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Thurmont receives national recognition

The Town of Thurmont Main Street Program has once again received the National Main Street Accreditation for 2019. This is the fourteenth year in a row Thurmont has been recognized for their efforts and has received this national distinction.

At the end of May, Thurmont was designated as an accredited Main Street America program for meeting rigorous performance standards set by the National Main Street Center. Each year, the National Main Street Center and its Coordinating Program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street America programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach.

"We are proud to acknowledge this year's 840 nationally accredited Main Street America programs that have worked tirelessly to strengthen their communities," Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center, said in a press release. "Main Street America Accredited communities are part of a powerful movement of changemakers, and their dedication to improving quality of life in these places is inspiring."

The National Main Street Program is a subsidiary under the National Trust for Preservation with 45 states participating in the Main Street Program. The State of Maryland has 27 National Main Street Accredited Main Streets. The Main Street Maryland program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional main streets and neighborhoods. The program provides designated communities with support for economic planning, marketing, promotion, and education administered by the Department of Community Housing and Development.

Thurmont Main Street hosts several events and programs throughout the year including the Main Street Farmers' Market, the Business Showcase, Christmas in Thurmont, the Thurmont Business Bucks program, and Art and Wine Strolls, along with operating the Thurmont Main Street Center. "Main Streets are the heart of any community and the catalyst for future growth within any town. Thurmont is proud and honored to be recognized as an elite member of the 840 Nationally Accredited Main Street America communities, and one of the twenty-seven in the state of Maryland. A special thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who



For the fourteenth year in a row, Thurmont has been recognized as one of the leading Main Street communities in Maryland.

make this possible," stated Thurmont's Economic Development Manager, Vickie Grinder.

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

Main Street America has been

helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 35 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,000 Nationally Accredited and Affiliate neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$71.35 billion in new public and private investment, generated more than 584,000 net new jobs and 132,000 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 268,000 buildings.

Carroll Valley set to celebrate 4th of July

Carroll Valley Borough will once again be holding a 4th of July celebration at Carroll Commons! This is the Borough's fifteenth annual 4th of July celebration, but all involved in the planning of the celebration wanted the community to know that the festivities will be a little different from years past.

In the past, the July 4th celebration began earlier in the afternoon and concluded with the fireworks display in the evening. Unfortunately, last year severe weather hindered some of the activities planned and the park was shut down early in the evening for safety reasons. This was the first time since 2005 that Carroll Valley's 4th of July celebration encountered such heavy rains and winds. Borough staff and Parks & Recreation Committee members are hoping weather plays out a little differently this year, as they have spent months planning this event.

Since the establishment of this event fifteen years ago, attendance has grown and individuals from Pennsylvania and surrounding states look forward to attending the event every year. This year, fes-

tivities will begin around 6:30 p.m., with entertainment by the Hubcaps, an Oldies Rock'n Roll group. The band's roots date back to 1974, when they were named 'Harvey Hubcap and the Do Ron Ron.' Ever since their beginning they have set the standard for musical quality and entertainment showmanship. In a typical Hubcaps show, you not only hear the best of the "Classics" but you see many of your favorite artists dressed in costume delivering to you a dynamic show. The show will be great for kids and adults!

Additionally, free inflatable amusements for children will be available along with several food vendors, which will begin setting up around 4 p.m. Poppa J's, Antietam Dairy, Keep It Smokin BBQ and Hope's Lemonade will be present with their delicious food and beverages.

There will be limited parking available at Carroll Commons, but Ski Liberty will provide parking at their resort for free. They will shuttle attendees from their parking lot in to Carroll Commons, just steps away from an array of activities for



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

children and adults, from 5:30 to 10 p.m.. Ski Liberty will also be providing "Music on the Mountain" all evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.. This event includes food, live music and yard games. With bus service being offered between both Carroll Commons and Ski Liberty, members of the community will have a full evening of fun with

family and friends to celebrate the 4th of July.

Of course, the always anticipated fireworks display, launched over Carroll Valley Commons from atop Liberty Mountain, will commence at 9:45 p.m. Bring your family, your friends, and your neighbors and spend an evening of fun-filled activities at Carroll Commons!

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Firefighter dies in tractor accident

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

A welfare check was requested by Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue when Firefighter Jones did not arrive for his regularly scheduled shift at 6 a.m.. Montgomery County Fire and Police as well as Frederick County Fire and Rescue units arrived at his residence located in the 23000 block of W. Harris Road in Dickerson.

A coordinated search team was formed and the expansive property was navigated. Within 20

minutes personnel located an overturned tractor with one male victim down a steep embankment. Due to the complex terrain, the slope of the embankment, and the likelihood of traumatic injury the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Technical Rescue Team, MDSP aviation, and the medical "Go Team" was requested. Once crews were able to access the victim it was determined that Mr. Jones had succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 9:14am.

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



Rutter's submits store plans

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

The plan stated that the store/fueling station would be located in the corner of northbound US-15 and the eastbound lane of MD 140 (Taneytown Pike). The fueling station will

provide separate areas for gasoline customers and commercial diesel trucks. Diesel trucks and gasoline vehicles will have their own access lanes off of MD 140, though all vehicles will exit the station by way of the commercial truck lane onto MD 140. The Rutter's store would share entrance and exits with a Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) proposed Park and Ride facility.

Instead of planting all of the required trees in accordance with the Town's Forest Conservation ordinance, Rutter's will be paying a "fee in-lieu of," which is allowed in the town's ordinance. This money must be used for afforestation as required by the state's Forest Conservation Act. The "fee in-lieu of," was proposed by town staff and would go

into a new Forest Conservation Fund the town has for future projects involving tree planting and stream bank restoration in accordance with the town's Forest Resource Ordinance.

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

Emmitsburg Commissioner, Glenn Blanchard, asked if town staff had heard anything from the

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residents and farmers along Harney Road concerning the proposed Rutter's store. Town Planner, Zack Gulden replied, "We have heard

nothing," in spite of the plan being advertised via various media avenues. Completion of this project is projected for 2021.

Emmitsburg to host 2019 National Night Out

On August 6, the town of Emmitsburg will become host to National Night Out.

National Night Out dates back to the 1990's in Frederick County. It is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer places to live and work.

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

This year, Emmitsburg will be teaming up with Frederick County and the Frederick County Sheriff's Department for a county-wide celebration held at Emmits-

burg's Community Park! In the hopes of having a northern county celebration in 2019, Emmitsburg's Mayor Donald Briggs sent a letter to Sheriff Chuck Jenkins asking if he would consider hosting the event in northern Frederick County and Emmitsburg for 2019. Sheriff Jenkins accepted and the planning began. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office informed the town to expect between 400 and 600 people for this event.

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

More information on this event will be released closer to the event, later in July. For now, mark your calendars, as this will be a great event for families!

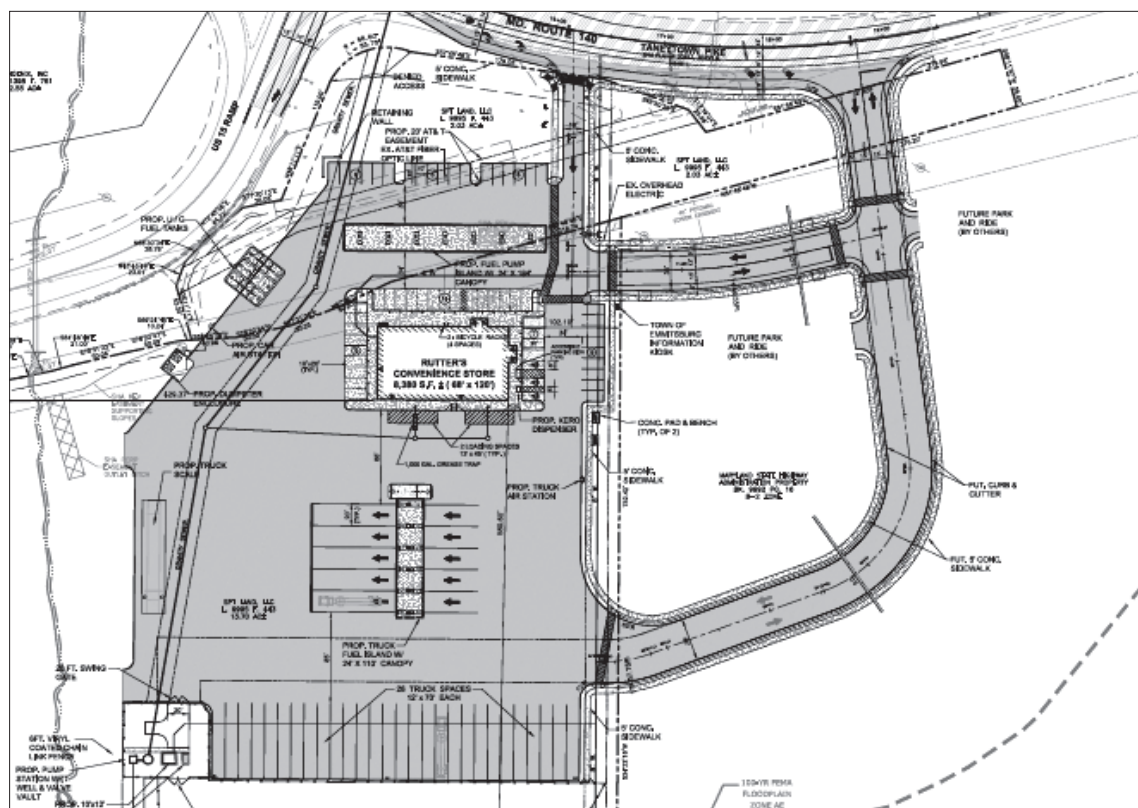


Diagram of the proposed Rutter's to be built just east of the RT 15 and MD 140 intersection. Construction is expected to begin later this year, with completion slated for 2021.

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Carroll Valley named 2019 Tree City USA

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

The Tree City USA program dates back to 1976, and has been greening up cities and towns across America ever since. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage

and expand their public trees.

