born in America. He held that belief for over 6 years, repeating the claim on multiple news outlets and interviews. Then, when it was finally de-

bunked, he took credit for finding the truth. Candidate Trump said he saw news reports of Muslims celebrating in New Jersey after the 911 attack, which everyone debunked. This was even debunked by the Police Chief in the town where it supposedly occurred. Of course President Trump still insists that he received more votes than Hillary and that his inauguration crowds were larger than President Obamas.

While these "alternative facts" are not true they don't seem to have any consequences. Everyone tells a little fib and we all know that all politicians lie – don't they? President Trump's supporters often bring up the fact that President Obama said "If you like your doctor you can keep him" as an example that President Obama lied. That's one lie for President Obama and 1,145 false and misleading statements for President Trump. This number was as of September 8, 2017, with just 232 days in office. The information is from Fact Checkers on going data base, as reported in the Washington Post. Of course, if you only get your news from Facebook, you may not believe this.

I recently heard a quiz show host ask a contestant a true or false question, "President Trump lies or misstates the truth – 4 times every day?" The contestant answered "yes" and got it wrong. Apparently President

Trump lies or misstates the truth 4.6 times on average per-day. Think about that – a quiz show question. Of course the media often counts the same lie several times, but only when the President repeats them. On the positive side President Trump is truthful, on average about twenty percent of the time.

Since the election, the acrimony and rancor has grown between the parties and I also believe that much of this is directly relatable to President Trump's words. Conversely I don't think that we should ignore the fact that being political often means coloring ones words and meanings. However, in President Trump's case the misstatements, omissions and alternative facts have not only become the norm, they are expected.

President Trump believes, or at least he said, that he is the greatest President since Abraham Lincoln. I don't believe history will reflect his perspective. President Trump made that statement while speaking to the Boy Scouts of America. While the press was writing about this statement, President Trump was speaking to a law enforcement group, mostly police officers, when he told them "When you see these thugs being thrown into the back of a paddy wagon, you just see them thrown in. Rough," and while I consider that deplorable, there were some

officers that cheered. He continued saying "... please don't be too nice. Like when you guys put somebody in the car and you are protecting their head, the way you put your hand [over their head]. Like, don't hit their head, and they've just killed somebody, don't hit their head. I said you could take the hand away."

Those words should have consequences and not just for President Trump. A national debate ensued following his comments and there appeared to be two sides to the issue with no middle ground. One side came out forcefully condemning the words, saying that President Trump was basically telling, or suggesting to officers that they break the law. The other side said that they finally had a President that supports law enforcement. On the support side there were a few police union representatives. On the opposition side there were police chiefs and many rank and file officers.

While the president encouraged officers to violate the law he has also criticized Judges for rulings with which he did not agree. That is not supporting the law, that is not supporting the police and that is not supporting the criminal justice system. This is the man who fired the FBI Director – for doing his job. That job was to investigate the relationship between the Presidents election team and Russia. What would the President have said if FBI agents roughed up some of his friends while investigating the possible ties of the election team to Russia? If an officer were to arrest one of the President's family members –

roughing them up in the process, he would be complaining on twitter until his fingers were sore. That is the point, that we are all supposed to be treated equally, and history tells us that we have problems – when we don't.

The police make over 12 million arrest in this country each year and over 99 percent are made with no excessive force, no injuries and no complaints. Remember, persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty. It is my belief that the press often focuses on poor police behavior, which should be brought to light. I also believe that the majority of police and persons in the criminal justice community are not in agreement with the presidents words. How can one protect and serve the public, if you determine who should not be protected?

Having been in law enforcement for over 42 years I found the president's word deplorable. Supporting the law means you believe in law and order – for everyone. The President often uses words that he believes the crowd will like, not necessarily because he believes them, but to make himself look good. I worry that he believes the presidency is about him – not about the country.

I also worry that by the time this article is printed, his words will be so old that they will not be remembered. Alternative facts and untruths have become so prevalent that we can't keep up.

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Common Cents

Thoughts about new lanes on I-270

Kai Hagen

Last week, Governor Hogan proposed an ambitious \$9 billion project that includes adding four new lanes to the Maryland portion of the Beltway, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Interstate 270 from the Beltway to Frederick.

It is perfectly understandable if many Frederick County residents, especially those who regularly travel "down the road" during peak hours — rush hour — got excited about the prospect. No doubt, many who did might have imagined the pleasure of flying down the road to work, or back home, at the speed limit.

Not to rain on the party, but since we are talking about a truly massive and extremely expensive set of projects, and because, if completed, it would certainly have significant effects on Frederick County (positive and negative, depending), it's worth thinking about a few things.

First of all, the likely timeline. If everything were to go roughly according to the initial plan (even though nothing that big and expensive ever goes so smoothly), Frederick County commuters would not actually experience the completed project until some time after the year 2030. That is not a pessimistic projection, but rather a realistic description of something akin

to a best-case scenario.

We could get into the weeds about why it would take at least that long, but suffice it to say that, among other things, the process of establishing the proposed public-private partnership, the inescapable legal challenges, the complicated planning and engineering, the multilayered permitting process, the likely eminent domain battles (as some private property is taken), and the construction itself make it virtually impossible to open two new lanes in each direction all the way to Frederick in less time than that. And, in all probability, it will not happen that "quickly."

One of the most important considerations for any large capital project is cost. The announcement about this big plan was given a preliminary price tag of \$9 billion. You can safely assume that number is too low, and perhaps much too low. Research has demonstrated that the overwhelming majority of transportation infrastructure projects end up costing significantly more than anticipated. Something that is touted as \$9 billion on the day the basic concept is announced will be well more than that when all the details are filled in, and then, still more when all is said and done.

But, apparently, we don't have to worry about that.

We've been told that because some currently unknown private sector partner is going to cover every penny of investment required to get this done, over the next thirteen or fifteen or twenty years. We're being promised that Maryland taxpayers won't have to worry about costs, or take any risks.

But wait! There's more!

Not only are private interests going to invest all the money to design, build, finance, operate and maintain these four additional lanes to Frederick along I-270 (and the Beltway, and the BW Parkway), we're also told the state will likely receive billions of dollars out of the revenues from the project.

So, what's not to like? No cost to taxpayers, no risk to taxpayers, a share of the profit, and four new lanes to reduce the horrible congestion on these major roads.

What could go wrong?

A lot.

Not to sound like a broken record, but it's almost certain to take longer than expected, and cost a lot more than expected, and there are other things to think about.

One only has to make a cursory effort to research the history of such arrangements to appreciate that things often don't go according to plan. It has not been unusual for such public-private projects to experience bankrupt-

cy along the way and/or have to be substantially restructured.

If local or state government privatizes a public service, and things don't work out, that might be a problem, but it is easily remedied, relatively speaking. But if a massive road project runs into such problems, it's an entirely different matter.

The private investor is banking on recovering the incredible costs of building the project, and operating it after that, and making a profit, by charging tolls on all of the new lanes. They assume they can set tolls at levels that regular drivers will be able and willing to pay, every day, in order to get to work or back home faster. Before you jump in on that, you might want to ask the governor just how much those tolls might cost.

Just for your consideration, one 17 mile stretch of highway in California costs \$9.25 per car; a 7.5 mile toll road in Houston costs about \$8 per car; traveling on the Chicago Skyway costs 51 cents per mile; one in Delaware costs 36 cents per mile, and one in Denver costs \$15 to travel its 47 miles (about 33 cents per mile).

Nobody can tell you now what it would cost to take the new toll lanes the 39 miles from Frederick to the Beltway (ignoring the added toll lanes on the Beltway for now), but, just to offer an example: At 33 cents a mile, that would be the equivalent of \$13, each way, just to the Beltway. A \$26 round-trip, five days a week, would be \$130 a week, or at least \$520 each month. Of course, if the private owners decide to use variable conges-

tion pricing, it could cost significantly more when the road is most busy.

No doubt, some people would be happy to pay that. And, I expect that many others assume that the traffic congestion will improve just because other people are willing and able to pay the tolls, even if they aren't.

If only it were that simple. But it isn't.

After experiencing the inevitable construction-related delays, for well more than a decade, you might think it will be relatively free sailing when everything is done. But a long and growing list of fully credible research and real world experience makes it absolutely clear that, for a variety of reasons, it won't take long before the new lanes, and the entire road, are just as congested as they were before.

Before we all just sign off on this big plan, there's a lot to think and ask about. What are the real risks to Maryland taxpayers? What might it cost to use the toll lanes? How much, if at all (in the long run) will it improve travel times?

But also: Are there good alternatives, that are less risky, that can make a difference sooner, that are more sustainable? And what are the real impacts of various approaches on Frederick County?

Too much to tackle in one column. But this conversation is just beginning.

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The American Mind

Back to school gender identification

William Hillman

Last Thursday was back to school night for my son who is in 8th grade. How I hate these nights. But this one goes into the record books, or at least the newspapers.

At the end of the first day of school, I came home from work to my wife and my oldest son giggling, and as much as those two butt heads, them laughing together is always a wonderful sight. My wife to my son, "Tell your father about your first day."

My son: "My first period this year is science. At the beginning of class the teacher stood up, told us what his name is, and said he self-identifies as a male and his preferred pronouns we should use to address him are He, Him, and His. He then passed out cards and had the kids write their names, the gender they self-identify as, and the pronouns that should be used to address them."

This went on in nearly every class.

My son at first joked that he wanted to write down "x-box" as the gender he self identifies as, but knew the teacher would not appreciate the joke to stand up and say that in front of the whole class. I suggested that the next day he tell this teacher to address him as "His Majesty", and when ad-

dressing him, the teacher should get on one knee.

It gets better. The first night of school his only homework was to read an article from the New York Times, which, of course, was critical of President Trump and his comments after the tragedy in Charlottesville. Worse yet, the article paints Antifa as a peaceful, altruistic group that opposes white supremacists. It argued that there is no conceivable way anyone could liken Antifa to Nazis. (Please refer to my September column).

That night we had a conversation about freedom of speech and how it is easy to be in favor of freedom of speech when it is an opinion you agree with. The real test of free speech is when you don't agree with what is being said, do you still support the right of those you disagree with to express ideas that you wholly disagree with? I then showed him videos of Antifa using violence in an attempt to suppress others. I then asked my son what we call people who use violence and violent intimidation to impose their views on other people. Without missing a beat, he responded, "fascists."

Last week was back to school night. The first class we visited was the science teacher who self identi-

fies as a male. Looking at him, it was evident he was male. I'm not sure why he thought it was important to announce this to his class. He did the normal grade breakdown, review of what the class would study this year, etc. He then went on to explain how he is very "into" social justice and he tries to incorporate that into all of his lessons. Sitting on his bookshelves, where one would expect to see copies of the periodic table, biology and chemistry books, were books on slavery and race relations.

Sitting on his desk was a "Bill Nye The Science Guy" stuffed doll. The science teacher said Bill Nye was his hero. I bit my tongue from commenting that Bill Nye is not a scientist, he is just another Marxist actor. Mr. Nye believes that skepticism is dangerous and that transgenderism is all part of "evolution." He recently teamed up with Rachel Bloom in a vulgar, laughably embarrassing, science-excoriating "transgender anthem" video called, "Sex Junk."

Onto Social Studies.

On the wall of this classroom was projected a slide, asking the question, "On Columbus Day should people have the right to steal from other people?" The assumption in the question is that Columbus stole

America from the Indians. In this fantasy version of history, the Native Americans were a commune of peace-loving people, living in a symbiotic relationship with nature, never hurting so much as a fly. Then big bad Columbus came along and stole their land and imprisoned their people. There is not enough space in this column to expose this BS.

She started out the class by asking one parent to be the "official passer-outer" of papers and then asked another parent to be in charge of picking on other parents to answer questions. I find it a little more than condescending when a teacher treats parents like students.

She started the meeting by trying to engage the parents in a discussion on slavery in America. No one would bite. Thankfully, the parent she asked to pick parents to answer the questions was not having anything to do with this nonsense and was reluctant to participate. The teacher was forced to call on parents herself.

She then moved on to questions of social justice and the unjust way scarce resources are distributed in the United States. I could read my wife's thoughts, "please don't pick my husband." Racing through my mind was the dilemma of wanting to speak up and tell this woman what I think of her as a teacher and the problems this would cause my son in her class.

I could not get out of that class quick enough. Walking out of class, a friend who shares many of my political leanings grabbed my shoulder, and while chuckling, asked if I was okay after what we just encountered.

This is going to be a long year.

At home, I asked my son what he thought of his teachers. He said he liked most of them except his social studies teacher. I then asked him about all the social justice stuff the teachers talk about. His reply warmed my heart; "I don't listen to all that crap."

It is time to introduce my son to William F. Buckley's great book, "God and Men at Yale." Our missions as parents this year will be to debunk the propaganda he hears in school.

A little background about this school: The average teacher salary is \$98,000 per year for ten months of work. The district spends close to \$30,000 per year per student. Average state salary for a teacher is \$59,000. The school district abuts a district that spends \$12,000 per student. I wonder how these social justice teachers would feel if the scarce resources for public schools were equally distributed and their salary was dropped so that all teachers across the state were made equal.

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Down Under

The end of an Empire

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Or have we eaten on the insane root that takes the reason prisoner? Macbeth, act 1

Great nations build great empires. That is the inevitable result of being great – they cannot stay contained or else they wither, so they conquer and rule until they reach the limit of their ability to do so. Every example throughout history follows the same pattern, but have different approaches and time spans. Some are founded on emerging philosophies – Jewish, Moslem, Christian, Buddhist, Communist for example, some on superior technology and ability. The earliest seem to have lasted for centuries – Mayan, Chinese, Egyptian, Greek, Roman for example, some are much shorter in span, most notably the British at about 200 years.

The most recent, of course, is the American. Currently at about 70 years old, it is following the trend of ever shortening tenures, and I suspect may well be the last to exist. When you follow the history of their rise and fall there is one thing that stands out: The longest were those that imposed not just the rule of law, but their culture and genes. They came, took over, established camps, stayed, intermarried, and introduced their beliefs and practices until they had been assimilated. They also ruled with an iron rod, were often barbarous, used the conquered as slaves,

imposed their laws and exploited all the resources.

But the key component of maintaining an empire was tenure. Each area they subjugated had a military that stayed, a civil service that promulgated the rules, collected tribute, and kept the lines of communication open. When the rulers became lazy, overweening and corrupt, or when other forces came into play – such as being conquered themselves, or catastrophe such as plague – their empire declined, generally slowly, always inevitably.

In the case of the USA something else came to pass. For one thing, no one in power has ever thought of calling your expansion as anything more than being the world's policeman. This was ignorant, because the actuality was similar to empire building except for the staying on bit. Take Japan. Your military was ordered to establish bases there immediately after WW2, and they are still there. It is an immensely important strategic area, and that alone was sufficient reason to pour billions of dollars and thousands of personnel into it. But intermarry? Only a little bit. Impose your laws? No. Your empire was self centred and self serving, removing anyone you saw as a threat – often by illegal means – subverting governments, establishing puppets, but never for the benefit of that country. You have never cared much about the welfare of the conquered, their own industry or trade, except as it impinged on your own.

And that was OK, because the west

went along with it. You brought some prosperity to your allies, you exported your technology, your brilliant salesmanship, your diversions and make believe, and we grumbled but smiled. Your friendship was vital – protection and other rhetorics, tourism and obesity, and a yardstick for our own endeavours, all were given because of empire. We put up and shut up, simpered and bobbed, because we were, to be honest, secretly terrified of China, of encroaching communism; we were stiff upper lipped about losing our mum, Briton, and your friendship was better than your enmity. Some of our leaders feared standing up for their country because it might bring your displeasure.

So here's the new picture. Your days of glory are over. Irrespective of what Hollywood would have you believe, they're gone. They were declining, and many were beginning to realise that the dream was wishful thinking, that it was time to face the fact that America was great, just not impossibly so.

Well, that was then, but now world events have conspired to nail you to the mast of your own rhetoric. And wonder of wonders, the prophet of reality is the biggest liar to ever grace your podium. Mr Trump has revealed the actuality, (unwittingly, of course, because his slogan of making something great again is written on his cap), that world hegemony is now unaffordable. If he is master of anything, it is master of the deal – and an empire is not a good one. This must be terribly disappointing to the establishment who have never been able to see past their dark glasses, who intended to rule forever on the sweat of the masses (oops, that sounds like Marx), and think they are most of the



way to achieving that outcome.

They have 98% of the wealth, 80% of world trade, an unknown percentage of the resources, an economy based on armaments, legislation that keeps wages stagnant, taxes low, and complete autonomy. It must be galling that their president has said he is going to put up walls to make you introspective and isolationist, that he continues to deal with anyone anywhere any time he likes. They cannot hide the smiles, however, as his posturing diverts attention away from their hidden agendas, his style keeps the critics confused, and their plans are rumbling along juggernaut style.

He cannot simply pull rabbits out of hats, though. That would require diplomacy, enormous consideration and realistic agendas. They applaud him for keeping tensions, (and therefore the share market), high; for be-

ing their ignorant puppet, their front of house spruiker, and spokesperson for their philosophy that greed is good, the poor must suffer, only the able survive, and that the love of money is the only pleasure allowed.

Shakespeare got it right about the insane root. Reason sure has been taken prisoner, and I reckon they have been adding that ground up root to the water supply in Washington and all mad Murdoch publications, because it is truly hard to imagine such insanity running loose in the corridors of power in this day and age. Yes, in olden times empires had their share of Neros or Cleopatras, but they weren't civilised. Or were they?

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THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

It all depends on where you live

Bill Meredith

“One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.” ...
—The Preacher,” aka. Solomon, Ecclesiastes 3-6.

I am writing this on the day of the Autumnal Equinox, Friday, September 22. It is still summer here in Emmitsburg; but at 4:02 this afternoon, the sun will cross the equator, summer will end, and fall will begin. When I was in the third grade, I had my first science class, and I actually believed I understood this; but it really isn't that simple.

The sun is moving, but it is not going around the earth; it is careening along in an orbit in the Milky Way galaxy, at about 43,000 miles per hour. The earth moves in its orbit around the sun, and for just a fraction of a second this afternoon, Earth's equator will lie directly under the sun's rays. At that instant, summer ends here, but in Rio de Janeiro, just a bit farther from the equator than we are, summer begins.

I understand that now, sort of... at least in a non-mathematical kind of way. An ecologist has to know the basics of it, for it is the reason plants and animals live the way they do. If you are near the equator in the Tropic Zone, the days and nights are about the same length all year. The days seem a bit longer, because it takes a while for the sky to darken completely after the sun goes down (and the same in reverse when it comes up); but that stays the same all year.

Other things may change... there may be dry or rainy seasons, monsoons, El Nino years, “Dust-Bowl” droughts, and so on... but day length stays about the same. Consequently, many tropical plants and animals are active all year, without special seasons for blooming, nesting or going dormant. At the other extreme, in the Arctic and Antarctic zones, it stays light for nearly 3 months in summer, and dark for the same length of time in winter.

In the Temperate Zone, things are different. Each day grows longer in the spring and shorter in the fall, as every kid who rides a school bus knows. Day length (“Photoperiod,” in eco-speak) can be detected by hormonal mechanisms in both plants and animals, and they germinate, bloom, migrate, nest, bear young, and hibernate in patterns that are repeated



Climate change will bring about many changes... there may be more dry or rainy seasons, monsoons, El Nino years, “Dust-Bowl” droughts, and so on...

each year. Solomon, who according to tradition wrote Ecclesiastes, was a Temperate-Zone guy; he didn't know all of the actual sizes, distances and mechanisms involved, but he did know the seasons happen over and over again, year after year.

Here in Emmitsburg, this summer has been about as normal as you can get, but we're the exception. There have been earthquakes in China, Italy and Mexico; record-breaking hurricanes in Texas, the Caribbean, and Florida; drought and famine in Africa; severe flooding in Bangladesh, mudslides in Sierra Leone, Peru and California... the list could fill a page, and it goes on and on.

I went out to the garden yesterday to pick some zucchini, and I found myself just standing there with a cool breeze passing by and the sun warming my back and my mind wandering: “What a nice summer this has been! The temperature and rainfall that I dutifully recorded nearly every day stayed

close to the long-term averages, and the garden outdid itself... I stayed ahead of the weeds, most of the time... the bugs weren't too bad... that patch of flowers I planted six years ago (what was their name?)... they bloomed all summer, and we had plenty of bees, and they pollinated the tomatoes and squash, and...” And on, and on.

It was just like I remembered from childhood. I don't know how long I stood there, dreaming. Of course, the days weren't really like that 80 years ago... they were the Dust Bowl Days, and we didn't have air conditioning, and... but you get the idea. If you haven't done that yourself, you will do it when you get old enough. So after a minute or two in the present I drifted away again, and the next thing that came to mind was a verse from John Denver's song, “Summer Suite:”

“It seems a shame to see September swallowed by the wind. And more than that, it's oh, so sad to see the summer end.”

And though the changing colors are a lovely thing to see, If it were mine to make the change I think I'd let it be. But I don't remember hearing anybody asking me.”

I wish I could write something like that, for it captures how I feel at this time of the year, and at this time of life. Each task takes longer; I started writing yesterday when it was still summer, and I'm still writing, but it's September 23 now, and summer is over and gone. It's still warm and pleasant outside, but I saw an old maple tree this week that is starting to turn red. We've had rain, and the goldenrod is gloriously golden, as it should be. A wild turkey wandered through the yard last week, a young one but fully grown, happy and secure because it has no idea that the world won't always be like it is just now. The warblers are migrating; winter birds haven't arrived yet, but they will be here soon. And so will winter. Solomon had it right.

Scholars who try to figure out when things happened say that Solomon became king around 970 BC, and ruled over 30 years. They reckon that he was about 80 when he died. He must have had a great time eating, drinking and being merry with all of those wives; but he knew he was mortal, and it is said that he spent his final years in reflection.

If Ecclesiastes is the product of that reflection, then it was time well spent. We all need to spend more time doing that. Astronomers tell us that the earth may endure a few more billions of years, which might qualify as “Forever” in Solomon's mind; but it is changing, and we are causing some of the change. We need to reflect on it. We need to appreciate it.

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Squirrels and forest ecology

Tim Iverson, Naturalist

With the onset of fall comes cooler temperatures, changing leaves, and acorns by the dozens. Acorns can make a hazardous nightmare for a hiker or anyone just enjoying the outdoors. The forest floor becomes one giant tripping hazard covered in a blanket of marbles and dodging these falling projectiles is nearly an olympic feat of agility and acrobatics. Acorns are much more than bombs and slip hazards. Our native oak trees prepare for the future by producing and dispersing these seed packages.

Acorns are the nut produced by oak trees. An oak tree can produce up to 10,000 acorns in a single year. These durable casings contain a single seed, which under the right conditions can germinate and eventually grow into a tree. Typically oaks will produce acorns in two to five year cycles. These boom and bust cycles are called mast years, the last of which occurred regionally in 2015 and 2016. Scientists aren't sure about how or why this occurs. Research shows it could be triggered by chemical signalling between the trees or environmental conditions. However, there doesn't seem to be a

strong connection between weather patterns and production.

Evolutionary biologists suggest that it could be the best way to ensure the overall success of seed distribution and growth. By staggering production cycles it allows the predator population (chipmunks, squirrels, mice, deer, jays, etc.) to thin out. Then all at once the trees collectively produce millions of acorns that blanket the forest floor. The numbers produced are simply too overwhelming and abundant to be eaten by the diminished animal populations. Another reason could be that it's taxing on the trees to make the acorns, so by alternating production years it allows them to recover for the next round of production cycles. Either way, the animal populations that do rely on these calorie packed snacks do very well those years. Typically, those dependent animals see population numbers explode the following year.

Most trees and plants rely on the wind to spread seeds, but acorns are just too heavy to get around this way. This is where biological vectors come in - in other words, animals. Acorns are a favorite meal of many different kinds of animals. They are a great nutritious high calorie snack to fatten up

animals before a long migration or a long cold winter. Some animals, like squirrels, will cache, or hide, thousands of acorns for later use. Initially, squirrels don't seem all that intelligent. Frequently they're spotted darting across roads meeting untimely ends. However, they are the unsung heroes of forest growth. When it comes to forest ecology they are the primary agent in acorn dispersal.

In forests with oak trees there can be hundreds of acorns in a square foot during mast years. Squirrels can differentiate between species of oak acorns often preferring to eat acorns produced by White Oaks immediately and storing acorns produced by Red Oaks for later. This is because the White Oak acorns spoil faster, usually within a few months, while the Red Oak acorns can last up to 16 months in storage. These discerning rodents are also deceptive.

Concerned by opportunistic spies, squirrels will trick others by creating fake caches. If a squirrel thinks it is being watched it will dig a hole, pretend to place the acorn in it (while actually leaving the acorn in its mouth), cover the hole back up, then scurry off elsewhere to actually hide its treasure. A single squirrel is estimated to create



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hundreds, possibly up to a thousand, of caches each season.