In fact, according to the Arbor Day Foundation, more than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA.

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

As discussed by Kolenda, having the Tree City USA status could provide the borough more opportunities to receive funding for future projects and it is also a great way to get more residents actively involved in the community. The Tree Board, as proposed, would consist of five members appointed by the Council. The tree ordinance amendments outline appropriate distances and clearances for planting trees, public tree care, and tree species allowable.

By the end of the meeting, Carroll Valley's Borough Council took one step further towards becoming Tree City USA certified by unanimously adopting this ordinance. The ordinance allows the Car-

roll Valley Tree Board to help regulate the planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs and other plants upon Borough Property.

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

In other Carroll Valley news, Carroll Valley's Borough Council voted to accept an ordinance outlining the new Inter-municipal Cooperative

Police Service agreement with Liberty Township. The agreement allows police officers of either municipality to enter and act as police officers in the other municipality without prior request if there is an emergency or if a violation is seen. The new agreement also states that police force back up may be given between municipalities. However, the differing aspect between this agreement and the agreement in effect in prior years is that Carroll Valley will no longer answer any calls in Liberty Township. Carroll Valley officers will not be dispatched to Liberty Township if Liberty Township officers are not on duty.

Both Carroll Valley Borough Council and Liberty Township Supervisors accepted this new agreement during their prospective meetings held in June.

Pippinfest committee kicks into overdrive

Mark your calendar for the 39th Annual Pippinfest, which is set for the last full weekend in September, the 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Main Street in Fairfield. The organization and planning for Pippinfest, Fairfield's "Old Fashioned Street Festival," is well underway. Organization for the festival typically starts in February, but really kicks in during the month of June, when Committee members begin setting the schedule and organizing vendors for the event.

New this year will be the "Colonial Corner". This area will feature demonstrations of colonial life around 1760 by a costumed interpreter using reproduction artifacts, as well as colonial story

times and games for children. The committee is anticipating a number of colonial craftspeople including a basket maker, fraktur painter and powder horn scrimshaw artist. The committee is also pleased to announce that the apple desert contest will be taking place on Sunday. Details will be forthcoming in August on the web page and Facebook.

Dating back to 1980, the Pippinfest festival holds its roots firmly in community togetherness. The festival was started as a way to promote local non-profits, which has been a tradition that has continued ever since. As a way to bring townspeople together, David Thomas, owner of the Fairfield Inn in 1980, invited local clubs and school

groups to participate in a community-wide celebration of the apple harvest. As a small town with a strong sense of community, the citizens of Fairfield were eager to support the idea and an all-day street festival was planned. Next year marks the 40th anniversary and the committee, is already planning for a very special Pippinfest 2020!

Community and local business' support contributes significantly to the success of the festival every year and Pippinfest allows local non-profits to fund raise for their causes. Local Boy Scout troops, high school groups, churches and many others are able to sell food, drinks and other goods in order to help raise money for their

organization. The festival brings people into the community, fosters an environment of fun for everyone, and brings community members together.

At this time, numerous craft and food vendors are already lining up for the two-day event, and Pippinfest organizers are pulling together entertainment for the entire weekend. The Pippinfest Committee schedules entertainment that covers an array of different musical genres, from bluegrass, to folk to rock n' roll - there will be entertainment for everyone!

As usual, Pippinfest will be a two-day event. Day 1 consists of primarily yard sales up and down Main Street, but craft and food vendors will also be present. The second day of the festival features

many craft vendors, craft demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and musical entertainment.

The twelve-member committee for the Pippinfest is currently in the midst of its organizational meetings for the 2019 festival. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. Beginning the second week in August, the Committee will meet weekly until the event. Those interested in becoming volunteers for the organization, planning and event itself are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. Volunteers are needed for this event to be such a great success! For more information please visit www.pippinfest.com; www.facebook.com/pippinfest; or call the Fairfield Borough office at 717-642-5640.

Fairfield area news-briefs. . .

Strawberry Hill receives grant for trail restoration

On June 17, the Rotary Club of Gettysburg's President, Bill Braun, presented Strawberry Hill Foundation's Executive Director, Kara Ferraro, with a \$1,500 grant. The grant will partially fund Strawberry Hill's Middle Creek trail restoration and creek access project, for which the organization is actively seeking funding.

The Rotary Club's support will help create safe access to Middle Creek for "Aquatic Communities" and "Watersheds and Wetlands," two cornerstone environmental education programs offered at Strawberry Hill. In addition, the project will benefit a variety of recreational activities - from establishing a self-guided hike with interpretive signage, to enhanced access to trout fishing in the exceptional value waterway.

Main Street, McGinley Drive, Tract Road, and Pumping Station Road is available for through traffic.

This project comes at a cost of approximately \$1.3 million and was awarded to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., this past December. The entire project includes the removal of the span on Water Street, while replacing it with a precast concrete box culvert and replacing the superstructure of the bridge that carries Stoney Point Road over Mud Run at the Latimore-Reading Township line.

In addition to this road project, Hickory Bridge Road has also been undergoing extensive roadwork including the replacement of drains and the installment of new water lines.

Gettysburg National Cemetery water line undergoes replacement

According to a press release from the

Gettysburg National Military Park, the installation of a new waterline has begun in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. This new waterline will replace a waterline that was first installed back in 1939. The new line will be installed directly above the old line and there is no expected concern of impacts to burials or any other underground resource. All excavation work will be monitored by a NPS archaeologist.

The existing waterline was first installed in 1939 to support irrigation and monument cleaning but has been out of service for more than five years due to leaks. A contract to replace the line was awarded late last year. In consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and Gettysburg National Military Park's own Cultural Resources staff, a plan was established to best approach this work. To limit the disturbance to the landscape, as well as

underground, the replacement waterline will be installed directly above the existing waterline. A vibratory plow will be used to cut a narrow path down 24 inches and the new plastic line will be installed as the contractor proceeds with the plow.

Excavation work began on June 4 where new hose connections will be installed along with pits for boring the waterline under the cemetery roadway.

Work is expected to be complete by the end of June. If this project is not

complete by the end of June, work will cease during the 156th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3) and resume shortly thereafter.

Gettysburg National Cemetery was established in 1863 as a final resting place for Union dead killed in the Battle of Gettysburg. Currently, over 6,000 deceased service members, including those killed in action in the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts rest within its seventeen acres.

Roadwork continues in Hamiltonban Township

On June 25 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation closed the span that carries Water Street over Spring Run in Hamiltonban Township to begin excavation in preparation to remove the existing single-span concrete slab structure and replace it with a precast concrete box culvert.

PennDOT noted in a press release that Water Street would be closed to through traffic between Main Street and Girl Scout Road for up to 65 days through August 30 while the span is being replaced. A detour that utilizes



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THURMONT NEWS

Thurmont looks to expand Public Works Department

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

The property, located at 115 Water Street, is comprised of a 9,583 square foot lot, approximately 0.21 acres, and the home itself is 2,033 square feet in size. The home was listed at \$175,000, and the town settled the purchase, acquiring it for \$152,000. The property abuts the public works facility on the backside and the town hopes this purchase will help

to enhance their ability to increase the Public Works Department as the community continues to grow. In the meantime, the town will look to rent the home before they need to use the property to begin expanding the Public Works Department. Mayor John Kinnaird mentioned that the town may need only use the backside of the property for awhile, while still retaining the front half of the property to rent.

"As the community continues to grow, we've seen a need to increase our footprint in that

area," said Mayor Kinnaird. "If we can consolidate properties down there to get us a larger work area, I think it's one of the best things we can do for our community."

All Commissioners were on board with the idea of acquiring the property. "This is a wise investment that already connects to our property," stated Commissioner Marty Burns, "one in which we can turn into a larger complex to serve the needs of our residents when we need to." Additionally, the town owns a separate property located at 109 Water Street,

which is currently being rented out. Burns noted that the town has already seen "positive cash flow in that house." Purchasing another property when the time is right is a good decision for the town.

Commissioner Bill Buehrer asked town staff to consider looking into the neighboring property in hopes of acquiring the property in the future. Buehrer requested the town ask for a right of first refusal, which if accepted, would give the town the option to enter a business transaction with the homeowner before the owner

enters into a transaction with another party. Mayor Kinnaird noted that after several conversations with the current property owners, it seems as though they are in favor of seeing the town acquire the property in the future.

A motion was made to purchase the property and inquire both officially and informally with adjacent property owners about their future plans with their properties. The motion was passed unanimously. There are no official plans for expansion of the Public Works Department at this time.

1st Annual Gateway to the Cure Golf Classic a success

Thurmont held their first Annual Gateway To The Cure Golf Classic on June 21 with a bright sunny day to kick off the event. Thurmont began their Gateway To The Cure Campaign in 2014 not only to heighten awareness for breast cancer, but primarily to raise funds to benefit the Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund. Thurmont's Gateway To The Cure campaign started off small by

selling pink light bulbs, and several businesses offered promotions during the traditional awareness month in October for breast cancer. Those businesses, in turn, would donate proceeds from their promotions to Thurmont's Gateway To The Cure. During that first year, Thurmont raised \$4,401. The town's campaign only continued to grow from there.

Fast forward to 2018, Thurmont had 48 contributing busi-

nesses during the October campaign and has donated a total of \$61,000 to the FMH Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund. Each year Thurmont has added new events to the annual campaign, in hopes of raising a little more with each year. This year, Thurmont hosted the 2nd Annual Zumbathon, which was a success, will host the 5th Annual 5k, and has just held the 1st Annual Golf Classic.

The 1st Annual Gateway To The Cure Golf Classic was a great

success with a day filled with sun, golf, lunch, awards, and of course lots of fun! Twelve-foursomes came out to Maple Run Golf Club to support a cause in which the funds not only stay in Frederick County, but also benefited FMH. All Gateway To The Cure proceeds are donated to the FMH Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund, which was founded by Patty and Jeff Hurwitz in 1999 after Patty's recovery from breast cancer. The Hurwitz's began the

fund at FMH with personal seed money of \$25,000. Contributions to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund are helping to save lives here in Frederick County. Every dollar donated to the Fund is used for direct patient benefit; there are no administrative costs. For more information on the FMH Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund go to pinkribbon.org. The 1st Annual Gateway to The Cure Golf Classic was dedicated to the late Jill Hooper.



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Thurmont news-briefs...

Town adopts year-end budget amendments

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

Within the General Fund, the town received additional monies from grants and additional interest earned in their bank accounts. \$32,000 worth of additional interest was earned and was applied to the unrestricted fund balance. State grant money was received, in the amount of \$20,000, for improvements to the railroad bridge; a Clean-up Green grant was received, in the amount of \$1,000; and a \$3,075 grant was received for the town's way-faring signs. Additionally, a \$10,290 grant was received from the Lion's Club Foundation for the Trolley Trail Lighting Project.

Additional expenditures within the General Fund include: \$20,000, which was moved out of the unrestricted fund

balance to cover unforeseen legal items; \$10,500 moved from snow salaries to snow supplies, to cover the cost of additional salt used this year; and \$5,000 moved from employee relations to the employee salary line item.

Within the Waste Water Fund, \$15,000 was moved to help cover employee overtime. Both the Water Fund and Electric Fund saw an interest income increase of \$14,500 and \$2,600 respectively. Both were applied to each fund's unrestricted fund balance.

Thurmont student competes in National History Bee Championship

Michael Metz, Emmitsburg resident and sixth grade student at Thurmont Middle School, traveled to Chicago to compete in the 2019 U.S. Middle & Elementary School History Bee National Championships on June 7-8. History Bee is a buzzer-based quiz competition that tests students on knowledge of world history and culture from

the earliest civilizations through the twentieth century. Michael placed 32nd out of almost 260 sixth grade students from across the country and advanced to the Quarterfinal round.

Michael qualified for the National Championships as one of the top 10 sixth grade finalists at the Baltimore Regional History Bee Competition held on March 30. As a Regional finalist, he also qualified for the biennial International History Olympiad to be held July 2020.

History Bee is an extracurricular club at Thurmont Middle School. Participating students met once a week and qualified to attend the Baltimore Regional Competition by taking an online exam over the winter. The students were assisted by Candace Desonier, Advanced Academic Specialist at Thurmont Middle School, and supported by the school's Principal, Daniel Enck.

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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

July 1919

July 3

Celebrations In Emmitsburg

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

Mysterious Fire

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

Cool Weather

For the past two weeks the temperature in this vicinity has been very mild for July. Rain fell on a number of days and stop to some extent the harvesting of the wheat crop, but it is now about all put away without loss. The past Saturday and Sunday the air was cool enough to require extra wraps.

July 10

Trucks Forced to Forge Stream

Although the Army's Transcontinental Motor Convoy is following the Lincoln Highway, generally conceded to be the finest coast-to-coast road, it was proven during the first two days of the trip that bridges incapable of permitting passage of trucks are going to cause the government train a great

amount of trouble and may possibly result in considerable delay.

On Tuesday when one of the big trucks came to the Middle Creek Bridge between Emmitsburg and Gettysburg, it was found that the machine was unable to pass beneath the roof of the structure and it was necessary to forge the stream with many of the large cars. It was fortunate that Middle Creek is not a sufficient size to cause any great difficulty. Many of the officers were greatly displeased over the inability of the bridges to allow passage of their trucks. One of the officers said "These old bridges are a thing of the past and it wouldn't be a bad idea to run over them and bring them down to show how poorly they are constructed."

Arrested for Theft

Last Sunday a warrant was issued for Howard Lantz of Thurmont. Lance owns a Ford automobile, and was in need of a new tire and other accessories, and according to his statement, he had no money to purchase them so he went to his neighbor's garage and took what he needed from his car. After hearing the evidence in the case the Justice of the Peace held Lantz for the September court. Failing to secure bond, Lantz put up his car as collateral and was given his liberty. The Justice of the Peace however made Lantz return the stolen parts before he would accept the car.

Attacked in Hotel

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

McGrill met Firor in the Grove midway between Firor's farm and the hotel and started an argument, which quickly turned violent with McGill knocking down Firor. Not being satisfied, McGill and his wife went to the hotel in the evening and again demanded an apology from Firor for what he said to Mrs. McGill. Firor told the couple he had

nothing to apologize for, upon which McGill knocked him down again. Mrs. Firor scream for help and one of the hotel guests ran to his assistance. The McGill's then left the hotel. The next day Firor swore out a warrant for McGill's arrest on assault and battery. After hearing the testimony, McGill was fined \$25. Upon hearing the fine, McGill said it was the best \$25 he had spent.

July 17

Storm Damage to Orchards

A destructive thunderstorm, accompanied by high winds and hail swept over this part of the county on Wednesday evening. Trees were uprooted and cornfields in roads badly washed. Considerable damage was done to orchards, immature peaches and apples being knocked from the trees. The storm was one of the most severe in recent years. Two and a half inches of water fell within one hour. Lightning did considerable damage. A number of trees and buildings were struck. The barn of Daniel Ross was struck and destroyed by fire, together with this season's wheat and hay crops as well as all the farming implements. Lightning also struck Newton Henson's stable, killing a horse and badly stunning two of his workers.

Gas Tank Blows Up

An accident occurred Saturday about noon at the Thurmont garage that might have killed three men and resulted in the destruction of the building. A heavy gas tank of a road truck had sprung a leak and was taken to the garage for repairs. One hole had been soldered and Mr. Vincent O'Toole was preparing to solder the second. Upon placing his soldering iron into the hole and explosion occurred, the tank being blown apart and a number of pieces. Mr. O'Toole in two of his helpers or all close to the tank when the explosion occurred. The two helpers were knocked some distance away and each had their eyebrows and hair singed by the flames. Parts of the tag struck Mr. O'Toole in the face, inflicting a severe wound on his four head over his right eye and cutting his nose at several places. His hair was also scorched. Many gas tanks have been repaired by Mr. O'Toole, but this was the first time he has met with an accident.



July 24

Little Girl Burned

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

Berry Harvest Big

Raspberries, always an important crop in this part of the county, far surpasses all previous records in price and yield per acre. Prices are nearly double those of last year, running from six dollars to eight dollars per crate of 32-quart boxes. The betting on the raspberries was spirited. An interesting feature of the marketing this season is caused by the entrance of the canning people into the field. At this writing, the canning people have purchased about 3,500 crates. Altogether 9,500 crates, at an average price of \$7.50 has resulted in almost \$70,000 going into local farmer's pockets. And a good many more berries are yet to be gathered.

July 31

Escapes from Frederick Jail

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

Burglars Busy Again

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

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FROM THE DESK OF...

County Councilman Phil Dacey

Two main issues facing Frederick County are hot topics within the Frederick County Council—the state expansion of Interstate 270 and the County exploration of a ban of single use plastics or plastic bags.

First, I do not think it is possible to overstate the importance of a recent state vote that allowed expansion of Interstate 270 from the Beltway to Frederick. This is a major win for all of us in Frederick County and once completed will likely represent the largest infrastructure project in generations. Most importantly, is what it will mean to Frederick County residents. It will mean moving more cars more quickly on the interstate, and allow for mobility during those peak

travel volume times that are growing longer and longer.

These new toll lanes will be privately financed, meaning at no cost to taxpayers and optional for roadway users. It is important to note that all users will benefit, even the non-toll drivers in what are now the existing lanes. As a commuter for a decade, I can tell you that I can notice the dramatic improvement in traffic flow on days when the federal government is closed and during the summer when school is out. The noticeable improved traffic flow during these times amounts to a small reduction in the number of vehicles on the roadways during peak times. This is how the toll lanes will make mobility

easier for all County residents. The relatively smaller number of drivers using the toll lanes will take enough vehicles off the existing lanes to make them all run more efficiently.

Skeptics make arguments that roads bring traffic and that we need more transit options in Frederick. While I agree that we can use more transit options and that transit expansion should be part of the conversation, the reality is that for the vast majority of Frederick County residents, trips are made in personal vehicles. People are sitting in traffic today and in my view it is the government's responsibility to provide solutions to this decades long proj-

ect. Our state is doing so with this proposed traffic relief project.

As you can tell, I am very excited about the prospect of traffic relief in Frederick County. It is one of the biggest quality of life issues that we face as a County.

The second topic the Council has been hearing about is banning the use of plastic bags or other single use plastics. A workgroup is being formed to analyze the issue. I should say that I remain skeptical about the effectiveness and utility of such a ban. In my view, plastic bags are a practical item that efficiently transport goods. They can have a second life to help with pet waste, diapers, garbage can liners, lunch bags, and thousands of other household uses. The real issue that

ban supporters have is improperly disposed of plastic bags. I think there are more effective solutions to litter than just banning a product that may end up as litter.

I support people being given the choice to make decisions that are in their own best interest. If a person or a family is concerned about the use of plastic bags, they are free to make a different choice for themselves and not use the free plastic bags offered by most retail and food establishments. What I don't support is the idea that the government should make that decision for businesses and people in our County in all cases. I am hopeful that we can address the problems caused by litter in ways that do not include banning products.

Thurmont Mayor John Kinnaird

The Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference is being held from June 22 - 25 in Ocean City. We will be attending three days of meeting and discussion that range from the opioid epidemic, to planning and zoning tips, to consensus building, to infrastructure concern, to running well organized meetings, to, well you can see it's a little bit of everything.

The discussions are always very helpful and it is good to sit with 50 or 60 other elected officials and discuss these topics. There is always someone that has had experience and is able to shed

some light on even the most difficult topics. The MML elects a new Board of Directors and President at the Summer Conference and I have been helping with the voting for several years.