Remarkably they can remember where each and everyone is located. Researchers have demonstrated that some of this is done by memory, but as they close in on the specific location scent can help them hone in on the specific spot. For the acorns that don't get eaten that season they can germinate and sprout. By carrying the acorns further than the tree would be able to disperse them squirrels help expand the boundary and the genetic diversity of the forest.

The eastern gray squirrel, while native, at this point is considered an invasive pest. People with bird feeders would've agreed with this sentiment long ago, but it's their ingenuity and evolutionary adaptations that have given them this edge. Their tails are one of the remarkable features that have secured their niche. Squirrels dart, dash, and dive throughout the forest canopy.

Like a child walking astride a curb-side with their arms extended for balance the tail of the squirrel keeps them balanced through all their aerial acrobatics up in the branches. Additionally, their tails are basically a thermostat helping to regulate their core body temperature. During the cold winter months it directs blood flow back into the core of their body, while during the summer body heat is radiated away as the blood circulates through the tail. Squirrels are one of the only mam-

mals that can climb down a tree face first. Incredibly their wrists allow their hands to rotate a full 180 degrees backwards. This ability allows their claws to securely grip tree bark making their descents rapid and smooth.

Primary predators include hawks, owls, and foxes. Squirrels are incredibly agile and have excellent peripheral vision that makes it difficult for predators to sneak up on them. The eastern gray squirrel is crepuscular, meaning they are most active during dawn and dusk allowing them to avoid the heat of midday. Maryland is also home to flying squirrels too. Flying squirrels are rarely seen though, as they are nocturnal. The flying squirrel nests in tree cavities making them more difficult to spot, whereas gray squirrels create visible nests high in the tree tops. Flying squirrels, despite their name, can not actually fly. They can glide up to 300 feet from tree to tree using folds of skin between their front and hind legs.

To homeowners and drivers squirrels can be bothersome. They are, however, a remarkably adaptive species that is truly beneficial for the overall health of a forest ecosystem. While we may occasionally have to swerve around them or sacrifice some seed from our feeders we need them for the services they provide for forest growth.

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REAL SCIENCE

The chemistry of air-conditioning

Michael Rosenthal

I grew up in northeastern Ohio in the nineteen-forties. The United States was engaged in World War II, and technological developments at home were limited, as resources were directed largely to the war effort. There were no new cars on the market until 1946, and ration stamps were used to limit scarce items in food purchase. I remember anxiously waiting for Juicy Fruit chewing gum to come back on the market; it disappeared due to ingredient shortage (we were told) and the demand for distribution via "C-Rations" to the troops.

I lived in a house built in the early days of The War (as we called it). It was a comfortable home, modern for its time compared to pre-war houses, but it had no central air conditioning. So in the hot summers, we opened the windows and used electric fans to cool us. Eventually, when they became available, my parents installed a window air conditioner in the master bedroom; when it was very hot, I was invited in for a while to cool off. What a treat! Of course cars had no air conditioning either, and we drove with the windows open to cool off, unless one was lucky enough (and wealthy enough) to own a convertible. I also remember the treat in going into an air-conditioned movie theater.

Now we take air conditioning everywhere for granted, in restaurants, in theaters, in stores, in cars, and at home, though one still sees those air conditioning units sticking out of windows in older neighborhoods (do they still work?).

The original refrigerants in air con-

ditioners were ammonia, methyl chloride, and propane, none of them a good idea from the standpoints of toxicity and flammability. In 1928 chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) were discovered and replaced these dangerous ingredients. Chlorofluorocarbons are chemicals which have carbon atoms bonded to fluorine and chlorine atoms; however, when these chemicals are released in the air, they rise to the upper atmosphere where ultraviolet radiation triggers reactions that release chlorine atoms. Chlorine atoms attack and destroy ozone molecules. In 1987, the Montreal Protocol required production of CFCs to stop. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) were introduced as replacements. They contain no chlorine, and thus remove the danger to the ozone layer; however, HFCs have a high global warming potential, and in 2016, an amendment to the Montreal Protocol planned a phase-out of HFCs as well. So what is next? Hydrofluoroolefin refrigerants may be the replacement. They have a lower global warming potential, but are more expensive. Thus, there is an open research field to develop a well-working, non-toxic, and affordable refrigerant that minimizes danger to the environment.

So how does this all work? In a compressor, refrigerant vapor is pressurized, which increases its temperature. The hot high pressure vapor moves through condenser coils and loses heat, which is vented outside by fans. The refrigerant, now a liquid, is forced through an expansion valve. This turns the liquid into a mist and rapidly cools it. Final-

ly, the cold mist travels through evaporator coils. Air blown over the evaporator coils is cooled while heat from the air vaporizes the refrigerant. The cool air is blown into your car or your house, where the warm air is expelled into the atmosphere. Air conditioning can be thought of as a luxury, but as recent events that have occurred due to the hurricanes have shown, it can be life-saving as well, especially in very hot climates.

Now for some updates on topics we have discussed in earlier articles and a bit on Hurricane Harvey.

There are still those individuals who oppose vaccines and claim that vaccines induce autism. There is absolutely no scientific evidence to support this assertion. Minnesota recently had its worst measles outbreak in decades. There are anti-measles activists there who have even suggested having "measles parties" to expose unvaccinated children to others infected by measles so they can contract the disease and acquire future immunity. Is this crazy or what?

The outbreak in Minnesota seems to have originated from a Somali American community from which some 8,200 people were exposed in day-care clinics, schools and hospitals. Some twenty-two people were hospitalized, many with high fever, breathing difficulties, and dehydration. No deaths have been reported at the date (late August) of my source (The Washington Post). On the positive side, many individuals have recognized the need for vaccination, with some 8,000 vaccinations reported between April and July in 12 clinics. The Somali imams (clergy) have been urging people to get their children vaccinated.

I had measles as a child (as well as Chicken Pox). Luckily I survived the experience, but it wasn't fun. I was confined to our home for two weeks, and I was fortunate to have no lasting effects. In those days, they posted a red sign (as I remember it) on your door as a quaran-



If only we knew then what we know now. For generations to come, the human race will be dealing with the climate change effects from the hydrofluorocarbons that powered the first air conditioners.

tine measure, to prevent your infecting others. Measles was essentially eliminated in the United States in 2000, but has resurfaced due to the anti-vaccination movement. Though the effects of measles resemble a bad cold, and the virus is usually cleared within 14 days, complications can include pneumonia, blindness, encephalitis, and swelling of the brain. One rare complication actually can kill children years after their infection.

We've written several times about the lead contamination in Flint, Michigan, which occurred when Flint changed its water supply to the nearby Flint River in 2014. Recent chemical and microscopic analyses conclusively reveal that the lead came from corrosion of the water pipes. To begin with, one should never use lead pipes

to carry drinking water. But what happened in Flint, we now know, was that the city did not treat the Flint River water with a corrosion inhibitor (orthophosphate) which would have largely or fully prevented the lead from being released. The crisis lasted one and one-half years, and calculations show that a lead pipe delivering water to a single Flint household would have released some 18 grams of lead into the flowing water.

Finally, let's look at the impact of Hurricane Harvey's impact on air quality. Texas wins points from us on their development of renewable energy. But Harvey struck back at their progress by causing the release of some million pounds of air pollutants into the atmosphere. These pollutants came from oil refineries, chemical plants, and shale drilling sites, which have experienced chemical leaks and discharges, and flaring. These released chemicals include benzene, 1,3-butadiene, hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, toluene, and xylene. Some of these chemicals are carcinogenic and all are poisonous and environmentally damaging. The Center for Biological Diversity reports the releases total at more than 5 million pounds.

In addition to the direct release, river overflow washed over waste pits and drilling pads at shale gas and shale oil sites in Central Texas, causing yet un-evaluated damage to the environment. Damage to rooftops in oil refinery storage tanks caused evaporation and oil spills. Flooding caused a problem due to excessive rainfall which has been a serious concern at the Beaumont Agro plant of BASF, the second largest producer of chemical products in North America, whose primary products are pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides. Texas is the nation's largest producer of chemicals.

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THE VILLAGE IDIOT

I've been wrong before

Jack Deatherage, Jr.

*I don't believe a God above invented all that's good
I don't believe that there's a need to rush from childhood
I don't believe the world began with a lion's roar
I don't believe a lot of things
But I've been wrong before*
—(Abney Park: I've Been Wrong Before)

I'm taking MomD to the local supermarket when she up and tells me she wants someone who believes what she believes to take her to a weekly prayer group meeting. I glance over at her and smile. I'd volunteered to do the taking.

"So it's okay for a pagan to take you to market, but not the prayer?"

She doesn't miss a beat. "When did you start calling yourself a pagan?"

"When I stopped believing in the godlet of the Jews, Xians and Mohammedans."

"So, what pagan gods do you believe in?"

"None."

"Do you believe in anything?"

I knew this wasn't the time to remark, "I believe I'll have another beer." Though I've waited decades to toss that one into a conversation- I seldom drink beer now. Instead, I allow I believe in two gods I can prove to myself. Before an argument begins I also allow that her godlet may well exist- I simply do not believe it does. And belief is not a thing that can be forced on someone- in spite of religious "believers" attempting to do just that over the last several thousand years.

I've come to understand that philosophers and other learned rambler tend to define everything so they can understand each other's arguments. Mom and I have never bothered to do that. We just argued- each assuming the other understood the meanings of the words we used, each of us entrenched in the belief that we were correct in our thinking and the other too dense, or willful, to understand the other's positions.

My need for more evidence than she can provide in order to inspire belief has ended decades long arguments and we now have actual conversations about religion. While Mom may yet hope I'll "see the light" I no longer need to show her she's been blinded from childhood by her religion if not her godlet. (If she gets any comfort from her belief in either religion or godlet, who am I to take that away from her? My gods don't demand she bow in submission before them. And if they did? I'd realize they weren't the gods I need.)

Having reached a small plateau on the uphill road I stumble along, I figure I'll take a break. A nice long mental nap of say- ten or

twenty years seems in order. However, I find that having attained some tiny enlightenment the gods have placed two new mentors for me to argue with just where I'd planned to doze off.

Perhaps I should change my criteria for recognizing gods and add "being urged to evolve" to "being told to bow in submission" as reason enough to dump them and seek more lackadaisical ones? Then again, the struggle to convince myself of gods I can believe in seems more of an effort than simply getting on with my education. I glance back along the road.

Ten years a drunk, twenty years cursing the RC church and it's godlet, ten years numb and uncaring, fifteen years sitting among pagan homesteaders, thirty years learning to build bread. (Thankfully, much of the learning ran congruently rather than consecutively or I'd be 95 years old rather than merely 63.) Dozens of mentors- willing and otherwise - brilliant, mad, angry, constructive and not have brought me to here.

With a tired sigh I turn and contemplate the carefully constructed wall I've built about this place to protect myself from it, and to absolve myself from having any responsibility toward it. Behold! my smug little wall. And it's breached by a frigging' tattooer and an illusionist! Outsiders, invaders coming to this place with different world views and life experiences. And ideas! (Oh cruel gods! Is each chink in my wall going to let in an ever brighter light?)

"Jack. We're holding another kids coloring night. You can come if you want. We'll even give you a box of crayons and a picture to color." Tattoo Don, Pillar of the Community smiles at me. (I wonder again if I like him or no.)

"This year we're working with

Michael (Cantori's Theater of Magic- used books and illusion shows). The kids come to our shop for snacks, sippy drinks and a sheet of tattoo flash to color, then they take their pictures to Michael's shop and he preforms some magic tricks for them."

Oh? I like Cantori's shop. He's got lots of books I haven't read.

Hell, I just finished "The Nazis Seance" and am reading "The Rabbi and the Hitman", both signed by Arthur Magida while I was chatting with him at the magic shop. (I also met a sword swallower and a woman who lies on a bed of nails. One never knows who might visit Cantori's.) I'm also working on "The Theban Plays" by Sopholces. The rest of the small stack of books I recently acquired from the magic shop contains Orwell's "1984" and "Animal Farm", as well as Euripides' "Four Tragedies", Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth", "The Short Novels of Dostoevsky", "Everyday French Cooking" and "Hemingway on Fishing" -should Don ever talk me into getting on a saltwater fishing boat with him.

I wander between the tatt and magic shops trying to grasp what is going on. Yeah, I get that cross promotion of businesses is a big deal. I sort of get the concept of "giving back to the community". Something else is going on though. The kids are being exposed to "art" from a tattooer's and illusionist's perspectives. While the kids are being entertained they are also seeing a different snapshot of this place than I grew up with. My memory is one of a town in decline, theirs will be one of people reaching upward.

Having built my wall with stones gathered at government meetings where scheming to change this place always involves someone



Kids being exposed to "art" from a tattoo artist and illusionist's perspective. If you've not already done so, we encourage you to visit and learn about the latest additions to our town.

else's money, I'm not too surprised that my wall is breached by private citizens using their own resources to make this burg a better place. That I can get on board with.

I don't believe a (government) above invented all that's good

I don't believe that there's a need to rush from childhood -with apologies to Abney Park

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PETS

Gray Little Tiger Kitten...

Michael Hillman

"Good for you! You are now a Kittens' best friend!" was my wife's response to my e-mail that I had found a home for Tiger.

"Right now he may not feel that way," I replied, "but some day he will."

I had only known Tiger for five days, but in many ways, it was the longest five days in my life. He started off as 'Gray Little Tiger Kitten,' but by the end of the fourth day, I had truncated his name to simply 'Tiger.'

I had arrived at the hotel in Las Vegas late in the evening. Having stayed there four weeks earlier, I knew that the hotel was home to a feral cat colony. Most guests never noticed them, but if you were a cat person, they were hard not to miss. A flash of color, a sparkle in the bushes as car headlights hit eyes, or a slight movement in the bushes gave them away.

On my first stay I didn't have any time to check them out, but as I was

packing the car up to leave, I noticed a gray tiger kitten looking at me, behind him at a safe distance, was a sibling, a gray and white. Immediately my mind raced back to Barkley and Reggie, two brothers we had rescued from behind the post office in town. But there wasn't going to be a rescue this time. It had taken weeks to gain Barkley and Reggie's confidence. This trip I had only hours. So I put some food out for them and headed out. In the back of my mind I made a mental note that I would be back in four weeks and would check in on them then.

The four weeks were history in the flash of an eye, and it was a flash of eye that caught my attention as I pulled my car into the parking lot late that first night. I didn't even bother to check in, instead I whispered, just like I had whispered to Barkley and Reggie, and out of the shrubs a now much older, much bigger, gray tiger appeared.

Tiger stopped, looked around, and then sat down, as if to invite me to make the next move – which I did. I

advanced half the distance between us, and just when I sensed he was preparing to retreat back into the bushes, I stopped and sat down.

I studied Tiger's body language, he had clearly learned over the past four weeks to be weary of humans, but tonight he had decided to ignore that learning and trust. So trust it would be.

I sat with Tiger for over an hour that first night. He just sat and studied me as I studied him – like two old chess players sizing up an opponent; we both waited for the next move – which for me, was bed...

I had a long day the next day, so I arrived back to the hotel much later than I had planned. When I got out of the car I immediately called out "Tiger Kitty."

His name was no sooner out of my mouth than Tiger appeared. Unlike the night before, this time he closed the distance between us, circling around me as if to get a 360-degree view of me.

When he was behind me, I ceased the opportunity to move in the direction he had come from, knowing that is where he would flee if he got scared. Settling down next to the bush he had come out from under, I turned and looked at the thoroughly perplexed kitten. Behind him was the wide-open parking lot offering no safety at all, in front of him was home, but it was blocked. I whispered his name. Tiger cocked his head and looked at me, a second whisper and I had him hooked. Tiger lay down and crossed his front legs, a sign I had come to know indicating relaxation.

I was about to declare victory for the night when I realized I was sitting on gravel. I picked up a long stick and started to scrape it into the gravel. Tiger's ears went up – I now had his undivided attention.

'Stick under the rug,' is a favorite game I play with shy cats. No matter how much they want to, they just can't resist the urge to catch whatever that thing is moving under the rug. I've yet to meet a cat that can resist it and Tiger was no exception.

For over an hour I played with him, all the while he slowly closed the distance between us, until he was so close I could have reached out and touched him, so I did, and he beat feet for the high hills.

Undeterred I continued to scrape the stick in the gravel, and sure enough, Tiger was back and the game began all over again. On my second try to touch him, I opted to 'crab walk' my hand along the ground towards him. Unlike the first time, Tiger did not flee, but instead crawled forward. I stopped first, allowing him to close the remaining few inches at his own pace. As he smelled my hand, I touched his nose with my index finger. Tiger flinched, but immediately went back to inspecting my hand. When he finally did retreat, I did too. 'Small victories,' I remind myself, 'small victories.' You win a cat over with small victories, building over time.

The next night was a repeat of the night before, but this time Tiger was waiting for me, and he immediately sought out play. And play we did.



"Tiger stopped, looked around, and then sat down, as if to invite me to make the next move ..."

When Tiger appeared to tire, I once again reached into my old bag of tricks and used the stick to rub his back. Tiger thought about running, but this new sensation was clearly enjoyable. To my surprise, instead of running away, he came closer, and before I knew it, I had replaced the stick with my hand and was giving Tiger a good back scratch! A few minutes later, he was on his back, and the back scratch had become a belly scratch.

When we finally called it a night I knew I was in trouble. I had started off with wanting nothing more than to be friendly to the cats at the hotel, now I was seriously thinking of rescuing one of them.

I clearly needed to get my head examined. But the next morning when Tiger greeted me, thinking went to doing. The trouble was I had only two more nights to get him to trust me enough to trap him. A herculean task at the best of times, a ridiculous goal given I was 2,500 miles away from home. If I was going to pull this off, I was going to need some serious help.

As it turned out, help was right around the corner. Unbeknownst to me, the Federal facility I was working at had two cat colonies managed by a group called the Community Cat Coalition of Clark County, or C5 for short.

Following a meeting with the management of the facility, I mentioned to one of the participants about my need to find a local cat rescue to help me. They told me about the local cat coalition, and I soon found myself in the public affairs office on the phone with

C5. Within fifteen minutes a battle plan had been put into place, and I went back to the hotel that night daring to hope we just, just, may pull it off. Of course, success all depended upon how much Tiger was willing to cooperate!

That evening, Tiger and I had the best play yet. By the end of the evening, he crawled into my lap and curled up to sleep. It had been only four days. There was no doubt in my mind now. Tiger didn't want to have anything to do with being a feral cat. He wanted to be someone's cat, and apparently that someone for him was me.

Already on the verge of becoming known as the crazy cat man, I knew I couldn't take him, but I committed myself to finding him a good home, no matter how much effort it would take, even if that meant flying him back home with me.

The following evening I had dinner with Keith, the President of C5. It was impossible not to listen to him talk about the past eight years and walk away impressed. I had begun to delude myself into thinking I knew cats – but I quickly realized Keith had spoken more about cats and their behaviors in the past hour than I ever hoped to know. Since its inception in 2009, C5, with its volunteer staff of 51, had trapped, spayed and neutered, and released over 30,000 cats.

The group was not focused on rescuing cats, but was focused on helping establish stable, healthy colonies. By trapping and spaying/neutering those of breeding age, they had almost single handedly stopped the explosive growth



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Obviously domesticated life suites Emmit quite fine! I'm not sure who is having more fun, Emmit or his people.

of the Las Vegas feral cat population.

Their task was often made difficult by businesses who just wanted the cats removed, not returned after being spayed and neutered, or kind hearted souls whose sole purpose in life was to feed colonies, ignoring the fact that without the trap, neuter and release aspect, all they were doing was enabling the cat population to increase, much to the detriment of males cats, who were pushed out once they reached breeding age. Life within an unstable colony was no fun. Life in a stable colony, while not as good as a being a house cat, was far better.

Keith made it clear he admired those who understood how to properly maintain a colony, who feed day after day, look out for sick cats, and were on the phone to him the minute a new cat joined the colony that needed spayed or neutered. "They are the cats' best allies." He said.

Any doubt about the justness of my effort to trap Tiger, who I suspected was a boy, was pushed out of my mind as I thought of him being pushed out of his safe home and forced into a life of wandering... for an hour at least...

With time now clearly against me, Keith had suggested that we try to trap Tiger after dinner. My mind quickly flashed back to the nerve-wracking experience of trapping Barkley and Reggie - and while in hindsight that trapping went far quicker than I had ever hoped, it was enough to make me swear never to do it again. Yet here I was,

Keith had no sooner set the trap up than Tiger appeared from behind his bush. Unlike the night before, he did not approach me; instead he cast a weary eye at Keith who was standing behind me. Sensing Tiger's body language, Keith moved away, and went off to set up other traps. Our goal was not only to trap Tiger, but others in his colony.

Keith no sooner left, and then Tiger marched right up to the cage to inspect it. He didn't flinch when I began to scratch his back. Unsure of his reaction to being pushed into the cage, I instinctively grabbed Tiger by the scruff of his neck and before I was aware of it, I had placed him in the cage and closed the door - and that's when my heart just about broke.

Tiger ran back and forth in the cage, banging into the ends, desperate to get out. He had trusted me, and I had violated that trust. I felt sick to my stomach. I had seen the response with Reg-

gie and Barkly, but in their case, I was taking them to their new home, a better home than they had even known. In the case of Tiger, I knew I had put him on the path for a better life, but I didn't know what the end of the story was. All I knew was that as I watched Keith pull out of the hotel that night with Tiger in a cage, Tiger was scared and I was lonely, and I doubted very much the rightness of my efforts.

But that all changed in what was a blink of the eye.

When I arrived at work the next day, Ken, one of my fellow team members, saw that I was down and asked what was up. He listened attentively as I recapped the past few days - a smile slowly growing over his face.

"You know, Jill and I were thinking about getting a kitten when we returned home, let me call her and see if she would be willing to take this one."

I was stunned. I had made an agreement with C5 not to return Tiger back to his colony, but to give me ten days to find him a home. However, I knew the odds were against me finding him a home, and had steeled myself that when I returned the following week to wrap up my work, I would be taking Tiger back home to Emmitsburg with me - not that I needed another cat mind you. But whether or not I was willing to admit it, Tiger was now my responsibility.

I felt like the world had been taken off my shoulder with Ken's offer - I knew Ken and Jill, and when it comes to animal people, they are hard to beat. If Tiger could land a spot in their home, he'll have won the equivalent of the kitty lottery!

As I crossed my fingers and dared to hope, Ken tapped me on the shoulder and showed me Jill's one word response "Wonderful!"

Tiger had a home.

That afternoon, Ken and I drove over to see Tiger. I wanted to say good-

bye, Ken wanted to say hello. Tiger was still groggy from his neutering surgery and shots, which was nice, as it allowed me to hold him one last time. When I handed him to Ken, Ken beamed like a new father.

"Jill and I talked about it and decided we were going to call you Emmit." Ken told Tiger.

I found it impossible to hide my smile.

Emmit stayed one more night under the care of Kevin and his wife - just to make sure his recovery would go without a hitch. That evening I boarded my red-eye flight back home, and for the first time in a week, slept soundly.

As I drove back from the airport, Ken texted me a photo of a thoroughly besmitten Jill with Emmit wrapped in a towel on her lap. Emmit was sound asleep with his belly exposed to as much loving as Jill could give him.

Emmit really had won the lottery.

Which made me reflect upon the line Private Ryan said upon hearing he was going home in the movie Saving Private Ryan - "Why do I get to go home? What did I do different? What about these other guys?"

As I was standing in the C5 recov-

ery room looking at row upon row of cages filled with feral cats, all awaiting to be returned to their colony, I wondered what Emmit had done to deserve the life he was about to have. There were countless cats and kittens far cuter than him in those cages - all deserving a loving home. Why him? Why not them?

Was it simply chance? Chance that I would show up at that hotel? Chance I would spot him? Chance he would come out and play with a total stranger? Chance that an overloaded and overworked feral rescue group would take the time to help a crazy out of town visitor help trap a home for a single cat? Chance that a cat loving Ken would be on my team and he had an opening for a new kitten?

I don't know. All I do know is that a little Las Vegas kitten beat the long odds, touching a lot of hearts along the way.

We can't save them all, but saving just one reminds us what it means to be human.

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Fall bulbs

Mary Ann Ryan
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Did you ever wish for a taste of spring in the middle of winter? How about the scent of flowers drifting through the house? Gardeners and non-gardeners can enjoy spring even in the middle of winter by forcing bulbs. October is the time to think about that often forgotten chore of preparing bulbs for winter forcing.

Now that the holiday season is fast approaching, paper whites and amaryllis are available in box stores, garden centers and even found in the local grocery store. You will find other bulbs like tulips, daffodils, muscari and snowdrops available in garden centers as well. Knowing how to handle these bulbs becomes very important if you wish to be successful in brightening the winter months.