When I first started attending the Conference I was worried that the larger municipalities would hold an undue influence over the MML but boy was I wrong! Two years ago Jake Romanell was elected President, he served as a councilmember from New Market. This year Perry Jones from Union Bridge is running for President Elect. So in a short span of four

years our MML President will have come from two of our smallest municipalities. The absolute best thing about attending the Summer Conference is that when we sit in on discussions we find that every community has similar issues, and it is reassuring to me that most have much greater problems than we have in Thurmont or Emmitsburg!

Summer has arrived and with it comes our great Main Street Farmers Market. The Market is held every Saturday morning in the Municipal Parking lot on Center Street. This year's vendors will have a great selection of fresh vegeta-

bles, fruit, meat, handmade goods, and delicious baked items. Be sure to stop by early for the best selection!

A reminder that the Guardian Hose Company Carnival will be held the week of July 8th. There is still time to get presale all you can ride tickets and be sure to get to the parade to see the Best Parade in Frederick County.

On Saturday, June 22nd we held our First Annual Gateway to the Cure Golf Tournament. The event was well attended and has been declared a great success. The proceeds from tournament will go to our annual community donation to the Hur-

witz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital. To date the residents of Thurmont have donated over \$60,000 to FMH to help with treatment and research. We dedicated this year's tournament to the memory of Jill Hooper. Jill was always very active in our community and worked hard to help raise funds for the Cure.

School is out and our children will be outdoors playing, riding bikes and skateboarding. Please keep an eye out for the youngsters as you drive our streets, they may not always be aware of their surroundings. As always, I can be reached at 301-606-9458 or by email at jkinnaird@thurmont.com.

County Notes

Annual open burn ban notification

The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) reminds residents that there is an open burning ban in effect through August 31st. The annual ban, which is required by the Maryland State Air Quality regulations, first went into effect in June 1995. The ban extends throughout the Metropolitan Washing-

ton Air Quality Region and is designed to reduce the high ozone levels that affect the region during the summer months, allowing for better air quality.

Violations of the open burning ban or open burning without a permit is subject to a fine of up to \$500 under the Frederick County Code and up to \$25,000 under Maryland State Regulations. For additional information, con-

tact the Community Services in the Environmental Health Services Division of the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1717.

County announces New Horizons Academy to Help High School Students Experiencing Homelessness

On June 6, County Executive Jan Gardner announced the next phase of the New Horizons Frederick program

called the New Horizons Academy. The five-week program is coordinated through the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership, known as SHIP of Frederick County. Starting on July 1, the program will provide academic training to 60 Frederick County Public Schools students from five high schools who are experiencing homelessness.

Through the New Horizons Academy, students will take courses at

Frederick High School. Those who want employment experience will be placed in part-time jobs by the Frederick County Workforce Services' Youth Works program. The project serves students from Catocin, Governor Thomas Johnson, Tuscarora and Frederick High Schools, and now Walkersville High will also participate. The expansion is funded, in part, by a \$40,000 Community Partnership Grant from Frederick County.

The objective of the program is to provide support and resources to help these students remain on track to graduate on time. Last week, 23 New Horizon participants graduated with high school diplomas due to the work of SHIP, FCPS and many partners.

This school year, 828 students faced the challenges of homelessness, 150 of whom had no adult caregiver. This is the first time the county has been able to estimate the number of unaccompanied youth, because Frederick County now participates in the Youth REACH Maryland survey. That survey also found that another 72 youth between the ages of 16 and 24 were unaccompanied and homeless, but not enrolled in FCPS.

Funders for New Horizons include Frederick County Government, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, Frederick County Public Schools, The Community Foundation of Frederick County, and numerous private individuals in Frederick County who have provided items such as laptops and scholarships for the students to participate in the program.

For more information about New Horizons, contact SHIP of Frederick at 240-415-8971 or via e-mail at info@ShipFrederick.com.

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County Executive Jan Gardner

Frederick County Leads the Way

School's out and summer is officially here! That means it's time for the annual Walkersville and Thurmont carnivals and a long list of fun activities at our parks and libraries. Get out and enjoy all Frederick County has to offer.

Frederick County's quality of life was recently featured in a special five-minute documentary by a national production company. "Frederick County: Leading the Way" focuses on how the County is leading the way in cancer research and innovation. It premiered on national networks last month and will appear on public television stations nationwide this summer. Take a few minutes to watch the video by visiting www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/LeadingTheWay or by going to the County's YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/FrederickCountyMD. Frederick County has a great story to tell! I am excited to share our story about cancer research, life sciences, agriculture, and other innovative industries to a broad audience. We can all be proud of the community we call home.

Water, Water Everywhere

Heavy rains like what we've experienced over the past year can damage property and cause problems with storm runoff. When the county's Master Gardeners saw runoff damage at the University of Maryland Extension Service facility in Frederick, they turned to the County for assistance. Working together with the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources, they found an innovative solution that reduces erosion, uses the rainwater to feed beautiful gardens, and provides residents from around the County a place to learn about tools they can use on their own properties.

The demonstration gardens highlight eight different techniques to harvest rainfall so visitors can learn about methods that might work on their property. The project is the first of its kind in the mid-Atlantic region. Frederick County is leading by example!

You can learn about the Master Gardener program, walk through their beautiful gardens, and look at stormwater management options by visiting the Extension Service office at 330 Montevue Lane. An online story map explains the history of the collaborative project. The story map can be viewed at www.tinyurl.com/StormwaterProject.

New Horizons

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

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

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

Fortunately, we live in a community that cares and has taken action. A local nonprofit called the Student Homelessness Ini-

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

We know that education is key to students' future success. Programs like New Horizons can make a big difference in their lives. In fact, 23 New Horizons participants graduated this spring with their high school diplomas, thanks to the work of SHIP, FCPS, and the many community partners. Together we are creat-

ing a brighter future for Frederick County!

Condolences

I want to offer my condolences to the men and women at the Vigilant Hose Company community, the entire Division of Fire and Rescue Services, and our vol-

unteer fire service on the recent tragedy that took the life of career firefighter Drue Jones. Our public servants put their lives on the line everyday when they respond to calls, but they don't expect to face dangers at home. Drue will be greatly missed by his "fire family" and by all who knew him.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

Did you celebrate July 2nd? It was "I Forgot" day. So, if you didn't celebrate it, don't give it a second thought. You always could say "fuhgettaboutit"! However, I would not forget about celebrating July 7th which is Chocolate Day. It is definitely an excuse, if you need one, to indulge yourself with "Oh Yeah!" chocolate. However, I recently found out that chocolate is a vegetable. So now I am faced with a problem, I don't like vegetables, but I love chocolate. I guess I will just forget I don't like vegetables and eat chocolate. I can always say "I am celebrating I Forgot Day." There are so many things to remember.

Don't forget what happens on July 4th! It is the day that we celebrate the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. As mentioned in the June column, I hope you are planning to attend Carroll Valley's July 4th Celebration. It is being held on Thursday, July 4th. This year the festivities will start around 6:30 p.m.. You will be entertained by the "he Hubcaps". Rock & Roll is still alive! Bring the kids, there will be free rides to enjoy. Food vendors will be setting up at

4 p.m.. As always, fireworks will be launched off Ski Liberty mountain around 9:45 p.m.. For further information, check the Carroll Valley website carrollvalley.org or call the office at 717-642-8269.

There will be some parking at Carroll Commons. Ski Liberty has agreed to provide parking at their resort. They will shuttle attendees from their parking lot to our event and theirs from 5:30 to 10 p.m.. Ski Liberty will be providing "Music on the Mountain" all evening. With bus service between both areas, you cannot miss having an evening of fun with family and friends on July 4th.

Based on Police Officer Courtney M. Herring outstanding performance during her one-year probationary period, the Carroll Valley Council approved her promotion to a full-time Carroll Valley Patrol Officer. Congratulations Officer Herring. The Movie In the Park showing of Disney's film "Moana" was a complete success with an attendance over 100. The "Beach Party" theme was fully embraced by the children. The kids wore their bathing suits and enjoyed running under two sprinkler animals. Appreciation

goes to the Carroll Valley Recreation Committee, Borough staff, the film sponsor who pays for the film rental and the food vendors. To see the pictures, go to ronspictures.net. Don't miss the next Movie In the Park film "Incredibles" on July 19th. Be sure to bring your own blankets and chairs. Light concessions of popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information please call 717-642-8269.

Carroll Valley Borough was recently named a 2019 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Carroll Valley achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board, a tree care ordinance, annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Borough would like to express their appreciation to Lori Kolenda for her guidance and determination in helping us to achieve this distinction!

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



Once again Carroll Valley will put on a fun filled 4th of July celebration with entertainment for the whole family

Summer has started which means those heat alerts are being broadcast. There are three types of messages that are sent out to the populace and they are: Excessive Heat Outlook, Excessive Heat Watch and an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory. An Excessive Heat Outlook is used to indicate that a heat event may develop, and the emergency management and public health officials should be prepared. An Excessive Heat Watch means an excessive heat event may occur in the next 12 to 48 hours. Finally, an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory is issued within 12 hours of the onset of the following criteria: heat index of at least 105° F for more than 3 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, or heat index more than 115° F for any period of time. Why pay attention?

According to the NOAA National Weather Service, the statistical data shows that heat causes more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined. What to

do? Here are a few tips. Slow down and do not perform any strenuous activities. Drink plenty of water or other non-alcohol fluids even though you may not feel thirsty. If you have problems retaining fluids, consult your physician before increasing your fluid intake. Eat light meals to decrease your metabolic heat production. Wear lightweight light-colored clothing. And naturally, try to spend time in an air-conditioned place. Remember E-Waste Recycling is scheduled for July 13th at Hamiltonban Township 31 Carroll's Tract Road from 8 a.m. to Noon. Questions? Call 717.642.8509.

Borough meetings to be held in July are: Planning Commission (July 1st); Tree Board (July 5th); Borough Council (July 9th), Sewer/Water Authority (July 22nd) and Parks & Recreation (July 24th). Be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. If you have any questions, call me at 301-606-2021 or email at MayorRonHarris@carrollvalley.org. Please slow down when driving in the Valley.



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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE BORDER

County Commissioner Jim Martin

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

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

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

Thank you, voters, for your growing support that provided us with a solid victory. I commend our supporters for recognizing the value and the importance of the work we have accomplished, and

for separating facts from false rhetoric. Also, I would like to thank the many workers who were a part of our campaign team. Without your dedication and hard work our success would not have been possible.

State-wide Pennsylvania County Commissioner races produced results that were a surprise to many. The surprise was that 30% of incumbent commissioners did not make it through the primary election. Some of those losing incumbents had more than three terms in office. One incumbent that I know well won in the closest race he ever had. He also said it was the dirtiest smear campaign he ever faced. He is a man of integrity and his reputation was probably his margin of victory. We agreed that opponents without integrity will use whatever smear tactics they believe will produce a victory. It truly is a blessing when integrity speaks louder than an opponent's fabrications and smear tactics.

Perhaps there is a lesson in what we have observed. Does incumbency become a vehicle of producing complacency? Commissioner Phiel and I have not rested in our incumbency, but we have used it for building continuity and efficiency of operations. Also our incumbency has allowed us to sharpen our awareness and utilize

our experience to better address the issues facing the county. Financing is always an issue. Knowing what our limitation are financially, we utilize our credit very wisely and prudently, not borrowing more often than is essential.

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

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

Pennsylvania is one of very few states that is mandated to be ready for the 2020 election with all new certified voting equipment. It is my expectation that the majority of states will have until 2022 to put certified equipment into use. Why is Pennsylvania one of the segregated states for an early deployment of equipment? The

"why" becomes even more relevant when Governor Wolf announced there were no errors found in the 2018 election. Adams County even showed in 2018 how precise our voting equipment works.

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

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

In regard to the mandated voting equipment purchase, we are in

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

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

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



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COMMENTARY

Words From Winterbilt

Political correctness, differences and leadership!

Shannon Bohrer

The news is full of political talk and how our nation is so divided. We hear from the experts that our differences are being exploited by both sides, and that as a nation we have never experienced such ideological divisions. Accordingly, if true, our political differences are tearing the country apart, so how do we - or should we - address the issue?

From an historical perspective, the problem we currently have is not something that we have never experienced. In our infancy, before we had a Declaration of Independence, we fought a revolution and created a country. We were divided even more so than today. The country was divided between loyalist and revolutionist. Those are strong divisions. While the divisions were real, once our country was created, our differences were minimized, at least temporarily.

Another time that we experienced great divisions was during our civil war, which was our greatest internal conflict. The civil war lasted 4 years and after it ended we went through reconstruction and embraced the states that declared war on us. The intent of reconstruction was to unite rather than to keep us divided. However, some of the differences over the civil war may still exist. Many, on both sides, would say they those differences we had then, are similar to and contribute to some of our current issues.

The current disagreements and

discords that we have - did not occur with the election of Trump. They already existed. The election of Trump did seem to hasten and accelerate some issues. Many people believe that our president is somewhat responsible for furthering our divergences with his rhetoric and his lack of political correctness. Trump's words, vilifying the Muslims, degrading persons with disabilities, referring to minority countries as "___ hole countries" and the "good people on both sides" comment, has not been well received by many Americans. His supporters disagree, saying he is just being honest.

While many think of Trump's supporters as racist, because of his rhetoric - that is not factual. I say that because there are many people that voted for Trump, which previously voted for Obama. A large issue that only adds to our problems is our own opinions about our political parties. Each side is labeled by the other, as if everyone in each party is identical. Yet, we don't always fit those labels. We are a nation that values individualism, meaning we are not all alike, even within our own political party.

What is factual is that some individuals and groups that espouse racial hatred openly support Trump. That fact is common knowledge and what offends many that disagree with these groups is that Trump seems to embrace them. Furthermore, when given opportunities, Trump refuses to disavow these groups.

In the United States of America, we have freedoms that are so vast that individuals that have racist view and believe in segregation can espouse those views. However, free speech does have limits. One cannot provoke civil unrest and incite riots, or "yell fire in a crowded theater." The limits also include intentional discrimination primarily by the government, and also by individuals or businesses involved in commerce. It is the government, which is supposed to have the responsibility to ensure that the citizens are treated equally.

While we theoretically espouse the value of equal treatment and opportunity for all, our history tells us that we have always been an imperfect country. When we were young only white men could vote. Eventually black persons were freed, but the freedom to vote took almost another hundred years. Additionally, voter suppression is still an issue. Of course women have been able to vote for just under one hundred years. So we have had our up and downs but our own history tells us that we have steadily moved in a forward direction, until recently.

For many Americans the president's lack of political correctness and controversial statements are dividing the country. They see our forward progress, regressing. Are the president's words meant to divide the country, or take the country in a different direction? Leadership is usually uniting people to move in

a direction - and yet our differences seem to be expanding.

As to the political correctness, the president defends himself saying, "Political correctness means you can call terrorist, Muslim Terrorist, if they are Muslim." Others see the current administration exposing our differences and that our president fostering those divisions. Is a lack of political correctness exacerbating our differences?

One person's view of political correctness can be another's view of dividing us and even racism. Is there a middle ground? When someone says they are not being politically correct, are they using words to divide us? It is certainly possible that someone, using politically incorrect language, is not trying to divide, but just to express their views.

Recently a politician, who happens to be a Muslim, used words that were taken as a complaint against a political action committee (PAC), which supports the state of Israel. She was accused of being anti-Semitic by politicians from both sides. Some even called for her ouster in congress. A member of congress complained about a PAC and she was vilified. So, to many, free speech is allowable, until you say something I don't agree with. What happened to the idea that we don't have to be politically correct?

If someone complains about the state of Israel, does that mean they are anti-Semitic? If that logic is correct, then when someone complains about America, that would mean they are anti-American. If an American citizen wears a hijab does that mean they are not loyal to Amer-

ica? If that is true, does that mean than an American citizen that wears a Yarmulke (skull cap) is also not loyal to America?

It's hypocritical when individuals or groups espouse that it is acceptable to not be politically correct, and then they complain when someone else does the same thing? You could say that not being politically correct is acceptable - providing your ox is not being gored. Maybe it really depends upon who or what group is being complained about. If only one side has the freedom to criticize, then the freedom does not exist.

There is often a fine line between free speech, political correctness and offensive language. While some may find one's remarks offensive, others may find the same remarks informing and educational. The ability to criticize without offending is important, but not always possible. Sometimes the offence is found in the messenger, not the message. Additionally, sometimes the message is meant to divide, rather than inform.

We should always remember that we have different views and it is alright to disagree. We are a nation that values individualism. Yes, we are divided, it is not the first, nor will it be the last time. The question we are not asking is, why? Our leaders are supposed to unite us - not divide us.

"You don't lead by hitting people over the head - that's assault, not leadership."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Common Cents

A trade war with China is dangerous

Mel Gurtov

The trade war with China that Trump so confidently predicted would result in a great new deal now threatens to become a permanent feature of US-China relations. Why that is likely may have less to do with the specific trade issues in dispute than with the vastly different negotiating styles and operating principles of the two countries' leaderships.

Let's recall that this dispute has gone through several stages of escalating US demands and Chinese counterattacks. Trump owns this trade war: He has decried China's unfair trade practices and consequent huge trade surplus for many years, and his view of China as the main enemy goes back to 2011 (in an interview with CNN). Trump said long ago that if he were president, he would be able to force China to back down because it needs us more than we need it.

Barring some dramatic change in thinking in Washington or Beijing, Trump will carry through on his threat to impose 25-percent tariffs across the board on the remaining \$300 billion of Chinese imports. That move will come on top of blacklisting Huawei, the telecommunications giant, hoping

to starve its reliance on US-made components and force European customers to reject Huawei's 5G network. Sanctioning Hikvision, the dominant maker of video surveillance products, may be next—though not because of legitimate human rights concerns.

What Trump is doing is entirely in keeping with his aggressive business style: threaten one's adversary, avoid making concessions, don't back down, and above all win. The substance of the administration's complaints, which previous administrations negotiated, has been overshadowed by Trump's ego. The trouble with that style is that his Chinese opponent has a long history of dealing with threats from a more powerful country, typically denouncing them as "bullying" and "humiliation."

Neither Trump nor, it seems, any of his advisers has the slightest notion of the history and power of Chinese nationalism. One of them, Mike Pompeo, thinks the struggle with Huawei is ideological: either "Western values" or communist values will rule the Internet, he says. One wonders what Trump and company think on reading translations from the Chinese press of how Xi Jinping and the party leadership are responding to this

latest foreign assault: the references to a "new Long March," overcoming difficulties, and defending China's economic development path, which it now calls a "core interest."

"What is most important," Xi says, "is still that we do our own things well." In other words, China will not be moved from its present course, which has served it well and may even have given it the moral advantage with some of America's best friends, for example the Japanese and the Koreans who have also felt the heavy hand of Trump's transactional style. He has given the Chinese the gift of being able to play the victim.

Trump evidently is convinced that the Chinese will eventually cave in to US commercial demands. No doubt he's correct that the trade war will hurt China's economy more than it will the US economy, but the Chinese leadership is very unlikely to accede to Trump's demands for that reason. History, face, and public opinion provide considerable backbone for resisting the Americans. Nor will Trump's "great friendship" with Xi make a difference—no more than his love affair with Kim Jong-un has influenced Kim's strategy. Trump may think that smiles and glitzy receptions transcend national interests, but that's certainly not a notion the Chinese share. If anything, Trump has proven to Xi

that initial Chinese assessments of compatibility with the new US president were badly mistaken.

Despite the pessimistic outlook of many observers, mutual pain and political realities may eventually lead to a temporary fix on trade, which will be a boon to US and Chinese firms as well as investors in China and Wall Street stockholders. But this trade deal, like others such as NAFTA.2, will not offer enforceable protections to workers. That's the missing ingredient—missing, as well, in most media accounts that make it seem "trade" is only about shipping and markets, just as the US and Chinese governments would have it.