Paper whites are the easiest of all bulbs to force. When purchasing bulbs, be sure they are firm and not soft or moldy. These bulbs should be planted in a container of soil or stones with the tips of the bulbs above the soil level. Place in a cool, sunny location, water as needed, and watch the bulbs grow! After the bulbs are finished blooming, discard. Unfortunately, these bulbs will not re-bloom and are not hardy in our zone 6.

Amaryllis are just as easy as the paper whites. These large flowers are incredibly showy and fun to grow. Again, be sure the bulb you are purchasing is firm. The larger the bulb, the more likely you will get a flower spike or two. Be careful buying this one at the big box stores, especially if they are in a box where you cannot see the bulb. Often times, even though they may be much cheaper, the bulb may be too small to produce a flower spike, and you will be disappointed.

Plant them in potting soil, with the top of the bulbs above the soil level. Place in a sunny window, water, and enjoy! If cared for correctly, this bulb can be for years to come. Cut off the old flower spike and allow the large leaves to keep growing and continue to water as you would any other houseplant. After danger of frost, you can plant it outside or continue to grow it in the container. At this point, you should fertilize it frequently, about every two weeks. Continue to grow until frost zaps the leaves. Dig it up and store the bulb in a cool, dry place until you see something begin to sprout. Or if it is still in the container, stop watering and store in a cool dry place. Once it begins to sprout, repot, and place it into a sunny window and water. The cycle will start all over again.

Other bulbs, like tulips, daffo-

dils, muscari, hyacinths and snowdrops are not pre-cooled. They need to be tricked into thinking that they went through their dormant time. So we need to cool these ourselves. This can be done by planting them into pots with drainage holes, covering the entire bulb with potting soil, and then cooling the entire potted container. You can store the container in a refrigerator (do not store it with apples), or store it in a cool, dark basement, temperatures averaging low to mid 40's. This cooling process will take 13 - 16 weeks, depending on the bulb variety. Remember to keep the pot of bulbs watered during the cooling period, but don't overwater. You want to be sure there is good drainage in your pots so water isn't retained in the soil.

You will see white roots coming out the bottom of your pot and sprouts on top when the bulbs are ready to see the sun. Place them in a cool, sunny window and water. The cooler the window, the less leggy they will become. After they are finished blooming, plant them outside and treat as you would any hardy bulb.

What about planting tulips and daffodils for spring bloom? We plant in September and October when warm soils in the fall will encourage root growth of plants and typical rainfall in our area reduces the amount of watering that gardeners need to apply - and - the weather is so much cooler to work in the garden. Because of better root development in the fall, when spring arrives, the plants have a much better start compared to plants planted in the spring. Then when the hot dry weather of summer hit, the fall planted plant will be well established and therefore, can withstand the tough summer environment.

What can be planted in October? For starters: BULBS of course! When purchasing bulbs in garden centers and nurseries, be sure to look at the bulbs carefully. Here are a few things to look for:

If you see anything in the box that looks like sawdust, re-think



Amaryllis bulbs are easy to force, similarly to paper whites, and they're incredibly showy and fun to grow!

whether you want to purchase those bulbs. This sawdust-like substance can often be seen in tulips and is caused by an insect in the bulb. This is a sure sign that the quality of those bulbs is not what it should be.

Feel the bulbs for firmness. Often times when purchasing daffodils, they will be soft or have a feeling of being empty, especially if it is late in the season. If the bulbs are not firm, they will rot in the ground.

Look for a bulb that has little new growth. When planting the bulbs, it's a good thing if the bulb produces its roots first in the fall, and then pushes stem growth when it's supposed to, in

the spring.

Be sure when planting the bulbs that you are planting them at the correct depth. This is important because the bulbs could freeze if not planted deep enough. Most daffodils and tulips should be planted 6 inches in depth; and small bulbs, like crocus, should be 3 inches in depth.

What kind of bulbs should be planted?

When choosing, don't overlook some of the small bulbs. Often times the small bulbs will naturalize nicely and will give you an unexpected show.

If you're looking for bulbs to naturalize, consider daffodils and narcissus, as well as crocus, scilla, and snowdrops.

Remember to try to get the plantings in by the end of October. This allows some time for the bulbs to get their roots established before the winter freeze.

Chrysanthemums are a popular fall-blooming flower. Keep these tips in mind when purchasing "mums" for your garden:

Remember when choosing mums, pick the plants that are in bud, not fully open. You will be able to enjoy the flowers much longer if they bloom for you in your garden instead of at the nursery.

Keep in mind that if you want the chrysanthemum to be perennial, meaning that it will come back next year, you really need to get it in the ground before the end of October. The longer you wait to plant it, the less likely it will come back next year.

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Muscari, a great bulb for winter forcing.

until late October, and then get it in the ground. Remember to keep it watered in the container, because if it dies in the pot, planting it in the ground will not bring it back to life.

Flowering cabbage is an annual plant, so it will last just one season. However, the flowering cabbage will flourish in the cool temperatures and often last through December. They make great fall and winter decorations. Plant them in containers or in the ground and enjoy the purple, white and pink colors they offer. Mix them with pansies, other cool season annuals,

or even evergreen stems for pretty mixed containers.

Fall is also a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Try to get them in the ground by mid-November. This gives the plants time to get some of their roots established before the hard winter freeze.

Get outside, start digging again and enjoy gardening! Try something new this year and start a gardening tradition! Bring spring inside by forcing bulbs and keep on gardening!

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Small Town Gardener Optimal growing conditions you say?

Marianne Willburn

A bit of research work has had me at my books lately, looking up optimal growing conditions for several plants and making notes for spring purchases. That hasn't been nearly as boring as it sounds. Yesterday in fact, things became quite humorous as I perused an entry on Daphne odora, one of which I recently acquired at a nursery in North Carolina:

*"Prefers a drier, Mediterranean summer."
"...is happiest in filtered sunlight."
"Needs protection from winter wind..."
"...resents disturbance..."*

Turns out that this girl Daphne and I have more than just a nice fragrance in common. Add, "Has a fondness for Jack Russell Terriers and a good drop of Cabernet Franc" and we could be cut from the same cloth. But it did make me stop for a moment and think how highly adaptable we are as human beings, and just how adaptable many of our plants are.

In many ways, watching our plants adapt to challenging conditions in our gardens is inspiring. In fact, it inspired a whole chapter in my new book.

"Nowhere is the lifelong metaphorical journey of change and growth more physically evident than in a garden. Adaptation, struggle, perseverance, victo-

ry, loss...quiet dormancy and exquisite rebirth – all are on view to the observant gardener with heart and hands connected to the soil.

Is it any wonder then that witnessing and experiencing such events on a daily basis can have a remarkable healing effect on the individual who is feeling battered and bruised by a hectic week or a difficult period in life?"

For instance, I'm digging up 'Pretoria' canna tubers right now that have lived out the growing season in three very different places in my garden: submerged in a water feature, sitting in rich, partly-shaded container soil, and exposed on a mostly sunny, drier hillside. Certainly it was happiest in the container, but boy did it work hard in the other two places. Not all plants are as adaptable (that Daphne for instance) but many can exist for periods of time in difficult circumstances – much like their attendant human beings.

We've all got a growing manual. We all want optimal conditions. And yet we are, most of us, struggling and blossoming in varying degrees of sub-optimal. If each of us was to write out our own growing manual for an ideal life, how close would it be to the reality of the life we lead every day?

And, if it were achieved, how many of us would add more to the list, convinced that one more something would bring us closer to nirvana? A Giorgio Armani jacket? Yet another building with our name on it?

This is perhaps where my analogy ends, and where human beings differ quite distinctly from our plants. You won't see that canna swimming in fertilizer and begging for a few capfuls more.

If you were to strip away all that my husband and I have worked for, I know we could grow and develop just as well (if not as well-fed) in an 8x15 room with a hot plate and a bathroom shared by ten strangers. I'd rather not do that again (the soap situation was pretty grim), but I know I can. I can deal with living in a host of other situations that over the years have been less than ideal, and even less-than less than ideal – but they all of them forced me to buckle down, adapt...and grow.

That Daphne isn't going to take kindly to the sub-optimal conditions I currently have for her, but there's just a possibility that we'll work out a compromise and she'll make it. If so...what a fragrance to look forward to some February morning a few years from now – made all the better by the obstacles overcome to achieve it.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community show

The very first Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show was held back in 1957. This year, the 61st annual show took place during the weekend of September 8, 9, and 10. Many aspects of the show have changed over the decades, but one thing has remained the same: the man in charge, Rodman Myers. In addition to the local show, Myers also spent four years as a member of the state fair board, helping to organize the annual fair in Timonium. His decades of dedication culminated last year, when he was awarded the Maryland Fair Person of the Year award. "I've enjoyed working with the show and seeing the community pride associated with it," Myers commented, "but it wouldn't have been possible without the help of others. Hats off to the volunteers in the community that make this event possible."

The Catocin High School gymnasium was transformed into the main exhibit hall for the weekend, displaying entries from fruits and vegetables to cakes and pies to arts and crafts and many others. Joyce Stambaugh, an avid photographer, entered about ten photos in the show this year. She entered photos in numerous categories, including portraits, landscapes, and plants. Stambaugh won eight awards, including two first place prizes, two seconds, and two thirds. In the

past, she has entered baked goods and cross-stitch entries into the community show, but only last year began to enter photographs. "I am very pleased with how well I did," Stambaugh commented, "it's exciting to see your work and how well you did."

Two auctions were held during the community show, the baked goods auction and the livestock auction. The big prize on Friday night at the cake auction was Dawn Hobbs' grand champion citrus chiffon cake. Ultimately, Mountain Gate bought the cake for \$1,200. The two top animals on Saturday night were Jameson Ruby's 271 pound pig and Austin Ridenour's 1,199 pound grand champion steer. Ruby's pig fetched \$4.75 per pound and was bought by Kevin Marshall of Triple K Farms. Marshall was also the buyer of Ridenour's grand champion steer at \$3.25 per pound.

Two additional draws of the community show are the annual book sale and John Kinnaird's photo collection. Every year, the Thurmont Library hosts a book sale. From sports to history to classics, there is certainly something for everyone. Books are all reasonably priced, with no book more than two dollars. All books that are sold at the sale are donations from the community. Beginning on October 31, the library will begin accepting dona-



This year's Champion of the prettiest pet class was Mary Dal-Favero, owner of the Chinese Crested dog. The Reserve Champion was Stacey Flanigan, owner of an Australian Shepherd.

tions for the 2018 sale next September. Donations can be placed in a box and brought down to the Thurmont library on Moser Road. Kinnaird, the mayor of Thurmont, has an extensive collection of nearly 6,000 photos that he shares with the community every year at the show. The photos are from all local areas, including Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Rocky Ridge, Gettysburg, and Frederick, ranging from the 1880s to the late 1950s. Almost 4,600 of the photos can be found online at thurmontimages.com. "This was a great weekend," Kinnaird commented, "with lots of people and lots of history I didn't know before."

Entries in the poultry barn have been down for the past few years due to an epidemic of diseases a few years ago that forced the banning of all poultry entries in the community show for a year. As a result, there were less than a dozen chickens on display at the show, with over half of them belonging to Ann Seiss, whose son, Ben Seiss, is a senior at Catocin. Seiss and her family have been raising chickens for the past ten years and have had entries in the show for the past two years. She entered four roosters and three hens into the show this year and won five awards, two seconds, a third, and an honorable mention. One of the chickens that won second was a special gift to

Seiss. She received the egg from a friend in Texas and was excited to see that it had won an award. In addition to the chickens, Seiss also set up an incubator at the show to hatch chicks. Many young children were seen crowding around the incubator, eager to catch a glimpse of the eggs ready to hatch. Over a dozen chicks were hatched over the course of the weekend.

While this year's show has come and gone, it is never too soon to begin planning for next year's show. The tentative dates for next year's show are September 7, 8, and 9. To learn more about the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community show, visit thurmontemmitsburgcommunityshow.webs.com.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Red Door Boutique supports local vendors

The Red Door Boutique at 16 W. Baltimore St. will be hosting its 10th Super Saturday.

Taneytown City Councilman Joe Vigliotti stated "One of the most interesting things you can do each month in Taneytown is to attend Super Saturday at Red Door Boutique, organized by owner Emily Graham. You'll find amazing crafters, vendors, sales representatives from a variety of companies, good food, and most importantly, good people. I make it a point to attend every Super Saturday that I can because you are guaranteed to find unique and fascinating things, and talented, kindhearted people. Emily does an incredible service for Taneytown by bringing Super Saturdays together, and ensuring residents have an exceptional kind of experience." Longtime Patron of The Red Door Boutique Rosemary Leonard Orner added "Emily always makes Super Saturday special with unique vendors and amazing items for sale. It really gives the community a chance to see all the area has to offer."

Super Saturday at the Red Door Boutique was conceived by Owner Emily Graham to support three key ideals. Firstly, the event is aimed to promote and develop Taneytown Main Street by attracting buyers and sellers from inside and outside the community. Second, Super Saturdays offer support and opportunities for micro business owner's local craft-

er and artisans as well as direct sale representatives. Super Saturday provides the exposure and promotion they may not have access to otherwise. Lastly, this event provides a wide variety of products and services to the customers that may not be available locally. Many of the Super Saturday vendors travel from surrounding states and cities to offer their unique and custom products.

The Red Door Boutique is a brick and mortar store that offers crafts, craft supplies, project kits and studio time. We also have a great selection of hand picked quality retail gift items, jewelry, and gourmet food products. Our 'Local' section of the store features Maryland and Taneytown themed items such as coffee mugs, ornaments, calendars from a local photographer, books written by local authors, and so much more.

Owned and operated by Emily Graham, The Red Door Boutique is a small boutique located in historic downtown Taneytown, Maryland. The building itself was built circa 1894 as a carriage house where people would 'park' their carriages while patronizing downtown shops. It's full of character with original shiplap, weather vane, cupola, and windows (be sure to notice the chewed windows from the horses!). Throughout the years, it has held a feed store, a church, drag racing and a florist. We hope you can visit us soon to experience the unique charm of our little boutique!



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HEALTH NOTES

When kids should take a sick day

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It isn't long after students begin their first day of school that cold and flu season begins. The average American child has six to eight colds a year, and this causes more missed school days than any other illness. This school year, refresh your memory on how to keep your child healthy and in the classroom instead of at the doctor's office.

When to Keep Your Child Home

In crowded places like schools and day-care centers, there are many illnesses that can leave your child feeling less-than-stellar. Some symptoms are just a mere inconvenience, while others require a doctor visit, along with medication and a few days of rest at home.

Here are some of the most common symptoms that your child can exhibit, and some tips on when they can go back to school:

- **Fever:** This is a sign that your body

is fighting germs, and it's a common symptom of illnesses like the flu. If your child has a fever of 101 F or higher, wait at least 24 hours after they are fever-free to send them back to school. A fever that high is often a sign of illness.

- **Diarrhea:** Food poisoning, certain medications, or an infection can cause diarrhea. It can also lead to dehydration, so make sure to supply your child with plenty of fluids to drink. Keep them home until their stools are solid and the doctor gives you the OK.
- **Vomiting:** This is a way for the body to expel germs, and a stomach virus or infection usually causes it. Keep your child home if they've vomited twice or more in the past 24 hours. It's safe to send them back to school when their symptoms are gone or when the doctor deems them not contagious.
- **Sore throat:** A sore or scratchy throat can be a symptom of a cold or strep throat. Keep your child home for at

least 24 hours after starting antibiotics if they've been diagnosed with strep.

- **Pinkeye:** Also known as conjunctivitis, pinkeye is extremely contagious and an infected child should stay home for the first 24 hours after beginning treatment. Eye redness, irritation, swelling, and pus are some of the symptoms that can occur.
- **Headache:** Sometimes headaches can be a symptom of a contagious sickness like the flu, meningitis, or strep throat. However, if your child doesn't have any other signs of illness and feels fine, they can go to school.
- **Rash:** A rash can be a sign of contagious illnesses such as chickenpox, meningitis, or impetigo. Keep your child home until they've been diagnosed; they can head back to school after the symptoms disappear and the doctor gives the OK.
- **Earache:** These may be a painful annoyance, but they aren't contagious. A child with an earache can attend school as long as they feel well

enough to concentrate.

Sometimes children only need a day of rest to recover from an illness, but sometimes they need to be out of school longer to prevent becoming sicker or spreading germs to other children. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that you should ask yourself three questions when determining whether to keep your child home from school:

Does your child have a fever? Keep your child home if they have a fever of 101 F or higher.

Are they well enough to participate in class? If your child seems too lethargic or miserable to pay attention in class, keep them home.

Do they have an illness like the flu or pinkeye? These illnesses can be very contagious and your child should be kept home to avoid spreading the germs to their classmates.

Preventing Illness Before It Starts

No one wants their child to get sick, feel

miserable, and miss school. Thankfully there are multiple ways for you and your child to prevent illness before it starts:

- Supply your child with their own pencil box and materials so they are less likely to pick up an illness from sharing these objects.
- Remind your child not to share food, drinks, lip balm, locker-room towels, headphones, and other items with classmates.
- Remind your child to wash their hands frequently throughout the day and avoid touching their eyes, mouth, and nose whenever possible.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects such as toys, television remotes, and keyboards—especially if someone is sick.
- Make sure your child is up to date on immunizations and that everyone in the family has gotten a seasonal flu vaccine.
- In a 2005 study, classroom water fountain spigots and reusable cafeteria trays were the most germ spots in the school. Teach your child not to put their mouth on the water spigot, or send them to school with their own water bottle if it is permitted.
- Keep backpacks clean. They can get incredibly dirty from everyday activities and forgotten lunches, so make sure your child cleans out their backpack frequently. It can be cleaned with a sanitary wipe or a wet cloth.
- Help build your child's immunity to sickness. When children eat a balanced diet get enough sleep, exercise regularly, and avoid stress, they will be less likely to get sick. Packing a healthy lunch and encouraging them to drink water instead of sugary drinks will help to keep their immune system strong.
- Donate illness prevention supplies to your child's classroom. To help teachers maintain a healthy classroom, you can donate items such as tissues, soap, hand sanitizer, and bacterial wipes to help keep the classroom clean.

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Teach Your Child Germ Etiquette

Along the same line as preventing illness before it starts, you can teach your children to be mindful of germs and people around them.

Make sure your children know to wash their hands, especially after using the bathroom. On field trips or other events, hand sanitizer can be a substitute for soap and water.

Teach children to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they sneeze or cough. Throw the tissue into the trash immediately after using it.

If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow, not your hand.

Stay home when you are sick; this will prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people when they are sick.

While some winter illnesses seem unavoidable, following some of these steps is a great step in the right direction toward keeping you and your family healthy this season.

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53rd National Apple Harvest Festival coming soon

The National Apple Harvest Festival is celebrating its 53rd old-fashioned family event in October over the weekends of the 7 & 8 and the 14 & 15, at The South Mountain Fairgrounds, Biglerville, in the heart of Apple Country USA. The event is held all four fun-filled days from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine. October, proclaimed National Apple Month, is when the Upper Adams County community celebrates apple season with an apple festival.

The festival's roots date back to October 14, 1961, when The Adams County Fruit Growers Association held an Apple Harvest Holiday to celebrate the apple harvest. After the fruit growers decided not to run the holiday again, The Upper Adams Jaycees—a new chapter in need of a fundraiser—organized and sponsored the very first Apple Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 10, 1965. Admission was free. The Jaycees earned a profit of \$297 that first year and voted to try it again.

In 1967, the event went from one day to three days. Saturday's admission was \$.25 and Sunday's was \$.50. The first Apple Harvest Ball was held in 1968 at the Holiday-Inn Gettysburg. In 1969, the first Miss Apple Queen USA Contest was selected at the ball held in conjunction with the festival. The tours of the processing and fruit packing plants, that were proven crowd pleasers, were discontinued in 1970 because the plants

could no longer handle the crowds.

The festival's 10th Anniversary was held in 1974 and had become so popular that all the cars could no longer be parked on the South Mountain Fairgrounds. And, with the profits from the festival, the Jaycees voted to build a community park. Then in 1975, it became a two-weekend event and is always held the first two full weekends in October. The name was changed to the National Apple Harvest Festival in 1977 in honor of the National Apple Queen Contest it sponsored from 1969 to 1986.

Two times during the past 52 festivals, it has been closed for a day due to flooding. In 1976, Hurricane Eloise caused the lower half of the fairgrounds to be under a foot of water. And, again, in 1990, the second Saturday had to be canceled due to a flood.

What would an apple festival be without apple-delicious products? Apple bread, an apple butter boil, a cold cider press, cider slushies, hot cider, apple desserts, daiquiris (nonalcoholic), fritters, jellies, pizza, sausage, sauce, candied, apple syrups and pancakes, sliced caramel apples, apple ice cream, and fresh Adams County apples can be found here, there, and everywhere as one strolls the grounds. Besides Apples, there are various other delicious foods available. As you step onto the fairgrounds, smell chicken barbecuing, the pit beef and pulled pork, sweet potato and regular French

fries, homemade soups and sandwiches, homemade scrapple, and "fair" food.

With Admission, Entertainment Is Included on six stages—Apple Auditorium, Applesed, Bluegrass Hollow, Cider Barrel, Cortland Circle, and Rockin' Apple—with music of all genres included—Bluegrass, Country, Rock and Roll, and Celtic. In the Exhibition Area view the Native American Dancers and listen and learn at Van Wagner's Tall Timber "Lumber Heritage" Program.

Take a hayride, stop at Kid Country—storytelling, apple pie eating contests, and a petting zoo. Rest on a bus during the Orchard Tours, enjoy the craft demonstration area featuring a chainsaw carver and potter, and shop at over 200 arts and crafts vendors. Don't miss the operating steam engine and shingle mill, listen to the hit 'n miss engines, and enjoy the antique autos! Check out the National Apple Harvest Festival Gallery with displays of old-fashioned apple production equipment and past festival memorabilia. New this year! The Pennsylvania Apple Queen Contest will be held Sunday, October 15, at 11 a.m. with the Coronation at 2:30 p.m. in the Apple Auditorium.

The Upper Adams Community area benefits most by the community park that was begun by the Jaycees in 1975 funded from profits of the festival. The 92-acre Oaks Community Park, located outside of Biglerville on Route



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394, is open to the public April 1 to November 1 each year. The park features an amphitheater, six baseball/softball fields, five rental pavilions, a catch-and-release fishing pond, a soccer complex, a dog park, a three-mile walking trail, and a covered bridge. In 1989, the Jaycees built an office complex at the entrance to the park that houses offices for Oaks Community Park, The National Apple Harvest Festival, and The Upper Adams Jaycees.

The Upper Adams Jaycees use profits from the festival for all types of community, member and individual projects. A fifteen-member board of directors of current Jaycees and Exhausted Jaycees (no longer can be a member of the organization when they turn 40) guide the festival each year. The board meets every month

and is responsible for improvements to the festival such as purchasing a shingle mill and the construction of two buildings. Two Jaycees are the chairman and cochairman who work with 50 committees to make certain that each minute detail is handled.

This year there are about 60 groups that either have concessions at the festival or work at Upper Adams Jaycees' stand. These include Lions, Jaycees, 4-H, high school bands or sports organizations, churches, Republican and Democrat Committees, Boy Scouts, Multiple Sclerosis, fire companies, and wineries.

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U.S. Navy draws its first blood



General Pershing observes American troops in a mock engagement surrounded by French and British advisors. Pershing rejected requests to integrate American troops into French and British units. Instead, he opted to keep American units together.

October 5

General Pershing Lays Out Strategy

"To carry on for the next six months or a year, with the best that the French and British have evolved as a result of their three-year war campaign, and to do our own experimenting entirely are on our side," is the gist of the policy which has been largely adopted by the American Army now in France. This policy supplies material and various instruments of war as well as tactics and methods of handling men in the trenches.

While many of the more serious students of the war among American officers believed that additional improvements could be worked out by American ingenuity, inventiveness, and resourcefulness, they realize the most important problem is to get on with the war. They believe Amer-

ica can most quickly become a striking force in the war by taking the best of what the British and French have proved useful and effective, and basing all building programs upon them.

In a matter of tanks, for instance, officers who have made a special study of the subject think there is much to be said in favor of both the giant British tanks and the smaller and faster French tanks. They believe the American Army should adopt those styles as emergency measures, building them immediately. American engineers are working now on what may prove to be a vast improvement over any tanks now existing. There has been some disposition on the part of certain critics to belittle tanks because the Germans have made little use of them. But ten, however, is distinctively an offensive weapon, while Germany on the Western front is fighting a purely defensive campaign.

Airplanes are also engrossing the attention of the Army in France. The great weight of the Americans in the airplane construction is expected to be felt eventually in this branch of the service.