China's foreign ministry spokesman said on May 23 that if the US attitude is "sincere" and "serious," China will welcome a return to the negotiating table. But the spokesman added that "a good agreement must be founded on mutual respect, equality, and equal benefit." These longstanding Chinese principles can only be understood in an historical context. Does the US side appreciate what lies behind those principles? Does the first-time reference to "core interests," usually reserved for Taiwan and Tibet, suggest a Chinese red line that the Trump administration should take as an indication that "winning" is not a realistic goal?

The trade war is about a lot more

than technological competition, soybeans, and even workers' rights. It is the tip of the iceberg, just one reflection of a world order that, to the Chinese, is rapidly changing in China's favor. The US-China relationship is the world's most important, and one in which "winning" is a loser's game.

The current US crackdown on Chinese student and scholar visas, to which Beijing is retaliating, is the kind of shortsighted action that undermines cooperation and goodwill. If the US and China don't get their relationship right, the chances of reaching agreement on a wide range of other critical issues—nuclear weapons, the South China Sea, Taiwan, the climate crisis, Korean peninsula security—are virtually nil. A violent outcome in some disputes, whether by design or miscalculation, increases significantly. Sadly, the key ingredients for getting it right are missing: mutual understanding, a search for common ground, and talks on the basis of equality and global as well as social responsibility.

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The American Mind

On your mark, get ready...

William Hillman

On a Tuesday night I gathered with 300 Trump supporters filling a brewpub in suburban Philadelphia to watch President Trump announce his reelection campaign. This was one of several hundred “watch parties” around the state and thousands around the country. In Florida, 150,000 people lined up 48 hours before the gates to the Orlando center opened, hoping to get one of the 20,000 seats and see Trump’s announcement in person.

I’ve been to more campaign announcements than I care to remember. Most are given at the opening of a campaign office or in front of a small gathering of financial backers and supporters. Reagan announced his 1984 re-election from the Oval Office. Former Vice-President Joe Biden made his announcement to run for President back on April 25th in a three-and-a-half-minute video.

Trump made his announcement in big Trump fashion. It was festive and meant to energize his populist base, his MAGA base. The center was packed, and his speech lasted for a little over an hour. If Trump is going to win, he has to keep his base engaged and working.

Trump needs to run his own campaign and his MAGA people will form that campaign. Trump will get little help from the Republican National Committee. My understanding is, Karl Rove has been given a lead role

in directing the RNC operation. Karl Rove was, and most likely still is a never-Trumper. Previously, Rove has called Trump a “dream opponent” for the Democratic Party. In 2016, he took to the Wall Street Journal’s opinion pages numerous times to trash the candidate. Joining Rove are the D.C. predator class of political consultants who have descended upon the Trump campaign. These people will force everyone out of their way and suck all the money they can from the campaign. The RNC will use Trump’s name to raise millions of dollars, most of which will end up in the pockets of a small select group.

On the ground, many of the grassroots organizers from four years ago have told me they have been pushed aside by appointed RNC regional directors. You can spot these RNC regional directors a mile away. They all look the same: young, white, twenty-something, just out of college with a degree in political science or some other pre-law degree. They are cocky and confident with all the answers. These staffers have no idea how to interact with steel works in Pittsburg,

I met with a group of grassroots activists who were heavily involved in 2016. We met three days after Trump’s announcement to talk about the coming election. The group was a cross section from several states, rural and urban, men and women, White, Black, and Hispanic. No one at the table seemed phased by the betrayal of the RNC. It was expected. One gen-

deman at the table summed it up, “In the last three years we have become stronger, our numbers are increasing, and the Republican National Committee wants nothing to do with us – These are all positives.”

Burned into these people’s memory is the RNC’s attempt to derail and sabotage Trump in 2016. During the 2016 Republican Convention, there was a last-minute attempt to change the rules and un-commit all the delegates to deny Trump the nomination.

After Trump was inaugurated, the Republican-controlled House and Senate refused to build the wall, reform immigration, and pass real healthcare reform. The Republicans refused to promote the issues that the Trump base wanted. These were the same people who pulled Republican congressman and Governors to victory. Two years later, many of the Trump base would sit out election day to punish republicans for not supporting the President.

Another topic that came up during the meeting was current polling. If you listen to the mainstream media, Trump has no chance, a theme they have hammered since 2015. My gathered group laughs at these numbers. “Who are they surveying?”

Trump supporters have a hard time understanding how any red-blooded American would not support their candidate, short of mental illness. And they have a name for that illness, “Trump derangement syndrome.” Then the members of the group begin to rattle off all the reasons they think Trump is great.

Trump has rewritten the much-maligned NAFTA trade deal with Can-

ada and Mexico, and negotiated an historic U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement to replace NAFTA. Trump pulled us out of that insane Paris Climate Accord that did nothing but move manufacturing from developed nations with environmental control to countries where manufactures are free to pollute.

Remember those jobs that were never coming back? Well, they are back. Our country experienced 4.2% growth in the second quarter of 2018. For the first time in more than a decade, growth is projected to exceed 3% over the calendar year. With jobless claims at lowest level in nearly five decades, this has been the longest positive job-growth streak on record. Job openings are at an all-time high, outnumbering job seekers for the first time on record. Four-million new jobs have been created since the election, and more than 3.5 million since Trump took office. More Americans are employed now than ever before in our history. Unemployment claims are at 50 year low.

Black, Hispanic, and Asian-American unemployment rates have all recently reached record lows. African-American unemployment hit a record low of 5.9 percent in May 2018. Hispanic at 4.5 percent. Asian-American unemployment at a record low of 2 percent. Women’s unemployment recently at lowest rate in nearly 65 years and dropped to 3.6 percent in May 2018, the lowest since October 1953.

Blue-collar jobs recently grew at the fastest rate in more than three decades. A recent poll found that 85 percent of

blue-collar workers believe their lives are headed “in the right direction.” Sixty-eight percent reported receiving a pay increase in the past year.

Last year, job satisfaction among American workers hit its highest level since 2005.

Americans are optimistic again. Small business optimism has hit historic highs.

NFIB’s small business optimism index broke a 35-year-old record in August. SurveyMonkey/CNBC’s small business confidence survey for Q3 of 2018 matched its all-time high. Manufacturers are more confident than ever. Ninety-five percent of U.S. manufacturers are optimistic about the future, the highest ever. Consumer confidence is at an 18-year high.

What is not to like about this Presidency?

In a recent interview, Newt Gingrich explained the affinity for the President. “President Trump is a truly unique leader in American history. He’s a kid from Queens who became an international business leader and made billions by getting things done when no one said he could.” “They told him he couldn’t be President and beat the establishment and he did. For two years the establishment is telling him he can’t do things in Washington and he’s succeeding in spite of them. He never retreats. He doesn’t back up. He’s relentless. He just wins,” he added.

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Down Under

Throwing off the yoke

Submitted by Lindsay Melbourne, Australia!

Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.

—John Bradshaw, quoted by Henry Randall in ‘The life of Thomas Jefferson’

Australia may have a population somewhere between that of Florida and Texas, but it punches above its weight in many areas. Some things, like medical research, are world renowned; our sports competitors are among the greatest in many areas, and our supply of actors and programmers seems never-ending. Our commitment to upholding your foreign policies is legendary, and has helped endear us to a succession of presidents, especially your present one, while our purchase of unneeded (and undelivered) aircraft have helped keep the wheels of your industry turning while reducing your unemployment figures.

But our latest achievement reveals our newest achievement: Inducing fear.

It’s something that terrorist groups around the envy, and it has made President Trump jump up and take notice. And here’s the best part. It’s done under a banner that is also the envy of many: Democracy.

You may ask how it was possible

that such a peace-loving, easygoing county like ours managed to arrive at such a terrible state. It seemed hardly possible; the moderates self-satisfied and not being able see past the values they grew up with, the lefties knowing that it had been introduced by the workers, and the righties resigned to the fact that it had been inherited from England so they had to live with it.

In the end it actually proved quite easy. Before the last election the conservatives almost accidentally put up a guy who majored in publicity, was someone who could be trusted to tell the truth – he’s a member of Hillsong, our contribution to pentacostalism – and who immediately saw what no one else did: that elections are not run on policy, plans, vision or ideals. You simply attack the opposition, rubbish them, lie about them, make them look like the wolf with sharpened teeth that’s coming to get them. You sell them magic, dreams of riches and peace; you plaster the message on every media available, who are happy to take the money, especially when they are now pretty much in Rupert Murdoch’s stable.

And it worked. Boy, did it ever. They won against all predictions, and whoosh, they suddenly had a mandate to bring their hidden dreams of righteous power and exclusivity into play.

It took about a week before we saw

what was in store. The Australian Federal Police, our equivalent to your FBI, raided our national broadcaster, the ABC – a bit like your PBS, but funded by the government – and demanded everything they had on allegations that our special forces in Afghanistan had killed civilians while on duty. Some fifteen police spent over twelve hours scouring everything within reach, and some things that weren’t, taking away over 9,000 items for examination.

The alleged offence had been committed in 2017, and when no investigation had been undertaken by the government by the end of that year, one of the reporters approached the ABC in January 2018 and the story broke – to a few raised arms and groans. ‘We appreciate these things happen and although terrible, it is a war zone’.

Still nothing was done, because the government knew it was true. It showed how powerless they were to stop things like that, that the armed forces made mistakes, and to admit they were fallible would be another smear on their squeaky-clean parliamentary face. It remained ‘under review,’ until this raid. The ABC staff had no prior knowledge of it, and the minister responsible for the giant department that oversees such things was quick to assure us that he and the government had no idea it was going to happen. This was impossible, but smoke screens work.

Management and staff said they felt they were under attack, and experienced a wave of fear and horror.

Two days before this, the home of a senior political editor for channel seven had had her home raided for ‘material leaked from the Government defence department’ and marked Top Secret.

Just doing their job? A coincidence? Hardly, seeing this was just one week after the government was returned with their unexpected majority. Time to flex the muscles.

There was a storm of protest. Freedom of the press. Freedom of speech. Civil liberties, all were under attack. The message was clear. ‘Do what we want or we will make your life hell.’

Most people shrugged, as they somehow still trusted the government simply because they had won. Everyone who valued freedom started writing and rallying to stop it getting worse; It has always been eroded, but this was too much, an awakening shock.

Whistleblowers have been threatened with imprisonment, journalists have to reveal their sources or suffer the same fate, phone companies threatened they would be penalised if they did not allow access to their metadata.

There is no room for doubt. Their message is Do not mess with us. You have the right to do what you are told. Paris agreements are toilet paper. Sudden approval was given for huge open cut coal mine in the Galilee basin, the largest deposit probably in history, with rubbish coal that has no chance of making a profit for the Indian owners, but will generate jobs.

We are still in turmoil, unable to comprehend the leering face of brutality. We look at you with your Trump Tweets, brinkmanship foreign policy, off-the-cuff policies and shake out heads in bemusement. He’s a cuddly bear, a benign clown compared to our guys. No wonder he holds us in high esteem. The best illegal refugee barriers, the strongest media restrictions, a compliant press and an opposition in disarray.

He wants to know how we did it, how he can get away with beheading the moderates as we have.

One problem is we do not have a bill of rights, which has enabled you to repel most of the worst breaches, but his lies will be bigger, louder and attacking all who will not bow a knee with greater ferocity than before.

Will he win in 2020? One hope not. The world is beginning to turn away from tyrannical leaders – see Turkey – and surely we can mount a protest like the Hong Kong rising. That is the way. That is the message we have cringed away from.

How about a million people surrounding the white house and shouting, “Out, out, we will not be enslaved by you.”

That is what is happening here. We stand with you; you have a bill of rights, and thus more power than us. Time to man the barriers in the name of freedom and liberty.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

Striving to become Christ's church

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

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

a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

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

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

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

Along those lines, Christ created the church to be a place where all people could be welcomed. Christ realized we all are in need of forgiveness, we are all in need of healing, we are all in need of grace. The church was founded on the principle that it would be

a community where many different types of people would be able to gather to build one another up in love and encourage one another to rise above our brokenness. It should be a place where anyone can feel they are safe to share who they are, what they need, and to ask for help. The church should look different than the rest of the world and people should be treated with dignity and respect when they enter the church doors.

Striving to become Christ's church

Like our nation the church has done many great things. The church has lived out these ideals many times in the last 2,000 years. From going into the streets and caring for those that everyone else left to die during the Black Plague, to creating the first hospitals that were available to all here in the United States. The church was the front lines of providing food and clothing for those in need before there were any government programs to help. The church while living out the principles Christ gave them has done mighty works of love and brought hope and healing to the nations.

Yet, know that the church has at times failed to live up to ideals that Jesus Christ founded the church upon. It is to be expected because Christians are human and still fall prey to evil and temptation. And when that happens people lose hope and trust in the church and in turn they lose faith in the power of Christ. It is sad, but understandable, that so many have a distrust or disdain for the Christian Church because of our failures.

At Tom's Creek UMC we try to create a community that more closely resembles the church Jesus Christ wanted us to be. We also sometimes fail but we try to create a space where we journey together even though we are different at places in our journey with God and in our life. We try to welcome all who come through our door and realize we all are in need of love and grace.

Our church is trying to be more



Tom's Creek UMC is trying to be more like the church Jesus wanted us to be and are trying to reach out more in love and kindness. On Friday, August 9 they will be hosting a free meal - serving up grilled chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, and country tomatoes and cucumbers.

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

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

So I implore you to not give up on our nation because of those

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

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

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THE BOOK OF DAYS

The Nature and Folklore of July



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

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

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

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

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

The fragrance, too, is quite refreshing; only bruise this elegant leaf between the fingers, and it throws out an aroma that can no more be forgotten than the smell of roses. The next favorite as a tea-making herb among our old country-women, is the wood betony, now in bloom, and which forms a winding terrace of flowers, as the whorls rise step above step, a pile of rose-colored flowers, beautiful to look upon in the sunshine.

Through long leagues of untrodden flowers the golden-belted bees now go with a pleasant murmuring, over sunny openings in the bowery underwood, which shrub and bramble guard, and beneath

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

The childish voices that come floating on the air from the low, white-washed, village Sunday-school, where they are singing some simple hymn, bring before us His image, who said: 'Suffer little children to come unto me,' and who walked out in the fields with His disciples, to enjoy the calm of the holy Sabbath. The very murmur that Nature makes, in the low rustling of the leaves, and the subdued ripple of the stream, seems—because they are audible—to leave the stillness more profound, as her voice would not be heard if the grit of the wain, the tramp of the hoof on the dry rutted road, and the ring of the anvil, broke the repose which rests here—almost noiseless as the dew falling on the fleece of a sleeping lamb—throughout the Sabbath-day. The very gardens appear asleep, the spade is stuck motionless in the ground, hoe and rake are laid aside, and, saving the murmuring of a bee among the flowers, or the twittering of a bird from the orchard-trees, all around lie images of rest—a land of peace from which brown Labor seems to have retired in silence, and left no sound of his whereabouts, but sunk in slumber somewhere, folds his sinewy arms.

How tempting those great ripe round-bellied gooseberries look on a hot July day; we wonder there is one left on the bushes, when we see so many children about! The red currants, too, hang down like drops of rich carnelian; while the black currants look like great ebony beads, half-hidden by their fragrant leaves—for all the early garden-fruits are now ripe to perfection. Down the long rows the pretty strawberries peep out, shewing like red-breasted robins at hide-and-seek under the foli-

age; while overhead the melting cherries hang down, leading even the very birds to commit trespass, for they cannot resist such a tempting banquet.

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

As yet, there is no sign of decay around her, only a few birds are silent, but they have not yet departed; there are myriads of flowers in bloom, and great armies of insects hurrying along every way, as they go sounding through the warm and fragrant air.

Bees and butterflies seemed not to leave a flowery nook unvisited in which there was room enough for her to hide. Bird called to bird in sweet confusion, from leafy hollows, open glades, and wooded knolls, as if to tell that she had passed this way and that, until their songs became so mingled, we could not tell from which quarter the voices came.

Towards the close of July, most of our birds are silent—even the robin and the wren are but rarely heard again till the end of August. Large flocks of young birds may now be seen flying together, and many think that they have been

driven away by the old ones, so congregate for company; their assembling has nothing to do with migration, as it is the case with those that never leave us, as well as with others that will soon migrate. It is just possible that they may have become so numerous in the places where they were hatched as to find food scarce, so set out together in flocks, to seek their living where fare is more plentiful.

Histoical

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

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

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

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ECOLOGY

For the love of Mountain Laurel

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Lizzy pointed to me and asked, "What's your favorite plant?" Caught off guard, I hesitated, thinking of all the houseplants in my dining room before awkwardly mumbling, "Aloe?" The spikey, long arms of my aloe plants dominate the room. "What about mountain laurel?" Lizzy teasingly asked. It's no secret... I love mountain laurel.

Many people who live in this area love mountain laurel because it is nostalgic to them. After all, this beautiful evergreen plant is abundant in Pennsylvania and has been designated as the state's flower since 1933. When this particular symbol was debated in the 1930s, the Pennsylvania General Assembly was so torn between which flower should represent the state that it sent the Governor bills naming two different flowers: the mountain laurel and the pink azalea.

Ultimately, then Governor Gifford Pinchot (and, according to some accounts, his wife) selected the mountain laurel, or *Kalmia latifolia*. Today, Pennsylvanians are as proud of the mountain laurel as they are of our native brook trout, or white-tailed deer (the eastern hellbender still needs time to grow on us).

Aside from its beauty, this plant became Pennsylvania's state flower for a good reason: it is everywhere! Mountain laurel, azaleas, blueberries, and rhododendron, are all members of Ericaceae, commonly known as the heath family. Along with many members of this plant family, this broad-leaved evergreen shrub is well-established in Pennsylvania. Mountain laurel thrives in

poor, acidic soils, allowing it to do particularly well throughout the Appalachian Mountain range and much of the eastern United States.

The Appalachian Trail is where I first noticed mountain laurel. Bob Frye, editor of *Everybody Adventures*, captures it perfectly in this statement: mountain laurel "just seems to like wilder places. To me, that has always made it a companion to adventure, whether hiking, backpacking, or camping," Bob encourages people to hit the trail to experience the "wicked beauty" of mountain laurel (more on the wicked part later).

As one gains elevation on the trail, there is an obvious transition between the river valleys (at about 320 feet above sea level) and the rocky ridgelines (at nearly 2,080 feet above sea level). The higher you hike, the drier the soil, resulting in different types of vegetation. Oak trees often make up the dominant tree species in these areas, and mountain laurel a prevailing shrub.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), "there is a persistent myth that the designation of state flower affords mountain laurel a protected status. This is not true. No one may remove any plant from public or private land without the landowner's or land manager's permission." However, there are no legal restrictions on the cultivation of mountain laurel.

While this evergreen shrub happily reproduces by seed in the wild, propagating mountain laurel is not an easy task. First, one must take a semi-hardwood cutting from mature wood grown earlier in the year, while ensuring that this cutting is free from insect damage

or disease. The cutting must be stored in a location that receives indirect sunlight during the day, in a room kept between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Be sure to regularly mist your mountain laurel cutting for the first four to six months. You can first check for root formation approximately four months after you have potted the cutting in a mixture of equal parts perlite, coarse sand, and peat moss. Unfortunately, you will not really know if you have a viable cutting until roots have formed (or not) within those first six months.

If you have successfully propagated mountain laurel on your own, I would love to hear from you! Seriously, please give me a call. I only share the daunting task of propagation to prove a point... that sometimes it is just better to go plant shopping!