Maj. Gen. Pershing watched a battalion of American troops storm and take three supposed enemy trenches, which had been named Wilson, Taft, and Roosevelt for the occasion. The exercise was part of a program that is being carried out daily and will be developed gradually into regimental and divisional level attacks.

Pershing, while pleased with what he saw, noticed that the soldiers did not use their rifles. "This was a mistake he said. You must not forget that the rifle was distinctly an American weapon," said the General. "I want to see employed. There surely will be plenty of opportunity for rifles and if you are unfamiliar with the weapon you'll lose those opportunities. Bayonets and bombs are all very valuable, but rifle fire still has a place in modern warfare."

Battle Threatens German Submarine Bases

Shaken but still determined is a description of Germany's defensive strength on the Western front given in this week's official communiqué issued by the war Department. The superiority of the British over their enemies, the communiqué says, has been proved conclusively by last week's fighting; while it has demonstrated that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating.

The Battle of the Ypres salient, which promises to be one of the great battles of the war, is following its normal course. Last week recorded the gains of the British in this sector. This week we must note the desperate attempts made by the Germans in retaking the lost positions.

This British advance in the Ypres salient threatens the enemy's lines of communication to the Belgian coast. The railway along the road feeds German naval bases on the Belgian coast, from which German U-boats sail, will soon come within range of fire and heavy British guns.

October 12

American Destroyer Sinks U-Boat

Details of a fight between an American destroyer and a German submarine in which the submarine was destroyed by depth bombs was announced by the Navy Department. According to the press release:

"The American destroyer first sighted the submarine in the early morning of a clear day. The sea was entirely calm with hardly a ripple of foam. The submarine was running submerged, with only her periscope showing. The U-boat was less than a mile off when the periscope was discovered. It was throwing up a column of water several feet in height."

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The Wickes-class destroyers were a class of 111 destroyers built by the United States Navy in 1917-19. They formed the "four-stack" type. Only a few were completed in time to serve in World War I, including USS Wickes, the lead ship of the class.

At the same time it opened fire on the periscope. A course was steered that would bring the destroyer across the wake of the U-boat. As the destroyer dashed across the line of bubbles a depth charge was dropped and a column of clear water shot about 30 feet into the air. The destroyer opened up with her guns on the periscope as she came around to rush the U-boat's wake again. Again a column of clear water showed that the depth charge had not reached its mark."

"The third charge brought up a column of clear water again and the destroyer attacked once more, but without visible results. As she neared the end of the line of bubbles the fourth charge was let go and there followed a widespread boiling of the surface of the sea, and large bubbles of heavy film of oil. The destroyers spent some time looking for further traces of the U-boat, but none was found and she then proceeded on her course. The engagement lasted twenty-two minutes."

Meanwhile, the Navy Department announced it was contracting for the immediate construction of an unnamed number of destroyers for use against German submarines. All the destroyers are to be of one model and type, and all their equipment will be standardized. The plan is to build additional shops and shipyards, with enough destroyers to more than double the present American fleet.

Plans for New Russian Parliament Causes Unrest

Russian internal affairs still claim precedence in interest over happenings along the Russian front. The Russian Democratic Congress has adjourned after providing for the construction of a Parliament of 305 members. The Congress with Premier Kerensky presiding, was a unique gathering of representatives of revolutionary Russia. It was the first time that shaggy peasants and soldiers, who had been accustomed to demonstrating against and attacking the bourgeoisie, had sat with them on equal terms at the counsel table.

In a statement to the body, Premier Kerensky said: "The growth of anarchy, the condition of political ruin which confronts the country, the extravagant demands of various groups and strivings in certain quarters to re-

store the former regime forces, is a recognition of the necessity of union and coalition. Only the union of the bourgeoisie and the democratic elements can move the country forward. Owing to the vacillating character of the Congress, which one day welcomes the war minister with his aims of reconstituting the Army, and the next day applauds the Bolsheviks program, the government has passed 56 of the past 107 days in a state of crisis."

The Petrograd Bolshevik radicals, however, expressed disappointment at the result of this Congress and have called a session of the Russian Soldiers and Workman's Deputies to meet in Petrograd, threatening to form an opposition parliament, as they apparently consider the conservative influences too strong in the Parliament authorized by the Congress. The situation thus may result in two parliaments sitting at once and each claiming power.

Italy Calls for Allied Efforts to Shift Efforts South

What is regarded as one of the most important questions concerning the future conduct of the war is expected to be pressed for decision at the October Allied Military conference in Paris.

At that time, the Italians will seek the Allies to turn from active operations on the Western front to the Italian front throw to push on Austria, and thus attempt to eliminate the Austrian-Hungarian Empire from the war.

Italy will seek to present a strong case, holding, as she does, that even the current offensive of Gen. Haig only proves that a stalemate exist on the Western front. The pushing on towards Austria, however, would serve the triple purpose of compelling German aid to Austria, encourage the ambitions for independence of Croatia and Hungary, and would drive Hungary to a position where she would have to sustain further military assaults for the sake of the Austrians.

Also involved are the perspective operations of the Allied forces gathered in Greece, which are planning an attack upon Bulgaria, and with the remnants of the Serbian Army, advance upon Austria through Serbia and Montenegro.

These considerations bring into discussions not only military, but also

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After the initial outburst of support at the start of the war, Americans began to question the rationale for Liberty Bonds. In response, the government began an active program to educate Americans on how the money from bond sales was being utilized.

entail far-reaching diplomatic considerations. The most obvious of those would be raised in respect to United States, which is not at war with Austria, though the aid, which Italy seeks from her anti-Austrian operations, coal and iron, and perhaps the presence of American officers, is mostly to be derived from this country.

Opposition of the Italian plan from a military standpoint comes primarily from the French, who point out that Italy is not being invaded, and that cessation of effort to repeal the invasion from which they consider the doubtful expediency of invading Austria for the purpose of weakening Germany has no strong psychological appeal to the French people.

October 19

Why Buy Liberty Bonds?

Propaganda that is pro-German in its effect is doing much to discourage Liberty Bond buying. Examples of this detracting propaganda are: the efforts to show that Wall Street is seeking to drive down prices of securities in general, and Liberty Bonds along with them; that the rich are making the profits from the war and the middle class is being compelled to pay the bills; and, that the purpose of Liberty Bonds is only for lending money to the Allies.

The principle appeal of speakers on behalf of the bond issue so far has been mostly upon patriotic rounds. Audiences had been told to buy bonds to help America win the war, to make the world safe for democracy, and to crush Germany. It has been taken for granted that the good citizens would realize why buying bonds would help to do these things.

It has become apparent, however, that Mr. Average Citizen has no such conception. He knows how money contributed to the American Red Cross is going to help our soldiers; he knows how contributions to relief funds help the widows and orphans of our allied soldiers, but the intricacies of Liberty Bonds has not been fully explained. From now on, with this realization, government officials are going to seek to make this point clear.

There is the fundamental question of: "what is the loan for?" That is, what does the money buy? If the United States lends money to our

allies how much does that help win the war?

Watch what happens when this country lends \$1 billion to Great Britain. Accept the fundamental principal that to help the Allies is the most efficient way to help the cause of world democracy. When Great Britain borrows \$1 billion, she turns about and spends it in this country.

Great Britain does not want our money. They want what we produce. They want raw materials and the labor to whip it into useful war materials. Spending it here lies the principle point of the transaction. Great Britain simply is asking the United States to give her so much material and so much labor, for which she will pay us back when the war is won. For her to take gold or silver across the water would do no good. She sorely needs the things that gold and silver would buy here.

Now the bearing of all this on the Liberty Loan is: the soldiers are working in the trenches, doing harder, more disagreeable work than any stay-at-home can realize. It would do no good for the clerk, the bookkeeper, the salesman, to go to work in a munitions factory, or to turn to agriculture. But he can help by converting the wages he gets into the kind of labor, which is needed. He can buy Liberty Bonds, which represents \$50 or \$100 of work, performed by some efficient person, which will be of aid to the Allies therefore to us.

If ever the American citizen can be made to grasp these elemental principles, it is firmly believed, this Liberty Loan issue will be subscribed as fast as banks and other agencies can rake in the coin.

Germans Unwilling to Consider Peace

Travelers returning from Germany report that Germans, though longing tremendously for peace, will stand the war so long as the Allies show their unwillingness to guarantee the integrity of the German Empire and restore to Germany her colonies or continue the economic boycott.

Dreams of world domination have long since been given up by the German people. There is not much talk now about the success of the submarine war on the part of the public; only U-boat fanatics believe that this will bring peace.

Now the ideals are to restore German trade broken by the war and beat England in the world's marketplace. Members of the German elite think there is a possibility of opening the Turkish Empire for German industry.

What is surprising is the serene calmness with which the German public takes Allied success on the Western Front. There is an absolute conviction that the German line cannot be broken. The confidence in Hindenburg is still unshaken, though the importance of the possession of the Flemish coast during the war is strongly felt. "What matters, it is said, if we lose some square miles in Belgium?" Say the Germans, "our defensive zone is growing backward, quicker than it is destroyed in front are the allies."

October 26

Submarine Sinks American Troop Transport

German submarines have claimed their first victim from America's war forces. Within 24 hours after an American destroyer had been disabled in an undersea attack, a torpedo crashed into the homecoming transport, the Antilles, and sent her to the bottom with a loss of 70 lives.

The Antilles was returning from Europe in a convoy guarded by American destroyers. The torpedo was not seen, nor was the submarine that fired it. The torpedo hit the middle of the ship, causing her to break in half and sink within minutes.

No other information is known about the sinking, not even if the disaster occurred at night or day. There is speculation that the sinking is a result of the extension of the German submarine zone, which before this country began sending troops to France extended just west of the English coast.

Some reports seem to show that since United States troops' laden transports have been going abroad this summer, the German submarine zone has been extended further west into the middle of the Atlantic in an effort to sink ships on the way over. The fact that such effort has not been successful further adds to the belief that the attack was a matter of chance.

A submarine would have a much better chance of a successful attack on a returning transport than on one going abroad, because the convoy of the returning vessels are less adequate, for reasons of naval policy that it would not be considered good judgment to relieve from other duties destroyers to bring back transports which only have their crews aboard, and carry no cargo.

Relief was expressed that the vessel had met her fate while homeward bound and not on the way over with a large number of troops aboard. Had the attack been delivered while the Antilles was on her trip to France the loss of life probably would have been appalling. She was struck in a vital spot and plunged below so swiftly that few could have survived.

Interest is intense in the manner that the submarine managed to elude the protecting convoy and discharge the torpedo that hurled directly into the vessel. Naval officers are of the

opinion that the German commander lurked beneath the surface until the roving destroyers passed overhead and then waited for the big troop ships to come into easy range before releasing the deadly missile.

Meanwhile, it has been reported that German raiding cruisers that sank the British destroyers protecting the convoy and nine of the twelve-convoy ships attacked an Allied merchant convoy in the North Sea. The character of the raiding warships is not exactly apparent. The British Admiralty describes them as very fast, and heavily armed, while Berlin refers to them as light auxiliaries. The German ships escaped the vigilance of the British guard ships under cover of darkness, both on their outward and homeward trips.

Five Zeppelins Destroyed Over France

Germany suffered a disaster in the air on Saturday when five Zeppelin airships, believed to be returning from a raid on England, were brought down in French territory by airplanes and other aircraft gunfire.

The story began with the account of a raid on England Friday night, in which the bombs the Zeppelins dropped killed 27 persons and injured 53 others. Report soon began to be received, however, of Zeppelins being brought down in France. These were first supposed to belong to an independent raiding fleet. However, it was later determined that the raiders were returning from England. The approach of the eleven Zeppelins was signaled to France late in the evening. Air defense squadrons and batteries all over the country were warned. As the enemy's airships were attacked they scattered all over France like a flock of frightened birds.

Of the 27 deaths officially reported as the result of Friday night's air raid, seven persons were killed outright by bombs that fell in the shopping district of London and thirteen by a bomb that destroyed three houses in the residential quarter. Of the latter victims seven belonged to one fami-

ly, a mother and her infant, four girls and two boys.

It is reported from the eastern country that seven Zeppelins remained overhead for several hours and dropped 50 bombs including a number of incendiary ones. No casualties resulted, but a farm building was damaged and two horses were killed.

Destroyer Crews Readied For Winter

All American destroyers and crews are now prepared for the winter. Both have been equipped for cold days ahead. Winter clothing has been issued to the men and the fast little ships have been thoroughly overhauled and have had several gadgets added to their equipment such as non-breakable glass windows for the bridges, more crews' nest, and extra life rafts.

Thanks to the busy women at home who knit, many of the men have been provided with excellent sweaters, jerseys and socks. Now, however, an entirely new issue of extra heavy garments, designed by the British from their long experience of torpedo boats in the cold weather of the northern Atlantic, have been made.

The long summer days permits the U-boats to work long hours, but it also helps the destroyers in detecting them. The dark stormy days of winter enable the submarines to approach its prey with less chance of detection, but it also helps it to escape and helps destroyers to get closer to the U-boats without being seen.

This winter will bring new factors in favor of the anti-submarine forces and against their prey. The most important is the addition of the American ships. Next is the increase in effectiveness of the convoy system for dealing with submarines. British and American experts are confident that these new measures will continue to show even more satisfying results in the winter months ahead.

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Physicians

Dr. Brown settled on the banks of Toms Creek. The earliest tradition tells of Dr. Rench who came whilst Brown was living, and died prior to 1800, buried at Toms Creek. Dr. Robert Annan is next, born 1765, died 1827. His brother, Dr. Samuel Annan, was associated with him. He left Emmitsburg. Drs. Daniel and Robert Moore practiced for a time; they removed to Baltimore. Dr. Buchanan is spoken of. Dr. James Shorb, Dr. W. Patterson, Jefferson Shields, Dr. Wells. Andrew Annan born 1805, died 1896. J. W. Fichelberger, 1804, died 1895; Augustus Taney, 1804-1853; Felix McNeal, John Grover, C. D. Richelberger, J. W. Hichelberger, John B. Brawnner, Robert L. Annan, J. K. Wrigley, Timothy Sweeney, Dr. Swartz, Dr. Troxell in country. E. D. Stone and I. B. Jamison. Dr. J. W. Reigle, horse farrier.

The doctors of long past carried a large pocket book filled with the various drugs to compound the

doses. No drug stores or the handy prepared tablets and pills of the present day.

Drug Store

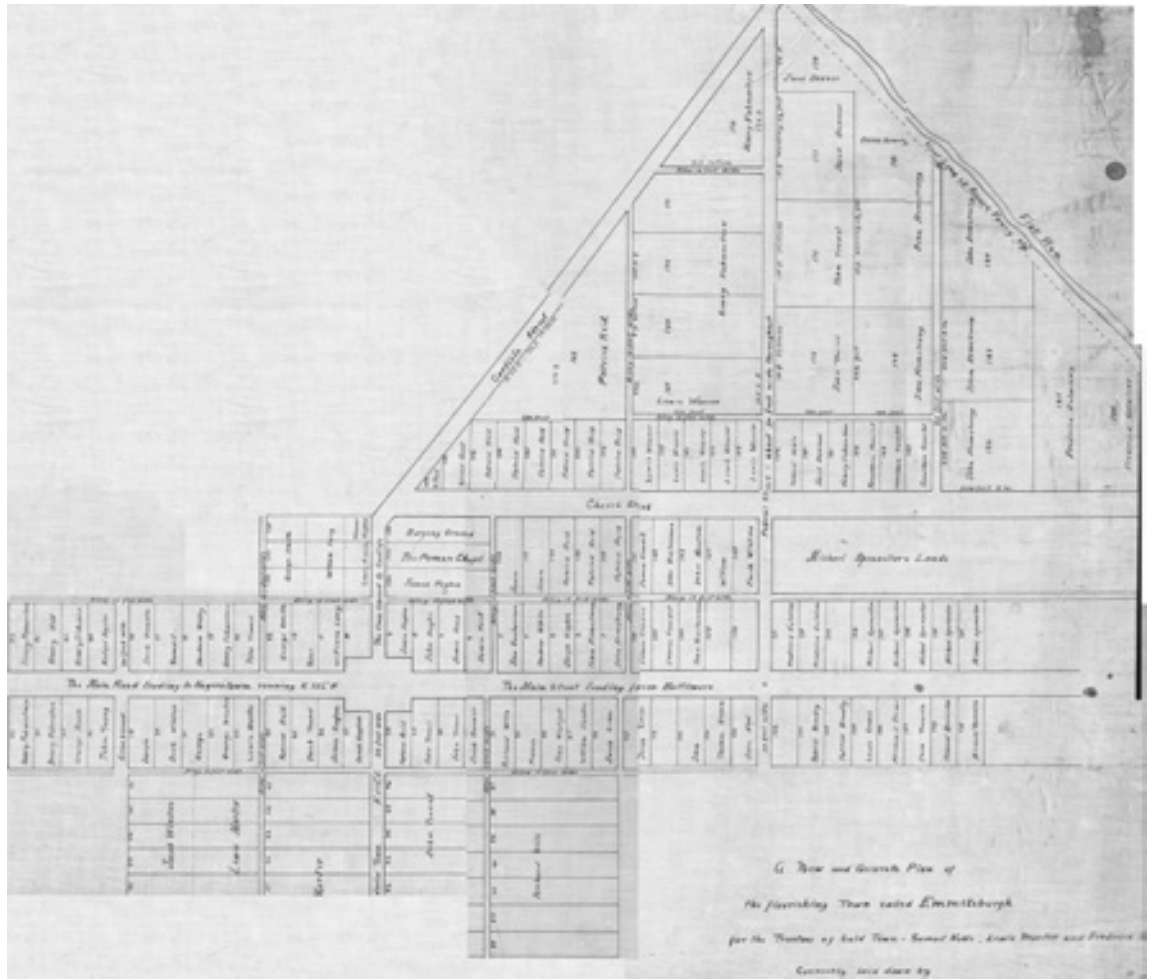
William McBride opened a drug store in Dr. Patterson's one-story building, east of his dwelling, on the Square. About 1850 J. A. Elder purchased McBride's stock and continued in this building until 1854, removing it to the old building, standing where he afterward erected the present one, continuing until his death in 1898, when T. F. Zimmerman bought the stock. He is the proprietor now.

Dr. Charles D. Richelberger opened a drug store in the present post office room in 1878. A few years after he purchased his present building on the opposite side, where he has continued to supply the trade.

The general stores keep a limited stock of the coarser drug, a custom dating back to the time when the stores were the only vendors of drugs, etc.

Merchants

In 1786 Capt. Richard Jennings built the first storeroom, where E. E. Zimmerman has his store, a one-story log house, born 1759. His widow, Lucy



An 1805 map depicting the building lots of Emmitsburg. The lots in the triangle 'hat' at the top were added to the original town in 1798 when William Emmet purchased Silver Fancy from Daniel Dulany.

Jennings, married James Hughes, a merchant, who built a store where the bank stands. He was born 1735-1839. Patrick Lowe, 1781-1827; Patrick Quin, George Grover, 1779-1850; Lewis Motter, 1779-1837; George Smith, 1780-1837; Isaac Baugher, 1787-1847; Joshua Motter, 1801-1875; J. W. Baugher, Adam Epley, James Kerrigan, Joseph Danner, Motter & Row, Fusting & McBride, McBride & Taney, James Storm, Storm & Smith, Smith & Clutz, J. C. Shorb, Troxell & Morrison, Moritz & Smith, Row & Annan, Fred A. Row, Henry Gelwicks, Mrs. J. P. Bussey, Smith & Shorb,

Smith & Cash, Smith & McIntire, Isaac Hyder, Hyder & Krise, J. Taylor Motter, D. Zeck, Horner & Co., G. W. Row, J. A. Heiman, I. S. Annan & Bro., Robert Getwicks, D. S. Gillelan, J. & C. Row, J. C. Williams, Peter Burket, P. Hoke, Heiman & Row, J. A. Heiman, Wm. G. Blair, J. Thomas Gelwicks, Chas. Rotering, J. I. Caldwell, Hoke & Sebold, J. E. Hoke, W. D. Colliflower.

Dentists

Dentistry was an itinerancy for a long time in Emmitsburg. Dr. Lechler, of Waynesboro, Pa., made his monthly visits, making the old time gold plates. Dr. Geo. Fouke, of Westminster, came here monthly about 1854, and after, for many years, his son, still paying the town an occasional visit. Dr. Conner for a short time. Dr. J. W. Berry, of Vir-

ginia, came 1861, boarding at Wile's hotel, the first resident dentist. After spending two years here he moved to Hagerstown. Later, Dr. Keedy came. Then Dr. J. P. Bussey, for some years. Dr. Wright a few years. Dr. Anders made his monthly visits. Dr. Gall a short time. The present resident, Dr. Forman, since 1897.

Silversmiths

Bowden appears the first on the list. His house was where J. Agnew lives. Seventy-five years ago he removed to Waynesboro. Spoons of his manufacture are still in possession of some families. Mr. Andrew Hyster came here about that time, continuing until his death, 1872. Since, his son, Geo. T. Eyster, has continued. Others have dropped in with a small stock of jewelry; the lack of patronage prevented their permanent stay,



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therefore Mr. Eyster remains at the old stand.

Property Holders, 1808

John Armstrong, gunsmith; Joseph Hagan, Dr. Robert Annan, Andrew White, John Buchanan, James Reed, John Hughes, merchant; James Hughes, merchant; Michael Wicks, Wm. McKinley; Wm. Long, saddler; Peter Horniker, farmer; George Smith, merchant; Peter Troxell, architect; Henry Fahnestock, Abraham Welty, hatter; Samuel Noble, Jacob Frenk, blacksmith; Joseph Bruchey, tinner; Jacob Winters, flour store; George Boner, tavern; Geo. Winter, wheelwright; Lewis Motter, tanner; Patrick Reid, Jacob Troxell, hatter; John Troxell, miller; Jacob Danner, tailor; Richard Wills, Thomas Slothour, John Westfall, Wm. Hunter, Jacob Cress, Michael Oyster, tanner; Jacob Oyster, tanner; Henry Dishom, wheelwright; Henry Need, George Fouk, John Young, magistrate; Michael Sponseller, tanner; Philip Nunemaker, hardware store; Fredk. Gelwick, brewery; Peter Weikard, James Crocket, Jacob Harp; Peter Nack, John Trux, Thos. Carson, John Noel, Patrick Bradley, shoemaker; Lewis Crouse, Abraham J. Emmit, John Trenkle, blacksmith; John Row, cabinetmaker; John M. Hoffe, John Huston, magistrate; Wm. Mittingly, Jacob Hughes, Lewis Weaver, chair maker; Jonathan Hazelet, miller.

Corporations of Emmitsburg

There is no doubt when the town was laid out in lots; the citizens lived in peace; the rustic age did not require the corporate laws that the later and more expansive age did.

In 1808 the plat of the town made by Andrew Smith gives three trustees as the governing body: Frederick Gelwicks, Lewis Motter and Samuel Noble. This mode of government

continued until the first charter was obtained in the year 1825, when a burgess was elected and a new system inaugurate. The oldest record from which information is obtainable is 1840 and years following. A second Act passed by the Maryland Assembly, 1843, gave powers not included in former Act. The burgess' books prior to 1840 are not to be found; hence all is a blank between dates.

Commissioners, 1840 Joseph Welty, Henry Rickenbaugh, John Zimmerman, Jeremiah Pittenger, Zacharias Jodun, Wm. Mooney.

1841, Burgess-W. B. Pittenger; Commissioners, Henry Rickenbaugh, James Storm, Joseph Welty, Fredk. Gelwicks, John Zimmerman, Joshua Shorb.

1842, Burgess - John Zimmerman; Commissioners, James Storm, Joshua Shorb, Dr. Augustus Taney, Michael Helman, James Hosphehorn.

1843 - Burgess, John Zimmerman; Commissioners, Isaac Baugher, George Sheets, Andrew Eyster, Joshua Shorb, John Miller, Dr. J. W. Eichelberger.

1849, Burgess - I. E. Pearson; Commissioners, J. W. Baugher, Joseph Moritz, Alfred Jones, Samuel Troxell, Wm. Mooney, John Miller.

1850, Burgess - Jacob S. Gelwicks; Commissioners, J. W. Baugher, Isaac E. Pearson, Jacob Sheets, Wm. Mooney, Samuel Motter.

The clerk and treasurer were elected by Commissioners outside the body. Salary of burgess, \$7; salary of clerk, \$7; salary of collector of Taxes, \$10; constable, \$10.

The following served as burgess; pages missing from old records prevent complete list:

Wm. B. Pittenger, 1841; John Zimmerman, 1842, 1843; Isaac E. Pearson, 1847; Jacob S. Gelwicks, 1850; M. C. Adelsberger, 1854; Patrick Kelly, 1858, 1859; Andrew Eyster, 1860; D. G. Adelsberger, 1861,

1862; M. Sweeney, 1863, 1864, 1865; Andrew Eyster, 1866; M. C. Adelsberger, 1867; M. Sweeney, 1868, 1869, 1870 D. G. Adelsberger, 1871; Henry Stokes, 1872; Martin Sweeney, 1873; John F. Hopp, 1874; M. Sweeney, 1875; John F. Hopp, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879; J. H. T. Webb, 1880, 1881; Isaac Hyder, 1882, Henry Stokes, 1883; John G. Hess, 1884, 1885; Wm. G. Blair from 1886 to 1897; M. F. Shuff from 1897 to 1902; Philip Snouffer, 1902, 1903; E. L. Frizzell, 1904, 1905; M. F. Shuff, 1906.

The first Board of Commissioners elected after the new charter November 7th, in 1854, were Patrick Kelly, Henry Stokes, Dr. J. W. Richelberger, Richard Gilson, Fred. A. Row, Joshua Row and Charles Shorb, that took a forward move in executing their official duties; these men started a crusade against crime; men could be seen on the street drunk, and committing conduct unbecoming of a civilized town; the public was powerless to stop it; now arrests were made, men fined indiscriminately until the spirit of rowdy-ism was quelled; the burgess was sustained by an honorable body of Commissioners; they inaugurated a clean-up club and fined the people who permitted a nuisance; the streets received the first attention towards their present good condition. The present Board of Commissioners, J. Thomas Gelwicks, John S. Long, Oscar D. Fraley, E. E. Zimmerman, James Mullen, John Dakehart. Burgess, M. F. Shuff Lamplighter and constable, \$250; burgess, \$15; clerk, \$10; tax collector, \$18.

Magistrates

As far back as 1777, in the deed made by Christian Keefer to Peter Troxell, the names of Jacob Young and L. Botilas are attached as magistrates. John Huston and Henry Williams were magistrates in 1804. Wm. Emmit

before and after 1800. Patrick Owens later. Lewis Motter, Major Wm. Mooney, Michael C. Adelsberger, Frank Hoover, James Knauff, David Agnew, Andrew Eyster, Geo. W. Troxell, Martin Sweeney, Henry Stokes, J. Thos. McBride, F. A. Maxell, M. F. Shuff, J. M. Kerrigan.

Carpenters

In the list of names of the first settlers of Emmitsburg, we find Richard Baird, carpenter, who built the brick house now Presbyterian parsonage. George Smith was a builder. In 1814 he erected the Lutheran steeple. Peter Troxell, architect. In 1818 James Storm came to Emmitsburg; he erected some of the buildings at St. Joseph's Convent. James Taylor was a prominent builder; amongst the structures put up by him was the Monocacy

Bridge on Baltimore road; Tehen, a Frederick carpenter, built Clairvoux and the R. C. Church in town and some of the College buildings. Joshua Shorb, Jeremiah Black, John Miller, Jacob Rife, in their day, were the leading builders; after these Tyson & Lansinger, Sebastian Florence. William Row, Samuel Flautt, Ed. Baker, George Springer, E. Florence.

Item. - James Storm was a man of scientific mind, an architect of no mean capacity; always a student, he gave his attention to the collection of curiosities, Indian relics, shells, minerals; he had a room shelved, cased and nicely arranged for display; a valuable collection; at his death it was sold and taken away; it should have remained as a nucleus for a greater one for the town.

Part 8 next month

5 Things you should know about Medicare Fall Open Enrollment

Open enrollment takes place each fall. This is the time when Medicare participants can change plans, and people who are newly eligible for Medicare can enroll. Many people join a prescription drug plan or start using a Medicare Advantage plan. In some cases, people who have Advantage plans return to Original Medicare. There are several important considerations for anyone planning to make a change this fall.

1. Open enrollment lasts from October 15 through December 7. These dates are the same every year. When a person enrolls in a plan or makes a change, the new plan is effective January 1. For most situations, the open enrollment period is the only time when a person can choose an Advantage plan or a Part D plan. People who have an Advantage plan and want to switch back to Original Medicare should also enroll in a Part D prescription drug coverage plan. Medigap is also helpful to have with Original Medicare to cover costs. However, they are limited in availability during open enrollment depending on geographic location.

2. Everyone should review their Medicare coverage annually. A review is not just important for people who are unsatisfied with their current coverage. Every person should review their current coverage, find out what the upcoming year's changes are and make an educated decision. If health issues change during the year or are expected to change, one plan may be better than the existing coverage.

Members of Part D and Advantage plans receive annual notices outlining the various changes to coverage within the plan. For example, a Part D plan covering one type of prescription drug may stop covering it during the next year. For people who rely on that drug, a prescription plan switch may be necessary. Research suggests that people who compare Part D plans can save themselves hundreds of dollars by

doing so every year. Always check with various plans in the area to see which ones have less restrictions and cover more drugs.

3. Know how to make changes or switch plans. For anyone considering a change, there is plenty of help available. To find the best prescription drug plan for individual needs, visit Medicare.gov. Use the plan finder tool to see the best options. To join an Advantage plan, simply call 800-Medicare for local resources. Be sure to research prospective plans online. After doing the necessary research, call the plans directly to confirm important points. Make sure drugs, doctors and chosen pharmacies are covered. For information about plans or how to pick one, discuss options with an agent.

4. Remember the disenrollment period. Although many changes are limited to the open enrollment period, there is a disenrollment period where participants can revoke their enrollment in a chosen plan. This period is from January 1 through February 14. However, this period is only for people who enroll in an Advantage plan and want to switch back to Original Medicare.

5. Understand the two different fall open enrollment periods. The open enrollment period for Medicare is not the same as the open enrollment period for the Health Insurance Marketplace. The marketplaces or exchanges are not intended for individuals who are enrolled in Medicare or plan to enroll in Medicare during the upcoming year. These exchanges are for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

For those who are newly eligible to enroll in Medicare, it is important to take the time to research all options. Enrolling may seem confusing with all of the information available. For more information about changing a plan or enrolling for the first time, discuss your concerns with one of our agents.

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MOM'S TIME OUT

Getting their heads on straight

Mary Angel

I have spent many articles explaining to everyone how different my children are. Obviously the boys have some similarities, as do the girls. There are also some things in common between the first born girl and first born boy. Other than a few more parallel personality traits they are all as contrasting as they come. So when my first child excelled in school and always did his best and stayed on top of things we were a bit spoiled. My second son has managed to ground us in this area.

Our 16 year old has always been of the mindset that as long as he does what he needs to get by then all is right with the world. We have spoken to him at length about wasting his talents or squandering his potential and it has gone in one ear and out the other. Many times since he entered high school his grades (not report card grades, but those in between grades that you see on line) have dropped so low they were almost in the negative. Low and behold he ended up with nothing below a "C" and several "As" and "Bs". Obviously the ability is in there, however, the drive has been absent for a while.

Move forward from freshman year to sophomore year and he loves marching band and is slightly more motivated since he knows a bad grade would make him ineligible to participate. Although there were still a few scares he managed to mostly keep his grades in the "C" range and above more consistently. Still we would talk to him about his GPA and putting in more effort and committing to exceptional instead of mediocre. Not much changed or got through his thick skull that year either. At this point his future was pointing toward him being an elementary school teacher. After an introduction to early childhood development he decided that might not be the right path for him. He knew he loved working with kids but couldn't figure out what that meant in his future career path.

Now it is the summer before his junior year and his older brother is heading off to college. His brother is able to go to the college of his choice because he got some scholarship based on merit and auditions. He will still have a great deal more debt than any of us would like. All of this has been



Long before computers and the Internet, studying was done the old-fashioned way - with pen, paper and books in a library - a quiet library.

discussed at length and in front of the 16 year old. Somehow the 18 year old going to college (remember he is our first and take pity on my naivety) snuck up on us. Maybe it was hearing his older brother commiserate that if he had only gotten 70 more points on his SAT he would have gotten more money in his merit scholarship, or maybe it was finally realizing what he wanted to go to college for (and where). I am not sure what spurred his change of attitude but I know it happened the summer he was headed into his junior year.

At the end of sophomore year he decided he wanted to be a high school music teacher. There was no doubt in his mind. He also decided that he wanted to go to James Madison University in Virginia. When it was time to make his schedule for his junior year he took as many classes as he could that would point him in that direction. When school let out for the summer he started researching JMU and found out that it was way out of his price range and would require a miracle. This was the lynch pin in his behavior. He started attending an SAT study group and

looking into community college and then a transfer to JMU. Before school started he asked for an agenda book and some organizational school supplies.

Since the school year has started he has been filling in his agenda book, studying for tests, and completing his homework on time. The biggest miracle for this child (a little dash of sarcasm), is that he has not only completed his homework on time, he has also turned it in on time! In addition to all of this I am receiving a weekly announcement from him on where the on-line grading system says he is. I am informed when a quiz is about to happen, how he feels he did on the quiz, and the actual grade he got when it was returned to him. He is using the study mod at school the way it was intended as well. Whether it is to study for a quiz or test, to practice his instrument, meet with a teacher to ask questions, or he will do his homework for the next day. So far, and yes I know we are only four weeks into the year, so good.

Although I am super excited about this change in attitude, I am not so naïve to think it couldn't

change back. After all, his enthusiasm for school has run the gambit of emotions. This time does seem a little different and his motivations are certainly not like any other he has ever had. My hope is that if his passion seems to be wavering that I will notice it soon enough to encourage him and build him back up. I realize he is only human and can lose sight of the prize when it is so far away, but I know he has a bright future ahead of him if he can just stay the course.

I am not sharing my excitement about my son to brag or get anyone's children in trouble for their lack of enthusiasm or focus. My purpose is to give hope to those parents who have worried like I have. My goal is to shed light on the fact that kids mature at different rates. Some kids are like my first son and for the most part do what need to be done and try to do their best. Other kids need time (hopefully not too much time) to get their heads on straight and reach for the stars!

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Pears-a-plenty welcome fall

Carol Cogliano
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Happy Fall! Among the various fruits and vegetables that are harvested this time of year, fresh pears are easily one of the favorite autumn crops, here at Hollabaugh Bros., Inc. Before I began working here, my knowledge and taste for pears was limited to what was available at the grocery store... so minimal, at best. Since I am now surrounded by many different pear varieties during my work day, I have had the wonderful opportunity to try them and learn a bit more about this juicy autumn fruit. So here's your "Pears 101" crash course; information provided from 3rd generation Hollabaugh Family.

Varieties: There are European varieties of pears (Bartlett, Seckel, Bosc, etc.) and Asian varieties of pears (Hosui, Yoinashi, Olympic, etc.). They are very different in taste and texture! All originated from wild forests that existed in those areas over the millennia.

Ripeness: Often people don't know when to eat a pear, or when it will taste best. Different varieties are different, but generally, you don't want to wait until the whole pear (European) is soft before eating - you just want the stem-end to be a bit soft. A lot of the European varieties will also shift from an undertone of green to more yellow. Asians are best when their undertone is more of a golden bronze. The skin color always tells the story. Due to some of the growing challenges, there is some meaningful pear breeding going on in the country.

As "potentially good" varieties start to emerge, one of the biggest challenges growers have is knowing not just when to eat a pear but also how to ripen it. Interestingly, not all European pears ripen best on the tree. In fact, some really won't ripen unless harvested at a certain stage of maturity and then stored in the cold storage for a time. On the tree they just kind of go from green and hard to soft and mushy. So what do we mean by being "ready"? Well, it depends on taste.

Some pears will get sweet and then their flesh will mellow and become "melting" - Bartlett is a great example. However, there are pears that must be eaten "crisp" or the flesh just turns to mush. With new varieties, one never knows which is "right" - except through trial and error. To add further confusion, some varieties won't really get "good" on the tree but become wonderful after being stored for a period (and that period can vary). It's truly a much more complicated beast than most other tree fruits!

Poached Pears

You can poach the pears in halves or whole. Note that the poaching time will be longer if the pears are in larger pieces than quarters. The best way to test if the pears are done is by poking one with a paring knife; if it

meets no resistance, it's done. Recipe courtesy of: www.davidlebovitz.com.

Ingredients: (Makes 4 servings)

1 quart (1l) water
1 1/3 cup (265 g) sugar
4 Bosc pears; peeled, cored, and quartered

Additions: One cinnamon stick, 2 teaspoons whole cloves, black peppercorns or allspice berries, one lemon half, one split vanilla bean, 2-3 star anise, 6-8 fresh ginger slices

Instructions:

In a large saucepan, heat the water and sugar until warm and the sugar is dissolved. Add any of the additions that you wish.

Slide in the pears and cover with a round of parchment paper, with a small hole cut in the center.

Keep the liquid at a very low boil and simmer the pears until cooked through, 15 to 25 minutes, depending on the pears.

Remove from heat and let the pears cool in their liquid.

Optional: After poaching the pears, while the liquid is still warm, add approximately 1/2 cup (120 g) dried sour cherries, cranberries, raisins, or dried currants and let them plump.

Serving:

Serve the pears warm or at room temperature. Accompany with perhaps a scoop of Vanilla ice cream and some dark chocolate sauce, a spoonful of crème fraîche, Milk chocolate & black pepper ice cream, fresh raspberries, or alongside a wedge of spice cake or gingerbread.

Storage:

Store the pears in their liquid in the refrigerator, in a covered container, until ready to use. Remove the pears from the refrigerator a few hours prior to serving, and re-warm them gently in the liquid, if you wish. The

pears will keep for up to 5 days.

Autumn Spice Pear Cobbler

Sweet pears and a wonderful, warm blend of spices combine for this simple and delicious Autumn Spice Pear Cobbler. Recipe courtesy of: www.bakeorbreak.com. Yield: 6 to 8 servings. Prep Time: 25 minutes.

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients for the filling:

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 medium pears, peeled and chopped into about 1/2-inch pieces
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Ingredients for the topping:

1 & 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
pinch of salt

1/4 cup unsalted butter, cold and cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1/4 cup milk
sanding sugar, for garnish (optional)

Instructions to make the filling:

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the pears, sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt, and stir to combine.

Continue cooking, stirring frequently, until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is bubbly. Allow the mixture to bubble for 2 or 3 minutes, or until thickened.

Remove from heat. Stir in the vanilla.

Transfer the filling to a 1-quart baking dish. Set aside while you



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make the topping.

Instructions to make the topping:

Combine the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, allspice, nutmeg, and salt.

Add the butter, and mix with a pastry blender, a fork, or your fingers until the butter is about the size of peas.

Add about 3 tablespoons of the milk, and continue mixing the dough. Add the remaining milk, a small amount at a time, and mix just until the dough comes together.

Drop the dough by tablespoon-

fuls over the top of the filling. Sprinkle with sanding sugar, if using.

Place the baking dish on a lined, rimmed baking sheet to catch any potential spills.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until the topping is browned and the filling is bubbly.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Blue Ridge Summit Free Library

Standing Events

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

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

Saturday - Join us at 11 a.m. for Story and Craft Hour and all of its festivities! What could be better than a great

book, a good snack, and a fun craft?

Upcoming Special Events

On Oct 3rd we will have our 2nd fall scherenschnitte get together with Bill Hammann. New members are welcome, old members are appreciated. Please bring your knives and boards if previous students. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Makes a great family project! Digital Graphics Club starts at 6:45 p.m. on Oct 9th. Come to learn or come to help! We will be creating new graphics, animated and static, for our digital sign.

"Reading Rocks: Vol 2" at the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library on Oct. 11th at 6 p.m. This edition is for our teens and tweens and we have placement for 12. Please call the library, 717-794-2240, to register.

On Oct. 12th dress like a pirate and watch the Free movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales",

rated PG-13. Best costume wins a prize! Movie starts at 6 p.m.

Anime.Manga club is on Oct 16th at 6 p.m. It meets the 3rd Monday of the month. Movies, graphic novels, and books will be showcased.

The Summit Stitchers Quilt Club is meeting on Oct 17th at 5:30 p.m. New members and new projects are always welcome! Any skill level may attend. Challenges appreciated.

Our new adult book club will have its organizational meeting on Oct 26th at 6:30 p.m. We will be featuring local authors this year. If you are interested in participating but can't make this meeting, please contact the library at 717-794-2240.

The fall Tween/Teen Lock In will be on Oct 28th from 7-11 p.m. We will be decorating pumpkins, playing board games, eating pizza, and watching "Hocus Pocus", rated PG. There is space for 15, please call to register, 717-794-2240. Permission slips necessary and may be picked up at the front desk.

Emmitsburg Library

Tiny Houses (Adult), October 3, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.. Lancaster Builders gives a presentation and Q/A session about tiny house living.

Vintage Vibes: Fire and Injury Prevention (Adult), October 18, 3 - 4 p.m.. Safety tips from the Vigilant Hose Company and tour of Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum. Meet at the library.

The Art of Leaves (Ages 3-6), October 3, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.. Learn why leaves

change color in the fall, go on a leaf hunt, and create a make-and-take art project with leaves.

Homeschool Connection (Grades 1-5), October 4, 2 - 3 p.m.. 10/4: LEGO(R) WeDo, 10/18: Music Makers, 11/1: International Games Week, 11/15: Art Exploration.

Minecraft (Grades 1-5), October 7, 11 - 12 p.m.. Enter the world of Minecraft to build, explore and destroy!

Zen with Zentangle! (Grades 6-12), October 7, 1 - 3 p.m.. With pen and paper, create beautiful imagery through structured patterns.

Discover the Rainforest (Grades K-5), October 14, 10 - 11 a.m.. Stories, crafts, and hands-on exploration.

Family Tunes and Tales: Music Makers (Ages 6-8), October 17, 1:30 - 2 p.m.. Exciting group experiences with more complex instruments and rhythm play. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council and The Community Foundation of Frederick County. Register For Event at FCPL.org or 301-600-6329.

R.E.A.D.® with Wags for Hope (Grades K-5), October 21, 5 - 6 p.m.. Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Make a Difference Day: Card Making (Grades K-12), October 28, 11 - noon.. Create greeting cards for local nursing home residents.

Thurmont Library

Computer Coding for Kids Pt. 3 (Grades 3-7), October 02, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.. Explore basic Scratch

programming and create your own project.

Smartphones 101 (Adult), October 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.. Basic instruction for Android and Apple phones, including cloud storage, Google backup and data usage. BYO smartphone is required.

Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo Visits the Library (Ages 2+), October 6, 2 - 3 p.m. Staff from the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo will bring a few animal friends.

Teen STEM Lab: The Magic of Harry Potter (Grades 6-12), October 6, 3 - 4 p.m.. Explore the magic of Harry Potter through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts.

World War I Film Series (Adult), October 11, 6 - 8:30 p.m.. To commemorate the centenary of the U.S. entry into the First World War with three films set during the "War to End All Wars." Screenings are part of a series commemorating World War I and include a brief historical introduction and Q and A. 10/11: "All Quiet on the Western Front" (NR); 11/15: "Gallipoli" (PG).

Design with Perler Beads (Grades 4-12), October 12, 5 - 6 p.m.. Use perler beads to create a key chain, magnet, or other work of art.

Chess Club (Grades 3-Adult), October 21, 11 - noon. For those who want to play, learn or sharpen their skills. Hosted by a USCF Class B Rated Player.

OMOB/Curious Minds: TED Talk: Danger of a Single Story (Adult), October 23, 2 - 3:30 p.m.. Watch and discuss "Danger of a Single Story," the TED Talk by "Purple Hibiscus" author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the leading African author of a generation.

Fright Night (Grades 6-12), October 26, 6 - 7 p.m.. Welcome ghostly ghouls, spooky spirits, and wicked witches to an evening of tricks and treats on the library's deck.

R.E.A.D.® with Wags for Hope (Grades K-5), October 28, 11 - noon. Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

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Frederick County Board of Education

Mike Bunitsky

Welcome Back!!!! School is back in session... "finally" I think I heard from some parents.

For years Frederick County Public Schools has begun the school year in the month of August. This year, due to the Executive Order of Governor Hogan, school cannot begin until after Labor Day and must end by June 15. It is interesting that the Governor based his decision on a proposal to help Worcester County and/or Ocean City, to continue to host Maryland families through the month of August. Then a survey was conducted which supported the conclusion that about 73% of Marylanders would rather be at the beach at that time of year.

I am attending the Calendar Committee meetings during the next few months to see how they navigate the new decision-making quagmire.

When I look at the Maryland State Report Card for 2016 and compare some of the statistics between Worcester County and Frederick County, I don't see why

we cannot set our own calendar—turns out that we achieve greater results with fewer resources. Check out these numbers below.

Worcester per pupil wealth, \$1,094,782 (highest in the state) / Frederick County \$402,478 (13th).

Worcester per pupil expenditure, \$16,960 (highest in the state) / Frederick County \$12,661 (20th).

Worcester instructional staff per 1,000 pupils 91.2 (highest in the state) / Frederick County 64.7 (21st).

So what actually is the new school calendar about? Is it about the money that can be made at resorts and amusement parks and recreational areas in Maryland? I hear from some parents that it is also about the money that working families had to come up with to cover childcare this past summer. I don't think anyone can say the school calendar is about our agrarian past. No students take off for the planting and harvesting seasons. Shouldn't the school calendar be about creating instructional time and ac-

centuating opportunities for reinforcing learning?

Obviously the school calendar affects the amount of time children are home and need supervision. Some families wanted, craved, the extra time to spend with their kids. Many families have two working parents or are headed by a single working parent. These families as much as they love time with their kids, had to find childcare or supervised activities for the extra few weeks this summer. That costs money.

Regardless of the way any individual family dealt with the extra time, most kids loved it. But some of them will suffer from a "summer slide" or learning loss. Every teacher knows that the first two weeks of school are filled with activities to find out what skill set each student is bringing to the classroom.

As much as our children need to have their time filled with academic challenges, artistic expression and physical activity, they also need down time. But some of our older children are actually the childcare for their siblings in

the summer. Is that down time?

Does ten weeks of down time between June and September compensate for a shortened spring break and minimal days off during the school year? Why do kids hope and wish for snow days? Isn't it because they have been in school for better than four months and they need a break?

I believe a calendar that allows a few breaks during the year would be better for students overall mental and physical health. And for their enthusiasm for learning.

Our Board of education calendar committee is meeting now. Besides determining some of the local issues like Fair Day, and trying to decide what schedule work best for parents when scheduling parent-teacher conferences, the committee sets the calendar to:

- maximize instructional time,
- meet the 180 legal requirement,
- recognize federal and state holidays,
- maximize instruction for state mandated exams, and

- work within the negotiated contract.

Frederick County had a mild winter last year. Therefore we had no need of extra snow days. Snow days have to be "built in" to the calendar and if they are used up and extra snow days are taken, the county has to request a waiver from the Maryland State Department of Education or add days at the end of the year. No days can be added after June 15 per our Governor. This year our calendar includes five snow days. Winter break is six days this year. It was easy to set up as Christmas is on a Monday. Spring break is two days, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Next school year, 2018-2019, will present some challenges to meet all the requirements. There are 189 possible instructional days between Labor Day and June 15 without adding any snow days and only taking national holidays. The next step will be adding our local days: Fair Day, conference days, teacher workdays, etc. I look forward to watching the calendar committee do its work and send a suggested calendar to the Board of Education on November 8, 2017.

Mother Seton school news

When you're a teacher, student, or parent of a student, September is your spring. While the calendar year itself is waning and autumn gives us the year's "last, loveliest smile," we're starting with a clean slate. It's a fresh school year and everything is new again. New adventures and challenges await us!

Many look forward to the start of the school year and all the anticipation it brings, but as my own kids get older, the more they and I dread the end of summer break. For me, it's a reminder of time marching on, one more year closer to the day when there won't be book bags to pack and lunches to make. For them, it's the end of lazy mornings and days spent splashing in the pool, long nights catching fireflies or playing basketball, and wearing whatever they want.

That being said, there is so much happening at Mother Seton School this year that despite my lamentations over summer's end, I can't wait to jump right in. Our Home and School Association will host our annual Spaghetti Dinner at Rocky's in Thurmont on October 2nd. It's a little earlier than usual, but we won't have to worry about snow cancellations! We hope you'll come break bread with us, as well as bring your furry friend for the annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4th. Our fall wouldn't be complete without the Angels Above Alumni Golf Tournament on October 6th. It's the tenth anniversary and promises to be a stellar celebration. Visit our website at MotherSetonSchool.org and follow us on Facebook to keep informed about

these and the many other events we'd love to see you at.

Of course, it's not all fun and games. The students have a challenging year ahead of them. That's a good thing! From the littlest ones learning their ABCs to our middle schoolers dabbling in forensics, our students will have so many opportunities to grow strong and true. Our Leadership Challenge Course, which we kicked off last year, will continue this year in partnership with The Mount, allowing our middle school students practical experience in developing and demon-

strating leadership skills. The first activity is scheduled for October and already my seventh-grader is talking about it.

Likewise, my second-grader can't contain her excitement over the Monarch Waystation. This is the year she will learn all about the monarch lifecycle, and it will mean so much more to her and her classmates to experience it first hand in her classroom. They'll study the cocoons and when the butterflies are ready, they'll head outside to release them to the wild. It never fails to put a smile on their faces.

There's so much in store for this upcoming year. I'll be reminding myself and my children to focus on the adventure ahead of us instead of longing for the summer

we're leaving behind. There are many more memories just waiting to be made. We hope you'll be able to join in creating some of them!



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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

Given all the hoopla over 'Fake News,' we asked our FYATM writers to watch Edward R. Murrow's famous speech - Good Night, and Good Luck - and challenged them as future journalist to reflect on Murrow's predictions and the degradation we are witnessing in Murrow's belief that society needs honest, hard hitting news sources.

Freshman Year

Seeking truth and luck

Kaitlin Marks
MSMU Class of 2021

When I was a little girl, I loved to write. I still do, of course, but there was something magical to me within words, stories, books, movies and news. Everything about the journalism and writing fields appealed to me. The intensity of scouring the earth for truth, collaboration with the intellects of others, bringing together the perfect culmination of words and media in a way that makes people feel something, act or change all made my heart swell with a desire to be a part of something. However, I've simultaneously become someone who does not enjoy watching the news.

With constant bombardments of two contrasting forms of media becoming the popular standard on television, I find myself appalled by not only the 'fluff' pieces that seek to gain views and chatter from the public, but also by the bias and opinionated reporting styles that have become the cornerstone of journalism. In the movie "Good Night and Good Luck", the famous journalist Edward R. Murrow takes on the battle of sourcing the truth within reporting and gives a speech on the dangers of the uses of technology, journalism and tele-

vision as forms of entertainment rather than informational and educational.

Murrow foreshadowed a world where people were lazy. He imagined a country where no one cared about the problems facing anyone else; he described it as a "built-in allergy to unpleasant or disturbing information", and I believe that he was right. When a story is reported today, especially with the new forms of 'flash journalism' that bring instant live coverage of incidents to the fingertips of the viewer, it is centralized around garnering views, providing the necessary information but not full details, and concealing anything that would make a central figure or group appear in a negative light.

It is the responsibility of the journalists and the press to cover stories in their entirety. Their duty lies in uncovering facts and truth amidst a chaotic world. Words are more powerful than any weapon, any person and anything on this earth, especially when they are used to provoke a change. Any good writer or speaker can carefully place eloquently chosen pieces of language together in a way that brings people to tears, sparks anger, eradicates barriers between groups or nations, or teaches the reader or listener something they couldn't have learned any other way.

I believe that Murrow was right about the dangers of news as an entertainment source rather than an educational source. If every piece of media that we view is targeted towards making us smile, laugh, or forget our worries, how can we learn and grow? How can we develop ourselves, realize how huge the world around us is, or gain the strength to be more philanthropic and active in bettering our communities? In his famous speech, Murrow's summary point was to draw on the equality of power between the viewer and the press in shaping the style of journalism we use. He said, "This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and even it can inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise, it's nothing but wires and lights in a box. There is a great and perhaps decisive battle to be fought against ignorance, intolerance and indifference". Every person who picks up a newspaper, turns on the television, reads a book or a magazine or listens to the radio or a podcast has the power to direct its content simply by listening, reading, or choosing.

Of course, I still believe in choice and free will in itself. My favorite pastimes include reading, watching television and movies, and scrolling through social media. I don't deny these interests for the sake of sounding more intellectual; they are a natural part of the media industry today. Entertainment is still a valuable

and core piece of journalism. The message of Murrow's speech that is relevant to today, for me, is a forewarning about laziness and a call to action for a revitalization of the informational and educational aspects of the field. If people turn a blind eye to the powerful and sometimes unpleasant stories and facts, there will be no reason for anyone to report them or to create a program or story in which they are shared. There is a vicious cycle where the viewer controls the content, which in turn controls the viewer.

With the conflicts in the modern world and our very own political landscape, we should be doing everything in our power to weed out the negatives or the falsified, quick-view type of information and instead seek out the powerful and true facts. Terrorist attacks, incidents of violence and racial conflict, political upheavals, and strife in foreign relations all are dependent on the media to share them in an accurate way in order to make a change and improve the state of things.

While it is difficult to embrace opposing viewpoints, to expose the truth and expand horizons, news and technology should be used to convey messages that defend ideals, people, morals and intellect. They should promote civil discussion of ideas and allow for a platform to exist for discourse to be worked through. Issues and turmoil, especially within the darker corners of society and the world, should be brought to light, exposed and given a chance to be made right.

As a culture, we should not be reliant on fast and easy reads or the quickest method of getting information. In the words of Murrow, news and technology become a "powerful instrument of communication to insulate the citizenry from the hard and demanding realities which must indeed be faced if we are to survive...we must at all costs shield the sensitive citizen from anything that is unpleasant."

In most dystopian literature, society has become ruined by the leaders' desire to keep the citizens from knowing or experiencing anything that is unpleasant. Without being uncomfortable, our comfort zones can never grow. Without hearing, seeing and experiencing things that are harsh, difficult, dangerous or sad, we cannot empathize or care enough to make a difference. With that, I hope to conclude by acknowledging that media can be used in a positive way for entertainment, but as a society we must shift away from such a fast-paced world of instant gratification and more towards a media where facts, truth, and the unpleasant are embraced for the greater good of educating people everywhere.

Editor's note: We welcome Kaitlin to the staff and look forward to watching her grow journalistically over the next four years!

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Sophomore Year

Signing off

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After watching "Good Night, and Good Luck," I could not help but feel in awe of the sheer brazenness of Murrow, Friendly, and their team. For those of you who have not yet watched the movie I highly recommend watching. "Good Night, and Good Luck" focuses on Edward R. Murrow, a celebrated news reporter for CBS who famously reported on the London Blitz and the rise and fall of McCarthy. Murrow and his team began their expose on the communist witch-hunt with a young man named Milo Radulovich, who was in the U.S. Air Force. During the Cold War the concept of communism was unclear and led to an atmosphere within the country of

paranoia and accusation it was because of this and the people prepared to exploit it that Radulovich was forcibly discharged without trial solely based on his father who was accused of subscribing to a communist newspaper. If he renounced his father and sister he would be welcomed back, he refused to do so and lost his military career based on nothing.

Murrow used this to begin his broadcast of Junior Senator Joseph McCarthy and exposed the unjust machinations of McCarthy. The movie retells the struggle of Murrow and his team as they were forced to choose between ignoring the story or pushing through with it and risking their jobs and quite possibly their names as reliable reporters. The movie highlights McCarthy's methods in disposing of those who went after him and his fear mongering; he accuses Murrow of be-

ing a Communist himself. Murrow, ever the leveled head journalist, easily disproved McCarthy's claims on live television with grace and ease. In the end, United States had become disillusioned to McCarthy and had wised up to his ways.

Murrow faced an ethical dilemma; whether to broadcast what was happening or keep everything hushed because of the intimidating power that he was going against. He was willing to risk everything—his job, his show, even his own image—to show the world that Junior Senator Joseph McCarthy's groundless accusations against certain Americans were unfair and reflected poorly on the American people and their values.

I absolutely loved this movie because it has helped me to realize I am growing up in an age in which television more often broadcasts entertainment than anything of real substance. I think this is what we are lacking in television today: the people who are not afraid to broadcast the truth. We are so focused on gaining viewers or votes or high ratings that we tend to forget about the harm we are doing by taking it upon ourselves to shield the public. There are so many issues in today's world that go on unreported. They are deemed not interesting enough to be broadcasted on the news. New channels would rather report the latest viral cat video or the latest celebrity wedding over what may be happening over in Syria or Iraq. Prime time TV would rather cover the Kardashians or the gossip of housewives in Atlanta than families or killings.

It seems we as people have become more concerned with temporary, meaningless information rather than knowledge that could help us to better ourselves. Unlike the reporters of today, Murrow challenged what was universally accepted. Many called McCarthy's war on Communism a "witch-hunt", comparing it to the hysteria of the "witches" of Salem. However, their complaints did not do much to stop him from continuing his alarmism and accusations against anyone who opposed him. Murrow seized an opportunity to reveal the truth, and in doing so he prevented the unjust trials with due processes of the law which is the right of every American citizen.

In the news media today, we need to take more risks. We cannot be afraid of the bigger power when it comes to broadcasting controversial or not widely accepted ideas. We cannot constantly accept what is being told to us for the simple fact is that not everything we are told is true.

As viewers, we need to give less priority to empty television. My own peers, often called millennials, frequently fail in the fact that we are not as involved in politics and world issues as we could be. We have the technology to make a difference. We have the means to make our voice heard. We have a voice. But we don't use it. We are not taking advantage of what we are given to change our world. Why do we focus so much on temporary news and 5-second video clips, when we have the power to establish our generation as an active and vital voice in the world?

In an era of scarcely less fear and

disillusionment than our own, Murrow showed bravery. He was bold, audacious, and daring. He had so much to lose, but he continued to fight not for himself, but to show a generation that they could be better. He needed the truth, and he wanted the world to know it.

That is what journalism is about.

My friends don't agree with me. They call me a hypocrite because I spend so much of my time focused on media that is meaningless and un-educational (like the ever-tempting Netflix). How can I ridicule television's evolution into an entertainment box when I only use it for entertainment myself? I suppose I can't. But I do not agree with television becoming solely for entertainment purposes. Television can be used for so much more. Why settle for only entertainment when we have the perfect device to communicate knowledge to people all over the world?

Perhaps entertainment television is not completely bad, but it should not be excuse enough to replace all broadcasting of substance. The change in television's purpose would be a radical one, and doubtlessly one that would take a lot of time and face extensive opposition. However, if the attitudes of viewers and broadcasting companies alike align themselves more closely with those of Murrow, we will all become more intelligent, more informed, and more capable of making meaningful changes in the world around us.

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FAKE NEWS? GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK

Junior Year

News journalism: entertainment in disguise

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What would happen if people stopped caring about what is true, and instead focused all their attention on what is entertaining? What would it be like to live in a world in which facts are sacrificed to fantasy? Questions like this are posed in the film, “Good Night and Good Luck,” based on the famous career of Edward Murrow, a reporter for CBS. In his famous “lights and wires in a box” speech, Murrow prophetically addresses the dangers of the use of television, radio, and newspaper for entertainment instead of for education. According to the film, he spent his career broadcasting informative and strongly opinionated pieces which addressed current events controversies in an environment in which many others were too afraid to speak out. He warned in his speech that the delegation of American television to the realm of entertainment would cause widespread ignorance and indifference to the conditions of the world.

In Murrow’s time, it is very likely that television either served its purpose in education or in entertainment. However, the lines have blurred dramatically since then, and now the danger is that viewers can no longer tell the difference between the two. It is clear when “channel surfing” on just about any television that most of the available channels are dedicated to entertainment. Children’s

and adult’s cartoons, sit-coms, sports, and competitions appear without cease. There is always another sports season starting, always a new singing show to watch, always a new season of a favorite crime show to catch up on. However, some of the channels on everyone’s television are deceptively difficult to divide: are they entertainment or education?

This issue is particularly apparent in today’s news stations. Any given channel has a political bias; you’ll hear you neighbors and co-workers say, “I don’t watch News Channel A, it’s far too liberal for my taste!” or vice versa. There seems to be nowhere to get information that isn’t trying to push a specific agenda—this can be honest journalism if, like Ed Murrow’s show “Good Night and Good Luck,” it is formatted as an editorial. However, if newscasters continue to broadcast “partial truths” or even falsehoods which support their own pre-conceived opinions instead of reporting all accessible factual information, they cease to report news, and their journalism and becomes propaganda.

As a result, these biased broadcasts disguise themselves as educational, while in reality they are a dangerous form of entertainment; they support the opinions and ideals of the viewer. They are like virtual “yes-men,” never forcing the viewer to consider an alternative perspective to his own, and never making him feel threatened or challenged. Unfortunately, this is not a rare occurrence; ev-

ery form of media partakes in this in some way. For example, Internet searches, pop-up-ads, and social media posts are each geared toward the interests and tendencies of the viewer. Technology is so advanced that it tracks your search history, and determines what you are most likely to be interested in, giving you more of what you have already seen. Biased journalism does the same, providing the viewer with the means to conflate his or her own opinion; those who disagree are rarely watching. This is another way of going through life unaware of the views of those outside of one’s own ideological circle. Without actively seeking the opposition, a media viewer can feasibly go through life without encountering dissent.

In his speech, Murrow observes the pattern of the use of television as a mere distraction from the realities of the world; one which numbs the sense of concern for reality and advocates for the perpetual delegation of the important and challenging work of fixing the word to others. Murrow warns that the rising indifference to the state of the world as it truly is will lead us to reject all that is unpleasant, preferring to dwell on the comedic, the joyous, or even the fictitious. This avoidance of conflict and discomfort becomes problematic when it ceases to recognize the unpleasantness and guilt that resides within itself.

However, we live in a very different world than the one Murrow knew. The people of today’s world are not shielded from unpleasant information at all. In fact, we are flooded with it. Technological advancements have allowed our journalists to respond to world events



Edward R. Murrow first began his career as a radio news broadcaster during World War II and later became a pioneer of television news broadcasting. Murrow’s hard-hitting news program, “See It Now,” often tackled controversial subjects, but it did not score well on primetime television, which was focused more so on entertainment than on education and enlightenment.

with near immediacy. If there is a storm, a war, or a political election, it will not take long for the dialed-in American community to become aware of it. Our indifference is not based on ignorance, as Murrow presumably imagined it would be. The unpleasantness and discomfort of this information has not been entirely replaced by entertainment; it has become the entertainment itself. Each news story is sensational, attention-grabbing, and often disturbing to the viewer. The latest tragedy holds our attention just long enough for the next one to step in and distract us. The news of yesterday which drove us to rage or tears is forgotten as soon as it is replaced by the equally provocative news of today. We are emotionally invested in what we see, but not for very long. It is as if the news reports we watch do not strike us as reality; they are only empty flashes on a screen.

Who is accountable for this

degradation? It is easy to point accusing fingers at the television networks, radio stations, and even newspaper reporters, for their delivery of a sensationalized and politicized version of the truth through the media platforms which claim to deliver facts. However, these organizations are businesses like any other, and they will supply whatever their customers demand. The viewing audience has received only what it has asked for. If, as the viewers of televised media, we desire an understanding of opposing worldviews, we must seek it outside of the sources which parrot our own biases back to us. If we desire deeper knowledge, we must extend our attention to sources of greater depth. And if we desire the truth, we must demand it and nothing less.

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Senior Year

Looking for luck

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About four years ago, I was a rising sophomore told that I had to watch the movie “Good Night and Good Luck”, which chronicled the events surrounding famous journalist, Edward R. Murrow and his ‘Lights and Wires in a Box’ speech. Instead of watching the movie however, I settled for reading the transcript of the speech, believing that it would give me a better picture than a dramatization. However, in reading my old work—specifically that article—I realize that I have not done Murrow the justice he deserved. I realized that my article relied almost exclusively on block quotes and summarization.

This time around I watched the movie after which I binged on clips of Murrow’s broadcasts. From his ‘This is London’ to his reports on the treatment of migrant workers to his historical battle with Junior Senator McCarthy (which is featured in the movie) I was in absolute awe at Mur-

row’s assessment and presentation of the news. Unfortunately, Murrow’s career ended shortly after his broadcasts on McCarthy. This was due to a variety of circumstances, but it is reported that he disagreed with his network’s (CBS, or Columbia Broadcasting System) increase of entertainment and advertisement segments. I shudder to think what he would think of the sheer number of ads and fluff pieces that run rampant through the public news networks.

After watching “Good Night and Good Luck”, I believe that Murrow’s warning went unheeded and that the world today has become the rabbit hole of news. That is not to say that the news is not informative, but rather that it chooses to inform on events that are not entirely newsworthy. An argument can be made that with the growth of technology and social media sites like Twitter, Facebook, and thousands more suppling the news, the public is educated more on the issues facing our world. However, the information is in overwhelming quantities it is difficult to know where to

look and to be sure that what you are looking at is true.

The news has become nation-oriented. This is not a huge problem; as an American living in America I like to know what is happening within the country, but the issues chosen are reported to ad nauseam. Not only that, but new outlets have become so biased and willing to force their beliefs that it is hard not to turn on any news station without feeling as though you’ve tuned into an especially long lecture.

Murrow was part of an age in which the news stood on it is own. Its purpose was to inform the public, not to coddle or entertain it; journalism, and journalists, had integrity and a sense of responsibility to their audience. I have talked at length of unbiased news, however this journalistic responsibility is meant for those moments when unethical practices threaten the public good. Murrow was famously non-partisan in his broadcasts, but the most documented instance in which he chose a side was when he went up against Junior Senator McCarthy during the Junior Senator’s communist witch-hunt in the 1950’s. Even though Murrow took on an extremely controversial sub-

ject he did so with a cool, matter-of-fact approach. Now this battle was one of ethics, it is not for the journalist to create some wild story, or to lead a witch hunt of his or her own; rather it is their duty to present the story to the public as it is, and with the evidence provided, let them draw their own conclusions.

Know there is a danger in all of this. Good journalists will face off with parts of humanity that can cause a person to become vain and bitter, but they are also exposed to a lot of the good in the world and they hold in them the power to bring about change. I fear if he could see us today Murrow would say we have turned into a generation of escapist, swaddled and fed entertainment that masquerades as news. We care more for celebrities than we do our fellow man, we care more for causing dissension than finding common ground, and more for arguing and belittling than educating. Looking at the news in the past few years I am appalled by the topics on which we choose to focus. If the amount of coverage that a 40-character tweet receives equaled that of the problem of the illiteracy rates in our country

or the dangers of anxiety and depression in college-aged students, wouldn’t we be better for it?

However, I don’t believe everything is as ‘doom and gloom’ as I have made it out to be because I believe there is still time to turn this around; and address those my own age and younger who are pursuing journalism. Media is shifting farther and faster than ever before and the rules are up to us to make.

We should strive to provide a legacy of not of the vapid, complacent, generation Murrow feared we would turn into and that previous generations think we already are. Instead we should aim to create a flow of information that teaches those around us about the world at large. It is our duty to take people out of themselves and see the world is a brilliant place; a brilliant place full of life and lives that long to connect with each other. It is our job then to provide that connection and if we fail at seeking and providing truth to the world around us then “the fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves”.

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FASHION

Fall fashion

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The concept of fashion has taken colorful approaches this fall season. New meanings to color have quickly translated into the nature of design at the start of New York Fashion Week's Fall/Winter 2017. Gold evening gowns, a fashion to TOME's Fall/Winter 2017 Collection, and the bubble-gum pink pantsuit and jacket from Phillip Lim, are images of the bold moves made with color this season. The most blatant of these statements is the "power red" look – a head to toe uniform in a shade Pantone Color Institute identifies as Grenadine Red. With heightened sensibility for color, the presentation of fashion has become a reason flamboyant designs are re-contextualized from the practical styles quintessential for the season.

Naturally, as the season's change, so does the idea of fashion. Most recently, runway collections have guided larger, and "more mainstream" fashion distributors towards the energetic, and sometimes outlandish, creations from the fashion shows. As we consider the color palate introduced during New York Fashion Week, the reasons for dramatic, and abstract runway looks begin justifiable.

We have graduated from the days when practicality was "in season." A time when my Calvin

Klein quilted black leather ankle boots and sporty meets technical fabricated DKNY double insulated rain jacket were classic statements of the season designing for colder – weathered atmospheres, no longer seems relevant, even to the far removed suburbia luxury department stores. Far from the maximized fashion statements pushed for in the New York City scene, these pieces identified my uniform for fall. Times have drastically changed. Now, the world has expanded into moments where even the most minimal, and practical perspectives for designs have become maximalists. The same transition can be addressed in the re-consideration for color. Hues that have classically announced the fall season – apple red, gold and shades of the brown and green replicating the colors of leaves changing on the trees have become merely a reference to an old fashion way of considering fall. Fundamental, nonetheless, as the colors in our world change, so does our perspective on fashion.

According to the Patone Color Institute, an authority and resource for color news, trends, insight on product design: the standard color hues of fall are Tawny Port, Buttermilk, Neutral Gray and Navy Peony. In the wake of New York Fashion Week Fall/Winter 2017, a new palette of energetic colors has silenced these warm, vintage hues. Grenadine

Red Tawny Autumn Maple, Pale pink Ballet Slipper, Golden Lime and Marina blue are the new and improved color story.

A curiosity for why lime green, periwinkle blue, and pale pink now represent the colors of the fall lends a greater opportunity to explore the unconventional approach to fashion taking the industry by storm. Acknowledging the abstraction of color correlates to the heed for experimental designs in a community of fashion once focused on functionalism, communicated in both color and design. For just like the expression of color, jackets and boots are tangible ways to express fall fashion. As the colors for fall have changed, so has the perspective on classic fashion found new meaning.

Jackets

Coats, and jackets are an important statement to the New York fashion scene. When it comes to style on the streets, these are article of clothing is the first sight of fashion. Light weight styles have popularized as pieces that translate from outdoor statements, to indoor outfits, Pilot bomber jackets, cropped suit jackets and double breasted blazers by Zimmerman are popular fashions that comfortably interchanged from outdoor to indoor activity, accommodating to the New Yorker lifestyle as they run around the city.

Outerwear garments styled with waist ties at Marissa Webb, and trench coats of plasticity – particularly applauded in Raf Simmon's first public Collection for Calvin Klein Fall/Winter 2017 where

statements that carried into the fashion week season. A shopping companion to the classic fall boot, jackets are a true accessory of fashion. It's current function and creativity of design has placed new value on the meaning of this item of fashion for fall. That is, the power of a naturally designated outerwear item of design has profited for it's statement. It's power found in the ability to surpass from outerwear to ready-to-wear.

Boots

Footwear is a peculiar fashion for New York. In a city accustomed to traveling by foot around and about and on the subway, rationalizing the investment for high priced fashion-forward footwear is a reasonable question in mind. As a pair of Stuart Weitzman tug at your heart, the necessity for functionalism is consuming. That being said, fashion forward shoe styles were not a strong focus at the New York Fall 2017 Fashion Week Scene. In the defense for functional fashion, this is a win. Although brands such as Coach and Alexander Wang excited the scene with footwear in New York, most of the footwear fashion herald from Europe, where sparkly boots showed



The Waxy Trench fashioned in Gabriela Hearst's FW17 Collection.

at Isabelle Marant and romantic velvet styles at Erdem.

Cowboy boots reinstated at Louis Vuitton as Balenciaga's Demna Gvasalia showed aggressive presentations of color with his stretch jersey thigh high boot. Although quieter colors of crème and black, Nina Ricci supported the trend in similar style with a fiber and soft leather created slimming knee length boot. Arguably the loudest boot trend of the season is the slouchy boot, Yves St Laurent carried the trend into fall by almost every look represented in the brand's Fall/Winter 2017 runway show. Ever since, fashion followers have been obsessed. As the European, high fashion luxury marked leads the conversation about fashion footwear a sense of practicality has been lost in translation. This season, the practicality of a fall boot has been re-invented to identify as a piece of art, coveted and admired. Its purpose has trailed far from its original sense of functionalism.

In the same way colors dictate the experience of the fall season, boots and jackets are further manifestations that embrace this time of the year. The passions of red, comforts of maples and navys complement the function of ankle leather boots and trench coats climate of the season. Just as there is a fresh start to anticipating a the season, so to is there an excitement for novel exploration of color and clothing definitive to this season.

As the weather change spurs a desire for new clothes, the fashion industry has elevated that enthusiasm into reinstating new colors, and meanings to key fashion for fall. As a result, boots and jackets have become true accessories, far from the practical sensibility of its original design. In the fall season the relationship between color and design are one in the same: as color exaggerates, so will the invention of clothing.

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THE OUTDOORSMAN

Are you ready?

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As we climbed the well worn rockface, steps carved long ago into the side of the mountain leading us back to civilization, we realized it had suddenly begun to get dark. Our family had long since passed us on the trail while we played in pools of cool mountain water. What we planned as a short hour-long hike along the gorgeous waterfall trails of Rickett's Glen State Park in Pennsylvania had become a six-hour long day hike. Nightfall was coming fast. We had become separated from our family and accidentally taken the long-trail instead of the short-trail. We hadn't brought any flashlights. We weren't prepared.

This is such a simple yet terrifying example of when fun outdoors can quickly become dangerous. The National Park Service (NPS) reported that in 2014 alone they had 2,758 search and rescues resulting in 35 fatalities and 829 injuries. Injuries were mostly from falls resulting in people leaving the trail, sometimes from an effort to "get a better view." A small drop, loss in footing, or twisted ankle can incapacitate even an experienced hiker. A sturdy walking stick or poles can assist hikers in keeping their footing on uneven terrain. Wearing the right footwear is important too. Flipflops and sandals are never trail appropriate.

Falls aren't the only worry when outdoors. A person can become hypothermic from exposure to temperatures lower than 98.6°F. As warm as 40°F with a wind chill, a person can begin shivering and continue losing body heat until they become unconscious. Hypothermia can begin at temperatures as warm as 80°F in water. You can usually count on it being 10 degrees cooler in the woods than surrounding areas due to trees. Dressing in layers can help you stay warm and dry. Everyone who has huddled around a campfire in the woods after a hot August day knows how cold it can get at night. Shivering and blue lips are two of the symptoms of mild hypothermia. Older adults and chil-

dren are at a greater risk of getting hypothermia. If you have them with you and are in a cold pond or stream below 80°F, check on them every 15 minutes and if they are shivering or have bluish lips, have them get out and warm up before returning.

There are 3 simple rules to traveling or spending time outside:

Never hit a trail or head on a journey without communicating to someone where you will be and when you intend to return. If you don't have a trusted friend or family member, find a professional you can trust even if that's your insurance agent. In the park system or along a trail, checking in with a Park Ranger at either the local visitor center or ranger station is important.

Stay on the path or road. Many people spend a lot of time, resources and money creating and curating roads and trails for your safety. Sadly many people suffer deadly falls because they have left the trail and/or gotten lost.

Be prepared for the elements and to spend the night outside every

time you leave home. A small and compact emergency kit or go bag you can easily carry is imperative to surviving unexpected time outside. Know the time of sunset and weather forecast. Carry a whistle, water, snacks, flashlight, compass, poncho, emergency blanket, and firestarter. These cheap and lightweight supplies can mean the difference between life and death. All of these supplies can be purchased at J. Rothrock Outfitters in Thurmont, Maryland.

Check in with Rangers. They can tell you important information to stay safe. (Examples: dangerous wildlife have been seen near a certain area, and what the weather and fire dangers to expect). At the end of the day they'd rather you tell them where you expect to be and for how long than to get a missing person report and not know where to look. The cost of being rescued doesn't always end when you're home safe either.

Sometimes it comes in a form of a bill from the Fish and Game Com-

mission or other agencies. Search and Rescue services are costly. Some states sell "Safe Cards" for around \$35 each. These cards are contracts between outdoor enthusiasts and the State Commission in which they purchase the card that the card carrier will be prepared and make every effort to be safe on the trail, but in the event that the card carrier needs rescued they would not have to pay the cost. Not every state has them. For example, Maryland Search and Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization that doesn't charge for their services. They are individuals that put their lives on the line to assist in rescue efforts.

I hope this article has helped you plan for safety on your next leisurely walk or run in the woods. In our case, we took a wrong trail resulting

in a much tougher and longer hike than we were prepared for. However, we had done one thing very right. We had people back at camp that knew where we were, where we were headed, and what time they expected us back. We caught up with the Rangers they sent to search for us just as we emerged from the trailhead. I learned a valuable lesson that day; to always be prepared for an overnight hike, even if I'm just heading out on the trail for a leisurely hour walk. Enjoy all the beauty Mother Nature has to offer, but do it confident you're ready for anything!

**This article is written in memory of Kristy Ryczak, a kind and compassionate outdoor enthusiast who passed away Saturday September 9 from a fall while out for a walk alone.*

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Weinberg Center hosts The Band's "The Last Waltz"

The Weinberg Center for the Arts will host 35 of D.C.'s best musicians as they recreate the timeless sound of The Band's legendary 1976 farewell concert. Back on the Weinberg Center stage by popular demand, The Last Waltz features not only the music of The Band, but many of their extraordinary guests, including Van Morrison, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, and more. The performance is scheduled for Friday, November 10 at 8:00pm.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of. Tickets are now on sale to Weinberg Center members; tickets will become available to the general public on September 8 at 10am. Tickets and memberships may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St.

The Band's enormous influence upon popular music has not wavered in the four decades since their farewell concert. Numerous contemporary acts, from Wilco and My Morning Jacket to Grace Potter and Mumford & Sons, have cited The Band as one of their major influences.

The Band's swan song - fittingly dubbed "The Last Waltz" - took place at the Winterland Ballroom in San Francisco on Thanksgiving Day, 1976. It featured The Band along with more than a dozen special guests including Van Morrison, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Dr. John, Muddy Waters, Emmylou Harris and

Eric Clapton, all of whom performed their songs backed up by The Band. The event was filmed by Martin Scorsese and is considered one of the best live concert films ever made.

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2017-2018 season can be found at WeinbergCenter.org.

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike.



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Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro celebrates 5 years

The Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro is preparing to celebrate its five-year anniversary on October 20.

AAGW will host a "5 Years of Music and Arts Celebration" on October 20 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., that will include a reception, and featuring music by Across the Pond, a popular Celtic band that has become a staple in the alliance's performance calendar. Like all events, community members are invited to attend and join in the celebration.

When AAGW was formed in September 2012 by Waynesboro resident Andrew Sussman, its goal was to integrate the arts into community life and help arts education thrive. Its goal was to collaborate with schools, nonprofit and for-profit arts organi-

zations, other community nonprofits, artists of all disciplines, and surrounding communities.

The following year, Destination ARTS! was formed as an initiative of AAGW to help with revitalization efforts for Main Street Waynesboro. The initial project took seven vacant commercial buildings and converted them into curated art galleries. The project lasted 15 weeks and displayed more than 1,600 pieces of art from more than 120 local and regional artists. Currently, five galleries continue to operate.

Since 2013, the Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro has established a permanent music space for performances and workshops at 46 West Main Street called Music Makers. The site serves as

the location for the most successful and recognized project, Live Music Fridays, which showcases a free musical performance from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Fridays all year long.

Destination Innovation was also established as an AAGW initiative that highlights Waynesboro's rich history of industrial innovation. The committee strives to provide programming to individuals who believe in the maker philosophy of 'if you can imagine it, you can make it.' Their current project is an Escape Room at the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library.

The little organization has achieved many of its goals in the last five years. AAGW now collaborates with many nonprofits in the area, including the development of a strong relationship with Cumberland Valley School of Music and Mainstreet Waynesboro. The alliance has established a robust calendar thanks to its partnership with local galleries and musicians. In



The Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro will be celebrating its five-year anniversary with a host of events.

2016, it was also able to gain enough financial stability to hire a full-time executive director.

"My goal is to really get the community invested in what we have to offer and increase our visibility through collaborations," says Executive Director Amy Stine. "Almost everything that we do is provided free, which we wouldn't be able to do without support from businesses, grants, and private donations and the hard work from volunteers. I've been so impressed by how devoted our volunteers are and the amount of work they put in."

The organization is not slowing down by any means. The board is still working to provide music and arts education programming for the greater Waynesboro area as well as establish a few entertaining fundraisers to help the nonprofit maintain sustainability. And it wants to continue to be a resource to new and established artists.

"When people talk about art and music in Franklin County, I want them to immediately think AAGW," says Stine.

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A challenging Fall

Hannah Opdenaker
MSMU Class of 2018

Autumn is a period of transition. The leaves begin to change, children go back to school, and the birds fly south for the winter. The transition to fall began for the students of Mount St. Mary's, but it does not just end with Move In Day or the start of classes.

The Performing Arts program at the Mount is in a similar transitional period as the new school year begins. Typically, Mount Theatre hosts one Main-Stage play per semester along with a few "Cabaret" or "open mic" style performances. The Horning Theater will host a number of new performances this coming semester. Alpha Psi Omega, the academic theatre honor society, intends to introduce a variety of performances, break-out classes, and lectures spotlighting different scenarios in which the arts can be applied to the "real world." Not only how they can be applied, but why the arts and the humanities are pivotal to what we consider to be civilization.

In a world in which arts programs are being cut or underfunded, theatre, music, and visual art is alive and well in the Delaplaine Fine Arts center. The goal of Mount Theatre and Alpha Psi Omega is to introduce the Mount Community to a wide variety of events that highlight the correlations between reality and creativity; to make known to the community the beauty and intellect of the Arts.

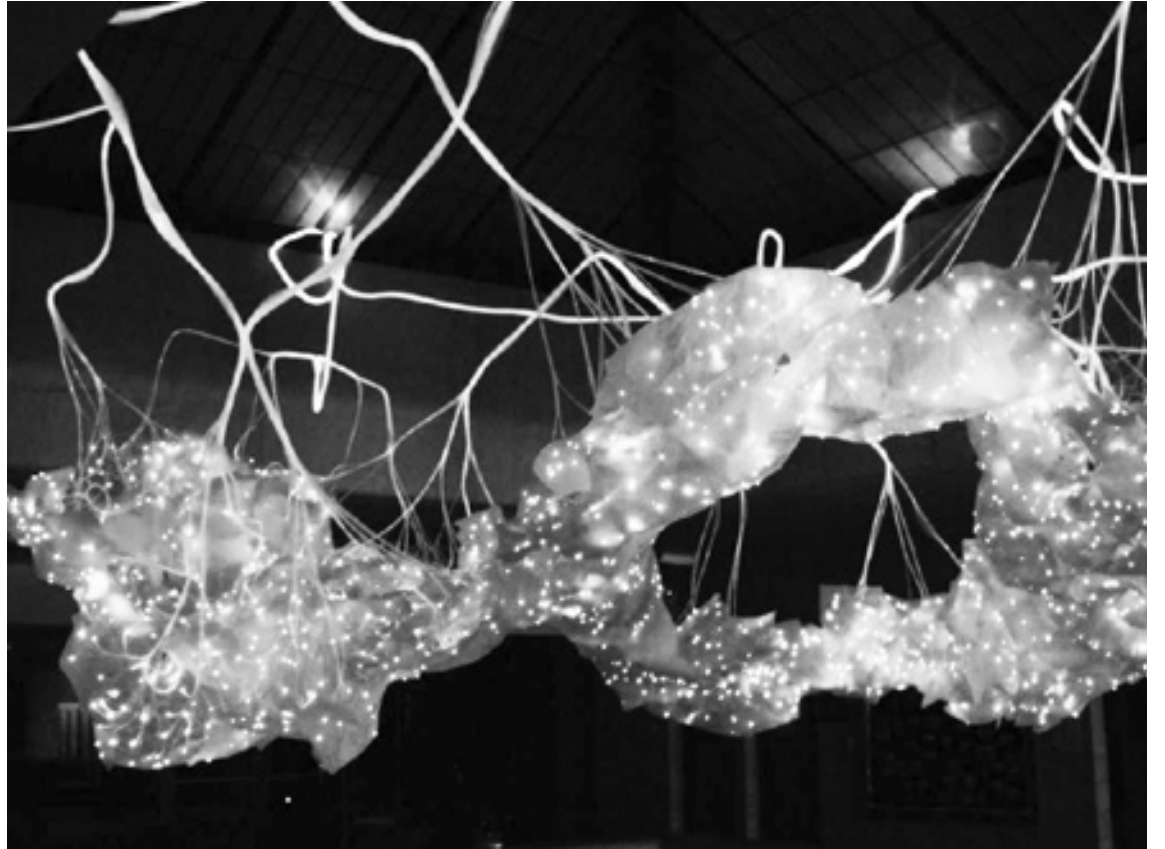
Mount Theatre has not finalized a schedule of events yet for the Fall Semester, however, what they have "in the works" include events like "What a Theatre Degree Did for Me", "Improv Lightening Class", Play Festivals, and Staged Readings of famous playwrights like William Shakespeare. These events all will be housed in the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center, and will be free for students, faculty, and the surrounding community. The fine arts provide beauty and culture to the world at large and those showcased at the Mount strive to offer the public an opportunity to involve themselves in the Arts.

One of the more interesting lectures planned, "What a Theatre Degree Did for Me" will highlight members of both the Mount Community, as well as those in the surrounding area working with Bachelor's Degrees and Master's Degrees, in theatre. The event will also host guest lectures working in the field of Fine Arts. The idea of the event stems from the question "why major in theatre?" The Mount Theatre Program has produced many quality performers, teachers, lawyers, and graduate students all with backgrounds or majors in theatre. The event is geared towards Freshmen and Sophomores who are still deciding and debating on whether majoring in theatre is for them.

After a successful twelve hour Play Festival last fall, Alpha Psi plans to bring back the Play Fest

this coming semester. In this event, small groups will be tasked to write, rehearse, costume, and stage a play in a twelve-hour period, then perform it live for an audience that evening. Groups are given a theme to stick to, as well as a genre and prop that must appear in their piece. The shows are expected to be ten to fifteen minutes in length. This improvisational style of theatre encourages students to actively engage with each other, critically think about a theme, and relay a message through a short piece. In a similar sense, the improvisational theatre classes and workshops will encourage students to look beyond themselves in a situation and enhance their problem-solving skills as well as their verbal communication and personal interactions.

The events that are being added this year are an attempt to integrate more programming on the calendar that appeal to a wider audience. Cabaret programming as it stands has not been as popular on campus, and Alpha Psi hopes that promoting new events with new goals that the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center will become a new weekend hangout on the Mount Campus. Many students on campus are not even aware of everything offered at the Mount in the way of creative outlets. The arts are being defunded or completely dropped in universities. The Mount is taking this opportunity to enforce the idea that art has a place in the world – whether you are enjoying it for fun or to embrace a new way of thinking - and that the Arts community at Mount Saint Mary's is bright and vibrant. The beauty of theatre and music is that it really is what you make of it. Alpha Psi through Mount theatre, hopes to



Artist and professor, Nick Hutchings' work "The Firmament" illuminates the Knott Academic Center, encouraging students to engage with the piece and each other.

enable students and the local community to actively think about the importance of the arts programming on campus and the messages they may convey.

Theater is not the only thing showcased this fall. Works of art created by students and local artists alike will be on display at the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center in the Thomas H. & Mary K. Williams Art Gallery. The gallery features paintings, sculptures, photography, and other mediums of art in a beautiful setting; hosting "local and nationally recognized exhibits throughout the year." The gallery is open to the public and is free of charge. If you are interested in paying a visit to see these provoking and breathtaking pieces please check the website for the times in which the gallery is open.

The Mount strives to protect and promote the Arts. All this is made possible through the tireless efforts of the students and professors involved, the donations made to the Fine Arts, and the community of the Mount.

All of the student run events at The Mount are free for admission. To learn more about any of these events, Mount Theatre encourages the community to fol-

low the Visual and Performing Arts page on Facebook, as well as check out the mounttheatre on Instagram and Snapchat. The Visual and Performing Arts Department is looking forward to an exciting semester full of new events.

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Catoctin fall sports preview

Edison Hatter

Over the past decade, Catoctin High School has been oscillating between the 2A and 1A classification. Last school year, the Cougars competed in 2A and did quite well, highlighted by the softball team's run to the regional final. However, due to a decrease in enrollment, Catoctin has dropped back down to 1A for the 2017-18 school year. As a result, Catoctin's sports teams will face weaker competition in the state tournaments and stand a much better chance of bringing home a state title this year.

Poor luck hurt the volleyball team last year, as they had to face top seat Mountain Ridge in the second round of the playoffs, losing three sets to none. Despite losing four strong seniors last year, this year's team has the potential and experience to make a deep playoff run. Led by seniors Kelli Colantonio, Hannah Warrenfeltz, Kaylee Leib, Kimberly Shields, and Grace Mazaleski, the team opened their season on September 7 against Francis Scott Key High School.

After dropping a close first set, 25-22, Catoctin looked strong in the second set, winning easily, 25-13, to tie the match up at a set each. A couple of service errors hurt the Cougars in the third set as they dropped it, 25-14. However, the team put together a couple of runs in the fourth set to win 25-14. Leib put the Cougars up 2-0 to start the decisive fifth set with a pair of aces. Catoctin continued the momentum, leading 9-2 at one point in the set after a block by Caitlyn Naff. After a few Catoctin errors in a row, the FSK Eagles came back to within 11-8. A spike and an ace from Naff quickly put

Catoctin within two points of winning the match. Soon after, a spike from Marly Hand gave the Cougars their first attempt at the match point. They converted, as the Eagles hit the ball out of bounds, giving Catoctin the set and match win, 15-9.

The cross-country team is also looking forward to having a strong season. The girls' team lost three of their top seniors, but will be led by junior Rachel Waldron and sophomore Emma Strickland this year. Both Waldron, third, and Strickland, eleventh, earned ribbons for Catoctin at the first meet of the year at Brunswick High School. Makenzie Hadeed, Sam Casperson, and Olivia Dart were also among the top finishers for Catoctin at the Brunswick meet. The boys' team is just three years removed from their state title, but has lost a lot of talent in the years since. The team this year will be led by seniors Edison Hatter, Corbin Deviney, Joseph Zygmunt, and Evan Fraley. Hatter, seventeenth, was the only one to ribbon for the Cougars at the Brunswick meet. Eamonn Law Knotts, Deviney, Zygmunt, and Fraley rounded out the top five for Catoctin in the race.

Both soccer teams struggled last year, but have a new season in front of them and the opportunity to shock the county. The girls' team lost a lot of seniors last year and will only have two this year: Shayna Gerring and Jordan Manahan. Nearly half of the team this year consists of freshmen. While the team may not win a lot of games this year, they have a bright future ahead of them, and may just have what it takes to pull off an upset in the playoffs. The boys' team has won a handful of games over the past few seasons as they worked to

rebuild their team, but this year the team has nine talented seniors that have waited for their time to shine. Matthew White, Kyle Gasior, Ryan Sheppard, Noah Olsen, Sean Miller, Stephen Hochschild, Ryan Hammond, Jarryd Rosenberry, and Caleb Peters all believe the team has the talent and depth to make a deep run in the playoffs this year. Both teams are off to shaky starts, as the girls' team has lost both games so far and the boys' team has lost one and tied one.

The golf team is off to an undefeated start as they have won their first three matches of the season. A trio of seniors, Noah Wivell, Gage Randall, and Jacob Wivell, leads the team but junior Derek Rivera has been leading the team early on. Rivera shot a 38 and 37 in the teams' first two matches, respectively, while Wivell (Noah) was not far behind with a 39 and 41. In the third match, however, Wivell (Noah) shot a 38 to lead the team with Rivera close behind, shooting a 42. For the second year in a row, but only the third time in Catoctin history, the golf team has a female on the team. Sophomore Karsyn Shugars, who ran cross-country last fall, decided to join the golf team this fall and has been competing well with the boys.

Finally, the field hockey team will look to have a strong season after last year's disappointing playoff loss. Led by team captains Isabella Alley,

Allison Dorcus, Samantha Grimes, and Jade Lopez, the team is poised to have a winning year that will hopefully culminate in a deep play-off run at the end of the season. To find Catoctin schedules, rosters, and more, visit frederickcountycmc.com. Come on out and check out your local high school sports!

In other local sports news, Tommy Laudani, a senior at Delone Catholic High School, but a resident of Emmitsburg, completed his first cross-country race in over a year. Last year, Laudani was diagnosed with desmoplastic small round cell tumor, a very rare form of cancer. Laudani began feeling pain at the end of the last cross-country season, which resulted in diagnosing the cancer. Ever since, Laudani has fought through many rounds of chemotherapy, but has stayed positive through it all.

Earlier this month, at Bermudian Springs High School, Laudani finished his first 5K in over a year in a time of 34:24. His parents, Bob and Rosemary Laudani, could be seen walking around the course, cheering on their son as he worked his way closer to the finish line. The time isn't a PR, but Laudani was just thrilled to run a cross-country race again. The following weekend, Laudani had another opportunity to run and shaved off almost four minutes, this time finishing in



Noah Olson recently broke the school record when he scored his 31st goal on September 19 against Williamsport. Photo credit: Mike Miller.

30:45. With another surgery scheduled later this month, Laudani will unfortunately not have another opportunity to run this season. "It feels great to be running again," Laudani commented, "it definitely got easier mentally and physically as I progressed from the first meet to the second." A fellow runner at Fairfield High School started a GoFundMe for Laudani to help the family pay medical bills. To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/help-tommy-with-cancer-treatment>.

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Fall sports

Samantha Barbato
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The month of October means that fall is finally here! Leaves are changing color on the mountain, the air is getting crisper and the sports teams are in full fledged game mode! October brings a whole new series of games, matches and meets to the Mount, so there will be plenty to watch throughout the month for sports lovers of all kinds. So, grab your blanket and come grab a seat on the hills or bleachers to watch.

Women's soccer look to improve their record with seven scheduled games in October. The team started the year off strong with one of the best records at the start of the season that they've had in years, but unfortunately since have not had the same results. The team will face good competition throughout the month as each game will be in-conference. The girls will start the month off on October 1 facing Central Connecticut at home in Waldron Stadium before heading north on the weekend. On October 6, the girls will head to Connecticut to play Sacred Heart, and then will hit Bryant in Rhode Island on the eighth before heading back home. The girls' week will continue by welcoming fans to Waldron to watch a game against Wagner at home while they honor their seniors at Senior Night. They will round out the month away at Robert Morris on October 22 before finishing it how they started, with a game at home where they will face Saint Francis (Pa.) on October 29.

The men's and women's tennis team look to round out their fall seasons on a high note in the month. The teams look forward to the crisp October air deemed the perfect tennis weather to finish up their competition for the Fall 2017 season. "The fall season allows us to gain momentum and match practice before we fall into the intense and important spring season," says junior Emma Blake. "There are many invitationals and lots of match play that allow the team to grow stronger as a unity and also in mental toughness." The

women's team start October on the first by rounding out the Loyola Invitational, a doubles partner centered tournament. The women will then officially end their season when a select few members of the team compete at the ITA Atlantic Regional Tournament from the 13-16 at Virginia Tech. The men's team is eager to compete in a jam packed October, starting with their home debut at the Mount Invitational from October 6-8. The invitational will allow for optimum match-play for the men if the weather permits. In the case of good weather, the men will be promised three singles matches and three doubles matches. After the invitational at home, he men will then follow suit of the women and will travel to Liberty University where a select few will also be chosen to compete at the ITA Atlantic Regional Tournament from the 19-22. Finally, they will round out October by rounding out their Fall 2017 season at Navy where they will compete in the Navy Invitational from October 27-29.

The men's and women's swim and diving teams look forward to a new year as they begin competition in October. The men's swim team had a successful inaugural season last year with six athletes qualified for the ECAC Championships at the end of the season. Between the two teams, sixteen freshmen have joined the squad; nine men and seven women. "The freshmen that we have recruited this year bring a lot of raw talent to the table, so we are really excited for them to compete. The men are really excited to have brought in nine new men to add to our small team from last year," says captain William Twizell. This year, they will start their competition in October with dual meets for the men and women. October 7 starts the season for the team as they face Virginia Military Institute at home. The team will take their first road trip of the year by traveling North to face Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey on October 13 and will hit Saint Peter's University in Jersey City on October 14 before heading home. "I'm very excited for the upcoming season.

We're confident for the first meet and feel like we can win because of all of the tough training we have been doing," says Twizell. "It will be good to find out which people will be racing which events and who will be best suited to the long or short formats. I'm very excited for our relays, both men's and women's, because I feel that we can qualify easily for NIT's." The teams look forward to an exciting kickoff of their season as they head into October, and look forward to the tough competition that will come to follow in November.

Women's rugby will continue their inaugural season as a Division I team in October with three matches that span through the middle to the end of October. "The season so far is off to a really good start. I am very excited to see how Coach Farrah and Coach Maggie will continue to grow and shape the team with the new knowledge and tactical skills they bring," says junior and captain Katelyn Comeau. "They have introduced a lot of advanced rugby that our team is currently learning and growing with. The road to becoming a successful DI program is going to be long though." Comeau looks forward to the month to see the continued implementation of the hard work the coaches and players have put in so far this year. First off, the team will face West Chester at home on October 14 before heading off to Rockville Centre, New York to face Molloy College on the 21. Finally, Mount will end the month at home on the 28 where they will face Norwich University.

Men's and women's cross country look to finish their season on a high

note in October. The team will keep it close to home as they will compete in the Gettysburg Invitational at Gettysburg College on October 14. The Mount teams hit the road on October 20 to head to Lebanon Valley College to give those who did not yet qualify for NEC Championships a final chance in the "Last Chance Run" Invitational in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Finally, to end the 2017 cross country season, the Mount will head to New Britain, Connecticut to compete in the NEC Championships at Central Connecticut State University. "I'm excited to prove the preseason rankings wrong

this year at conferences and show how much hard work we have put in as a team this fall," says sophomore Mitchell Wilczek. The team was ranked fifth in the NEC in the preseason coaches poll and plan to show their improvement from last year at the Conference Championships on October 28.

Head out to the East side of campus this month to check out the stiff competition scheduled for all fall sports. Also, be on the look out as Mount Athletics will be making the transition to winter sports this November. The Mount sports teams look forward to seeing you!

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Qigong meridian therapy

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Would you like to feel better? Do you feel like you are dragging a 500 pound ball of stress every day? Do worry and anxiety circle through your brain? Does your digestive system take you on a daily roller coaster ride or is it stuck and not moving at all? Are aches and pains keeping you from moving as freely as you would like? Maybe you have trouble falling asleep at bedtime or have problems sleeping soundly through the night? Does it feel like your inner light is not shining as bright as it could?

All of these symptoms are messengers that your energy is out of balance. When we are not functioning at our best, nothing else in our life can function well either. We have a beautiful opportunity to recognize that we are both a masterpiece and a work in progress at the same time. We can acknowledge that we are perfectly imperfect and then lovingly take steps to feel our best in Body, Mind and Spirit.

Qigong Meridian Therapy (QMT) can be an easy and effective step toward feeling better on all levels. QMT is an ancient, all natural and effective way to help you release physical, mental and emotional stress and pain. It is a therapeutic form of energetic bodywork that has been used in China for thousands of years. It is a hands-on technique that combines specialized acupressure massage, and deep healing energy work. QMT can reduce stress, increase your Qi (vital life force energy) and stimulate healing. As dis-

cussed in previous articles, Qi flows through all living things. This Qi flows through the body on specific pathways called Meridians, and is essential for health.

When the Qi is balanced, moving smoothly, and in sufficient quality and quantity, health and wellness are promoted. When the Qi is unbalanced or blocked in any way, disease or dis-ease, will occur. This dis-ease may show up as symptoms on a physical, mental/emotional, or spiritual level. It is important to realize that these symptoms are only the end result of an imbalance, and not the illness itself.

Who can benefit from Qigong Meridian Therapy? Almost everyone! A few testimonials include: One woman, an early education teacher, had pain and swelling in her calf for eight weeks. After one QMT treatment, the pain was gone in twenty-four hours and the swelling was reduced by 95% within forty-eight hours. A high-level Human Resources Manager has found QMT extremely beneficial in managing her job stress. An acupuncturist has found relief from back pain with QMT, and a senior citizen with impaired cognitive and motor function has found regular QMT key in improving his movement and relieving muscle rigidity.

What happens during a QMT session? During a typical QMT session, the practitioner will take a health history and discuss your goals. You will lie on your stomach on a massage table and your practitioner will ensure you are completely comfortable. You remain fully clothed for your treat-



ment, except for your shoes, and loose comfortable clothing should be worn.

Your practitioner will use special hand techniques to work with muscles, acupuncture points and meridians (energy pathways) to open up energy blockages that prevent the free flow of Qi. Removing these blockages restores a harmonious flow of Qi through the body and supports the body in its journey toward balance and wellness. This leads to improved health and

vitality, a more tranquil mind and peaceful spirit. A QMT session lasts from 30 minutes to one hour. It is simultaneously relaxing and rejuvenating.

Many recipients report deep relaxation without feeling sluggish, increased energy, relieved tension, freedom from pain, elevated mood and even a mild euphoric feeling. After a treatment, it's best to limit screen time, avoid cold food and drinks and go to bed early. Qigong Meridian Therapy can be used to

address specific issues or it can be used to support overall health and well-being. By renewing the free flow of Qi throughout the body it often does both at the same time. QMT is well suited for relief and release of sleep problems, digestive disorders, headaches, PMS, allergies, stiff joints, sciatica, back pain, emotional issues and stress-related disorders.

QMT can work beautifully as a stand-alone treatment. It also works great in partnership with acupuncture, massage, traditional medicine and other modalities. Qigong Meridian Therapy will have you relaxed and rejuvenated naturally. Support yourself with this ancient healing art.

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FITNESS AND HEALTH

Increase balance as we age

Linda Stultz
Certified Fitness Trainer

As we age balance becomes even more important to our overall health. Around the age of 35 our balance begins to change at a very slow rate and we may not notice it until we get older. I'm not saying we will stumble and fall or not be able to walk a straight line but ever so slightly we lose a little more stability as we age. I have heard of so many people that have fallen this year and broke a bone, myself included.

We did not fall because of bad balance but accidents occur because of different reasons. Unfortunately, the results were breaking something and having to wait for it to heal, then doing rehabilitation to strengthen the muscles that atrophied during the bone healing process. One thing leads to another and it takes time, effort and patience with yourself to get back to normal. I am still working on getting my range of motion back in my ankle.

It is never too late to start working on keeping and improving our balance so hopefully you won't fall or if you do, your muscles will be in good shape and the healing process may be a little shorter. Strength training, yoga, tai chi and stretching are great ways to work on bal-

ance as well as keeping our muscles strong.

One simple way to keep our balance in top shape is to stand on one foot while washing dishes or waiting in the checkout line at the store. You don't have to raise your foot very high to engage the stabilization muscles on the leg you are standing on to strengthen them and your core muscles. Tighten your core muscles as you walk around or even as you sit. Working on and keeping a strong core will help with balance as well as helping the rest of your body stay in the best shape possible.

Stepping up and down on a stair or a sidewalk curb is also a great way to work on balance. This will strengthen your legs, core and feet muscles and give you practice going up and down which is where many falls occur. Keeping your leg muscles in good shape help you get up and down in a chair, go up and down stairs as well as being able to go for walks. Going for a walk is not only good for cardio but also for lungs and overall health.

Many people cannot run, ride a bike or do other more strenuous activities but most of us can walk and that is all we need. Don't wait until you are not able to go for a walk and wish you could. I have heard some people say "I remember my grandmother saying if I could only

walk better". She had trouble with her knees and didn't keep them moving and after a while she just couldn't walk well enough to go for a walk. She even had trouble just walking around the house. I see many people having trouble walking on uneven sidewalks or ground at outside events. This keeps some people from enjoying time with their friends and family just because they have trouble walking.

Don't wait until you have fallen and injured yourself to start working on improving your balance. Start today with a simple standing exercise and progress to standing on one leg and even standing with your eyes closed, but only if you have something to hold on to until you feel secure. You can even stand on a pillow when you feel you are ready. This gives a bit of a challenge but is not too aggressive until you know you can handle it.

If you have ever had an injury you know it takes time to recuperate. Don't give up, keep moving forward and get back to the best strength and condition you can. There is always a safe way to exercise and work on what is challenging your health.

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Expert answers

Jason Blough
Anytime Fitness Personal Trainer

Question: I've noticed that sugar alcohols appear on the labels of some of my favorite foods. What are they, and do I need to count them as traditional sugars when tracking my calories and carbohydrates?

Answer: Sugar alcohols are basically hydrogenated carbohydrates, and are often used to replace table sugar in a wide variety of foods. In general, they are not as sweet as

regular sugars and typically contain fewer calories as well. This is because they are incompletely absorbed in the small intestine, which makes them popular additions to many different diet and diabetic foods.

On average, sugar alcohols provide about two calories per gram consumed, as opposed to traditional sugars, which provide 4 calories per gram. It's important to note that some of them (sorbitol and mannitol specifically) can cause gastrointestinal upset in high doses, but

people can also develop a tolerance these issues over time.

Some sugar alcohols are classified as food additives, while others have been given GRAS status by the FDA, which means they are Generally Recognized as Safe. The most common sugar alcohols include sorbitol, xylitol, maltitol, mannitol, and erythritol.

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ASTRONOMY

The night sky of October

Professor Wayne Wooten

For October 2017, the moon is full, the Hunter's Moon, rises at sunset on October 5th. The last quarter moon is on October 12th. The waning crescent moon passes north of brilliant Venus and much fainter Mars on the morning of October 17th. The new moon on October 19th will not interfere with the peak for the Orionid Meteor Shower on the morning of October 20th. This is debris from Comet Halley, and about a meteor every 3-4 minutes seem to come out of Orion's head were the skies dark enough. The waxing crescent moon passes 3 degrees north of Saturn in twilight on October 24th. First quarter moon is October 27th, and Halloween this year will feature a waxing gibbous moon for amateur astronomers to treat the young visitors to.

Saturn, the only evening planet this month, is getting lower in the western sky daily after sunset, and will be lost in the Sun's glare by late November. The action is before sunrise, with brilliant Venus passing only .2 degrees north of fainter red Mars on the morning of October 5th. Jupiter is lost in the sun's glare all month, but will emerge into the dawn sky in November.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep



The Ring Nebula, "M-57" is a smoke ring of gas and dust expelled by a dying red giant star as it collapsed to a white dwarf. A similar fate is expected for our own sun in five billion years.

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 September 30th visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for October 2017; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. Also available as the next month begins is wonderful video exploring the October 2017 sky, available from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: http://hubblesite.org/explore_astronomy/tonights_sky/.

The Big Dipper falls lower each evening. By the end of October, it will be only the three stars in the

handle of Dipper still visible in the northwestern twilight. By contrast, the Little Dipper, while much fainter, is always above our northern horizon here along the Gulf Coast.

To the southwest, Antares and Scorpius also set soon after twilight, and will be gone by month's end. East of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way galaxy. Saturn lies just west of the pour spout now. Looking like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout is the fine Lagoon Nebula, M-8, easily visible with the naked eye. This stellar nursery is ablaze with new stars and steamers of gas and dust blown about in their energetic births. In the same binocular field just north of the Lagoon is M-20, the Trifid Nebula. Many other clusters visible in binoculars

as you sweep northward along the Milky Way, and are plotted on the sky map for the month.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky overhead. 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. To the east of Altair lies tiny Delphinus, a rare case of a constellation that does look like its namesake.

To the east, the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it lies 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. It is a bigger version of our own Galaxy, which it may collide with about three billion years from now. Our feature photo is of this galaxy by Rick Johnston, and shows it with its two smaller companion galaxies, M-32 and M-110. This is about how the galaxies appear in large amateur scopes.

Below Andromeda is her hero, Perseus. In his hand is a star most appropriate for Halloween, Algol. This star "winks" at us for six out of every 70 hours, which Arabic astronomers centuries ago found spooky, hence naming it "the ghoul". We know today it is an eclipsing binary system, with the larger, cooler orange star covering 80% of its smaller, hotter neighbor during the "wink". At the foot of Perseus, the hero of "Clash of the Titans" is the fine Pleiades star cluster, the "seven sisters" that reveal hundreds of cluster members in large binoculars. This might be the best object in the sky for binocular users.

Winter will be coming soon, and in the NE we see yellow Capella rising. It is the brightest star of Auriga the Charioteer, and pair of giant stars the same temperature as our sun, but at least 100X more luminous and about 10X larger than our sun. It lies about 43 light years distant. A little farther south, below the Pleiades, orange Aldebaran rises. It is the eye of Taurus the bull, with the V shaped Hyades star cluster around it making the head of the bull. This colorful giant star is only 2/3 as hot as our yellow sun, but 44X times larger and at 65 light years distant, one of the closest of these monster stars.

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Farmers' Almanac

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—Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Fair and cool (1, 2, 3) with storms, heavy rains in the south (4, 5, 6, 7). Fair and cool again (8, 9, 10) with showers and more storms (11, 12, 13). Fair but humid (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) with Atlantic hurricane, heavy rain in the east, and storms (19,20,21,22). Fair and mild (23, 24,25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)with rain (31).

Tornado Watch: The Town and Country Almanack sees tornado activity for the Mid-Atlantic Region from the 19th to the 23rd of October.

Full Moon: Hunter's Moon is the name traditionally given to October's Full Moon. This is because of the extra light it provided many Native Americans to continue their hunt for food into the early evening. It will occur on Thursday, October 5th. The Cree Tribe called it Yellow Leaf Moon and Moon of the Falling Leaves because of the many leaves

turning that color and that many of trees lose the last of their leaves during the month. It has also been known the Big Fest Moon because of the bountiful harvests and Fall celebrations going on at this time.

Special Notes: The 2018 edition of The Town and Country Almanack has been on the newsstands since early September and can be purchased at many local retail locations throughout the region. For a complete list of where you can buy our 222nd issue, go to www.almanack.com and click on Where To Buy Us or you can order online and have your copy shipped right to your door. You could consider becoming a Friend of the Almanack (FOTA) and get immediate access to our online digital version and, as an annual FOTA member, get access to next year's edition as well! A great deal for a great almanac!

Holidays: Columbus Day falls on Monday, October 9th and United Nations Day is celebrated on Tuesday, the 24th. Halloween falls on Tuesday, October 31st. Plan to have youngster's "T&T" end before dusk and be sure to have older children wear reflective clothing (or costumes!) if they venture out after dark.

On the home front, consider giving sensible treats like sugar-less candies and gums or nonfood alternatives like stickers, whistles, toy animals, etc. Be sure to check all treats when the children return from their fun!

The Garden: Now is the best time to have your soil tested. Treat the soil according to the results and it will be rejuvenated, revitalized, and ready when the warm weather returns in the Spring. There is still time left to plant perennial seeds and bulbs! With a little effort at Fall planting time, you will speed the timing of that first new growth by as much as a month. During the fall months, after soil temperature drops below 60°F, the bulbs of spring flowering Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Siberian Squill, Dwarf Irises, Anemone, and Crocus should be planted. Remember to add just a pinch of bone meal to the hole. Do not prune or fertilize any trees or shrubs. They need to go into a resting phase to prepare for the colder months ahead. Do cut back perennial foliage and shrubs to discourage winter pests. Leave flowers with seeds for the birds.

J. Gruber's Thought For Today's Living

"To be a good conversationalist, one must know when to stop talking and when to start listening"

COMPUTER Q&A

Mac V.S. PC

Ayse Stenabaugh
Jester's Computer Services

What you need to know before you buy

We get customers that have been long time Windows users who are told by family or friends to just "get a Mac" whenever their computer has issues. There are benefits to both a Mac and a PC but choosing which one is right for you requires a little background information and knowledge. Read on to find out what you should consider whether you are purchasing a computer for the first time or consider making the switch.

Hardware differences between Mac and PC's

When it comes to hardware you're paying for the Apple name. You can typically purchase a PC computer with the same or better specifications for less cost than that of a Mac. What you won't get with a PC is proprietary hardware that is designed to work specifically with the Mac machines. This means that there are generally less hardware issues and better support resolutions among the Mac machines. The bottom line for hardware is that you will pay more for a Mac and get less value than with a PC but in general you will have less hardware issues with the Mac. Before you switch from a PC to a Mac ensure that any devices you use with your current computer are compatible or make sure you allow your budget to replace those devices.

Software differences between Mac and PC's

Software for Mac's are generally more reliable. This goes back to the fact that there is limited hardware being used for Mac machines and most of the Mac software that you purchase directly through the Apple App Store is high quality although it is still a good idea to read reviews for your current operating system to ensure compatibility. Mac's are also much less likely to obtain any viruses although that doesn't mean your 100% immune and you can still receive fake virus alerts from infected websites via the Safari web browser. Most popular software is available for both Mac's and PC's although you should always verify that any software you rely on is available on the Mac. I recently discovered that although you can install Microsoft Office on a Mac machine you won't be able to install Publisher or Access since they are not available for the Mac OS. Since much of the software on a mac is proprietary along with the proprietary hardware, you are much less likely to see crashes compared to a PC.

On a PC you may find that you have more available to you which can sometimes be a good thing and sometimes not so much. You have a lot more soft-

ware available to you and while some of the free software options can be desirable you should be wary of any free software, many times they come bundled with what we call "potentially unwanted programs" that can slow down your machine and cause pop-ups. With any Windows PC virus software is a must and should always be used to keep your machine protected especially if you do any kind of online banking or purchasing over the web. When it comes to external hardware such as printers, webcams etc. you will find that there is more available now for Mac's but there is still a lot more compatible devices for PC's over Mac's.

Using a Mac for the first time

New users will have the easiest time navigating a Mac. One difference users will notice between a newer Mac and a PC is the requirement to create a password on the Mac. Without setting up

or using an existing apple id account you will find yourself limited when using the Mac devices. If you were previously a PC user you will quickly find that some of the normal PC functions are different on a Mac for example scrolling down on the mouse will move your screen up rather than down like on a PC.

Using finder on a Mac can make finding your documents easier for new Mac users. Previous PC users may have some difficulty learning how the Mac File explorer works since some things are hidden by default. In my opinion, the Mac was very difficult to get use to as a long time PC user. If you are considering making the switch to a Mac I highly recommend that you try out a friends Mac computer or visit your nearest Apple store to try out the computers they have on display before you make the jump.

If you need additional support or advice and are considering switching from a Mac to a pc or a PC to a mac, or for more assistance resolving com-

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October 4
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October 6
10th Annual "Angels Above" Alumni Golf Tournament at Mountain View Golf Club. Big Ten-Year Anniversary Celebration! Whether you're an avid golfer or like to play just for fun, come out and support the annual golf tournament to benefit the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund for Mother Seton School. Ticket includes lunch, greens fees, cart fee, and dinner. To register for the event, email littlemore@littlemore.com.

October 7
Mt. Airy Fall Festival held at the Mt. Airy Carnival Grounds. Arts and crafts festival, Good food and lots of entertainment. Children's section with lots of games and activities. Scarecrow making and pumpkin painting. For more information, call 301-829-5466.

October 13 & 14
Saint Anthony Shrine will be having a Yard and Bake Sale. Space will be available if you are interested in selling your

own items. Food and baked goods will be available. Come and enjoy the day with us. For more information call 301-447-3365 or 301-447-2367.

Fallfest at Catoctin Furnace. Come enjoy the glorious autumn colors at Catoctin Furnace! We will have apple butter boiling, baked goods, and more. Tour historic buildings and learn about our latest archaeological discoveries! For more information call 443-629-8661.

October 14
Fall Fest Cafe held at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Creagerstown. Menu for Eat In or Carry out: Slippery Pot Pie: Chicken pot pie, Country Ham pot pie; Soups: Chicken Corn, Vegetable, Bean; Sandwiches: Chicken Salad, Country Ham, Hot Dogs, Homemade Pepper Slaw, An array of baked goods, Sweet Tea and Coffee. Apple Butter will also be for sale. For more information, call 301-667-4380.

October 14 & 15
Ridgefest at Mt. Tabor Park. This event is hosted by Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge. There will be an Apple Butter Boiling demonstration (Sat. only), Food Stands featuring good home-cooked food both days, and Flea Markets. Apple butter will be available for sale on Saturday and Sunday. The food stand will close at 3:30. Of course, the Rocky Ridge Fire Company will be making their famous Fried Ham Sandwiches for sale both days and will remain open until 6 p.m. on both days. For free more information call 301-447-6387.

October 20
All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Taneytown. Menu: Spaghetti & Rotini Noodles, Marinara & Alfredo sauces, meatballs & sausage, salad, garlic bread and breadsticks, iced & hot tea, fruit punch, coffee, and homemade desserts. Italian music, raffles, door prizes and a silent auction.

Firemen's Activities Building. Every seat requires a ticket. Come hungry. There will be food available for purchase. Games feature baskets, Michael Kors Purgooses, Vera Bradley and 31 bags and \$50 Cash Games as prizes and include Junior and Senior Jackpot games, door prizes and 50/50 Raffles. For more information, call 410-756-2898.

October 21
39th Annual Fall Festival at Camp Eder. Fall Festival is a celebration designed for the whole family. Fun and fundraising for Camp Eder's programs include a benefit auction, food, local craft vendors, and children's games. Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with eat in or take out available. Sandwiches, soup, and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat. For more information, visit www.campeder.org/fall-festival.

Catoctin Furnace presents "Spirits of the Furnace" - a guided night tour through the historic Catoctin Iron Furnace and Village, with stops in historic structures and along the landscape. Bring a flashlight and wear shoes appropriate for walking on uneven terrain. All proceeds will benefit the preservation and interpretation of the historic village.

The scenes encountered during "Spirits of the Furnace" are based on actual events in the village. For example, the enslaved butler at the Ironmaster's mansion discusses preparations for a dinner party and describes his job in the big house which includes wine pairings and proper table settings and service. In another scene, a grave is being dug for a worker killed in an industrial accident. In addition to volunteer actors from Cunningham Falls State Park and the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, students from Silver Oak Academy in Keymar portray young workers and servants.

Catoctin Furnace maintains the layout and structures built from 1774 to 1820 with remarkably few modern intrusions. Visitors to the Furnace will be introduced to the historical importance and heritage resources of the area, and experiences the look and feel of an early industrial complex. For more information, call 443-463-6437 or visit www.catoctinfurnace.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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All you can eat wing feed benefiting the Fairfield & Fountaindale Fire Departments. Event will be held at 106 Steelman Street, Fairfield. For tickets or more information, call 717-729-1998.

October 27

Paint Night to benefit the Emmitsburg Council of Churches Mission to Kenya. Event will be held at Thurmont Carnival Grounds. An evening of painting with Art Teacher, Laura Day. Hhors- d'oeuvres, (included) and wine (for sale). The subject of an African Lion has been requested, but not yet confirmed. For more information, call 301-447-6239.

October 29

Cunningham Falls State Park hosts their 3rd annual 10K, 5K and Tot Trot. Paved, rolling course amongst the fall colors in Cunningham Falls State Park. Run takes place at the HOUK Area of the park. For more information visit <http://www.cunninghamgambrell.org/>

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U.S. News Ranks Mount St. Mary's University Top 25 School in Region



U.S. News & World Report has released its Best Regional Universities rankings, placing Mount St. Mary's University second among Maryland's eight other public and private regional universities, and No. 25 out of nearly 200 institutions in the North region. The Mount has been ranked in the top 25 for seven out of the last eight years.

"This achievement is proof that the Mount is moving in a positive direction," said Mount St. Mary's University President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D. "We've welcomed the second largest class in school history, had three students become Fulbright Finalists, added several Division I athletic teams and roster places and were named a Best Value College by U.S. News & World Report as well. The recognition for the work that we've put into offering our students the curricular and co-curricular opportunities that will help them succeed in life, while

providing a welcoming and inclusive campus community, also makes us extremely proud."

The Best Regional University rankings were comprised of several factors, including average first-year student retention rate, class size, student-to-faculty ratio and acceptance and graduation rates. Additionally, it included a peer assessment score and weighed the institution's average alumni giving rate.

The Mount was also recognized as a top 10 institution in the U.S. News 2018 Best Colleges for Veterans rankings for the North region. These rankings are designed to "provide military veterans and active-duty service members with data on which top-ranked schools offer benefits that can help them make pursuing a college education more affordable," according to U.S. News.



Events at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass

Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m.

Special Events

Oct. 1 Respect for Life Sunday
Oct. 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Oct. 13-15 Our Lady of Fatima - The Last Apparition
Oct. 31 All Hallows Eve at the Grotto
Visit nsgrotto.org/visit for details

Shrines of France Pilgrimage

March 5-16, 2018
See the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette
Registration closes Oct. 15
Visit nsgrotto.org for details

Campus Events

Oct. 3, Sacred Spaces concert, 7:30 p.m.

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
Join us for works by Aphex Twin, Franz Biebl, The Cure, Sigur Rós, Angelo Badalamenti, Erik Satie, and Brian Eno performed by the Mount St. Mary's University Chorale, Lab Band, Wind Ensemble and members of the Percussion Ensemble in the remarkable acoustics of the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

Oct. 21, Impressions Concert by the Azimuth Strings Quartet, 7:30 p.m.

Delaplaine Fine Arts Center's Horning Theater
The Azimuth String Quartet, joined by faculty artist, John Wickelgren, returns to the Mount to perform works by Debussy and Ravel string quartets and Faure piano quartet No. 1.

Oct. 23, Inauguration of Timothy Trainor, Ph.D.

Oct. 27 & 28, Small Ensembles Recital, 7:30 p.m.

Knott Auditorium
Please join us for a recital by a variety of the Mount's smaller musical groups.



Mount Offers New Entrepreneurship Major

Mount St. Mary's University announces a new undergraduate major and minor in entrepreneurship which will be offered beginning spring 2018. The programs offer a unique interdisciplinary approach to understanding the art and science of business development, management and organizational leadership in today's complex, networked world. The curriculum combines in-classroom activities with experiential, hands-on problem solving through a guided process of problem solving.

"Entrepreneurship is part of the culture at the Mount," said Mount St. Mary's President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D. "Many of our graduates become entrepreneurs because they see a societal issue that needs to be addressed and then they marshal the passion, advocacy and resources of others to develop and deliver a solution. This major now gives our

undergraduate students a way to acquire these skills – through a combination of in-class and hands-on learning – so they may make an even greater positive impact on society."

While the major helps students start new businesses, that is not its sole focus. Those seeking an educational pathway based on constant discovery while developing a personal tool box of skills and leadership will acquire the building blocks needed to progress as lifelong learners, leaders and contributors of positive impact to their local and global communities.

"The art and science of bringing innovation and collaborative leadership to our world starts with owning a well-developed, integrated personal tool box, focused on positive impact," said entrepreneurship major advisor and Director of the Palmieri Center for Entrepreneurship, Christine Adamow.