Earlier this year, my coworkers badgered me for calling around to local nurseries curiously inquiring about the different mountain laurel cultivars they carry. For those who, like myself, are not Master Gardeners, a cultivar is a plant variety that has been produced in cultivation by selective breeding. This is done to develop plants with desirable characteristics, whether that is the color of the bloom, or quality of fruit a plant produces.

Nursery stock, which usually includes mountain laurel cultivars, is not only reliable, but provides variety. According to mountain laurel expert and horticulturist, Dr. Richard A. Jaynes, about eighty named cultivars exist. The range of blooms is incredible – from the bicolor "Galaxy" cultivar, which flaunts a five-petal-like lobe, to the striking white and red contrast



The Mountain Laurel, a beautiful evergreen plant, is abundant in Pennsylvania and northern Maryland and has been designated as Pennsylvania's state flower since 1933.

of the "Peppermint" variety, which resembles a peppermint candy.

Do not be fooled by its candy-like appearance, mountain laurels are known for their poisonous potential. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that, "after initial consumption, the victim will experience burning lips, mouth, and throat, followed six hours later by nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, low blood pressure, drowsiness, convulsions, weakness, and progressive paralysis, followed by coma and death."

Here is the wicked part I mentioned earlier: children have been poisoned by merely sucking on the flowers of this plant. Even honey made from mountain laurel pollen is toxic. As far back as the 1790s, there are written reports of people falling ill from pheasants who had fed on mountain laurel, and fatal poisonings from wild honey traced back to the plant.

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

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

Expansion sounds great to a mountain laurel-lover like myself. However, as with all good things in life and nature, balance is key. Ecological balance is important with any plant, animal, or insect because it ensures survival, existence, and stability of the environment. At Strawberry Hill, our naturalists spend a good bit of time educating the public about the components of a healthy ecosystem. I encourage you to visit our website, StrawberryHill.org, to view our lineup of environmental education programs available to you and your group.

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

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IN THE COUNTRY

Spring bird counts and what they tell us

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Frederick Bird Club & Audubon Society of Central Maryland

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

The 2019 Frederick County Spring was held May 10th, and had a team of over 20 people that spread out throughout Frederick County to count all birds within the fields, forests, rivers, ponds, and cities and towns. Counts are a single day tally of the numbers of individuals of all species of birds from within a circular area with a 15-mile diameter.

Birds counted include: Common Goldeneye – 3, Wild Turkey – 10, Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 2, Common Nighthawk – 1, Chimney Swift – 184, Virginia Rail – 1, Killdeer – 17, Semipainted Sandpiper – 20, Spotted Sandpiper – 6, Solitary Sandpiper – 10, Double-crested Cormorant – 6, Great Blue Heron – 25, Great Egret – 2, Green Heron – 25, Turkey Vulture – 151, Northern Harrier – 2, Cooper’s Hawk – 8, Bald Eagle – 4, Red-winged Hawk – 19, Red-tailed Hawk – 25, Eastern Screech Owl – 2, Great Horned Owl – 2, Barred Owl – 6, Belted Kingfisher – 4, Red-headed Woodpecker – 27, Red-bellied Woodpecker – 127, Downy Woodpecker – 35, Hairy Woodpecker – 20, Pileated Woodpecker – 30, American Kestrel – 10, Great Crested Flycatcher – 143, Eastern Kingbird – 108, Eastern Wood-Pewee – 85, Aradian Flycatcher – 21, Red-eyed Vireo – 265, Blue Jay – 210, Tree Swallow – 115, Barn Swallow – 272, Carolina Chickadee – 33, Tufted Titmouse – 45, White Breasted Nuthatch – 30, House wren – 93, Carolina Wren – 271, Eastern Bluebird – 137, Wood Thrush – 171, American Robin – 570, Gray Catbird – 379, European Starling – 1062, House Sparrow – 107, American Goldfinch – 209, Eastern Towhee – 104, Chipping Sparrow – 291, Field Sparrow – 131, Song Sparrow – 184, Eastern Meadowlark – 71, Baltimore Oriole – 89, Brown Headed Cowbird – 134, Common Grackle – 556, Overbird – 89, Northern Cardinal 580, Indigo Bunting – 229.

In Maryland, birders have two statewide organizations whose focus is birds. The National Audubon Society (NAS), which has been around for more than a century, is focused primarily on bird conservation and advocacy. There are five active chapters of NAS in Maryland

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

The 2019 count next December will mark the 120th season of the Christmas Bird Count. Folks living right here in the northern part of the county may not realize that a Christmas Bird Count has occurred in their backyard so to speak for over 60 years! The Catoctin Mountain Christmas Bird Count was started in 1950 by John Richards, a professor of Physics at The Mount. Centered just outside of Thurmont, Maryland, the count includes much of Northern Frederick County and a small piece of southern Adams County, Pennsylvania and western Carroll County, Maryland.

The 66th Catoctin Mountain Christmas Count was held on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Considerable rain had fallen in the previous days causing the larger rivers to flood their banks, making driving and birding in some areas a challenge. Even so 63 species of birds were found on the day, slightly higher than the previous year. This total included species not seen every year, such as Lapland longspur, rusty blackbird, purple finch, and eastern phoebe.

One very noteworthy thing about both the recent Catoctin Christmas Count and Frederick County Midwinter Count is that the numbers

of Carolina chickadees and tufted titmice were at historic lows. For the midwinter count, the tufted titmouse numbers were 64% below the previous 24 year average. The Carolina chickadee numbers were even more dismal, with a 71% drop over the 24 year average. Both of these species are considered quite common throughout the state so why did we see such an unprecedented decline over the preceding year? Some have speculated that it has to do with one of the worst nesting seasons in history during 2018.

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

So why do we intrepid birders leave their homes every year to count birds? The answer is to better understand how bird populations and distributions are doing over time and to see how these have changed with changes in land use and climate. Long term data sets, such as the Audubon Bird Count are ideal for showing these changes. One exam-



While most people tend to think of the Bald Eagle as a western state bird, they are present in almost every state. At least three Bald Eagles call Frederick County home.

ple is the chickadee and titmouse declines observed this year. Another example observed over a longer time frame is of a formerly common wintering sparrow in our area, the American tree sparrow. This species has been declining in the Piedmont region by -4.63% per year over the past several decades.

At the other extreme, the black vulture, one of two primarily scavenging birds of prey species in our area, has been increasing by 6.73% per year over that same time. This species was not even observed on the Catoctin Christmas Count until 1976, but is now seen every year and in increasing numbers. What becomes apparent from looking more deeply into the Christmas count data is that with average temperatures generally increasing over the past several decades, a species like the American tree sparrow is no longer migrating as far south in winter as it once did. This species breeds near the treeline in far northern Canada and Alaska and generally winters across most of the northern US south to North Carolina and Tennessee in the east. However, the greatest increase in the percentage of wintering American tree sparrows (3.66% per year) is for birds in the boreal taiga plains of north central Canada, suggesting that these birds may be remaining farther north rather than migrating to our area.

Sadly, these counts have also noted the extirpation of some of

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

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

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The Noble Gases

Michael Rosenthal

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

An atom of helium consists of 2 protons and 2 electrons. It is a colorless, tasteless, non-toxic gas, and it is the first Noble Gas, as they are called, in the periodic table of elements. A few of the noble gases are not entirely noble! Xenon and Krypton can form stable chemical compounds. This was first observed in 1868 in the spectrum of the sun. The earliest large scale usage

of a noble gas was to fill airships; it was referred to as a lifting gas because of its lighter-than-air quality. The first helium filled airship was the U.S. Navy's C-7, which flew from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to Bolling Field in Washington, D.C. on December 1, 1921. In 1925 the United States government set up the National Helium Reserve in Amarillo, Texas. As of 2012 The United States National Helium Reserve accounted for 30 % of the world's helium. The noble gases, as we said, have a completed electron shell and are thus very difficult to get to react to form compounds. Only Xenon and Krypton form stable compounds, and only in quantities of a few milligrams or slightly more. Helium can be liquefied only if cooled to -457.96 degrees Fahrenheit!

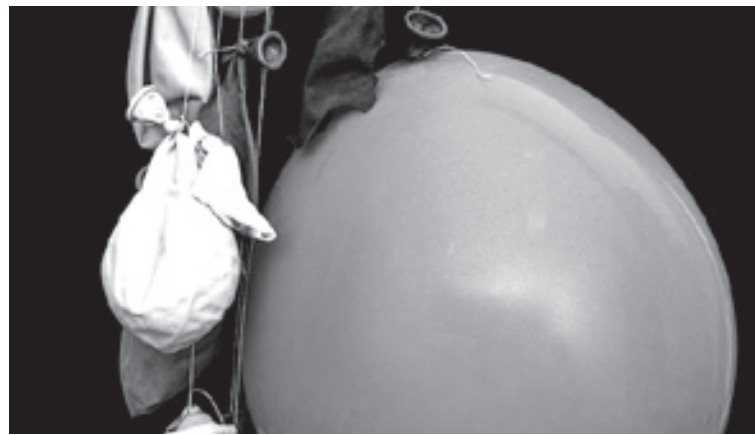
I remember when I was growing up seeing helium-filled balloons, the Goodyear Blimps, in the sky (I think they may still be around?), filled from helium tanks. I also remember seeing people inhale helium from helium tanks for amusement and having their voices change in pitch to a very high level. Airships were safe when filled with helium because of its extremely low chemical reactivity and non-combustibility, unlike hydrogen, which is ignitable and highly explosive. The Airship Hindenberg disaster of 1937 in Lakehurst, New Jersey, was illustrative of the dangers of filling an airship with hydrogen. Liquid helium is used

in the cooling of supercooling magnets because of its very low temperature.

In 1903 in Dexter, Kansas, an oil drilling operation produced a gas geyser that would not burn. The escaping gas was captured by a geologist and taken to the University of Kansas, where it was found to contain helium. This discovery eventually enabled the United States to become the world's leading supplier of helium. During World War I the United States Navy sponsored the construction of helium plants to supply barrage balloons with the non-flammable, lighter than air gas. The National Helium Reserve was established to supply military airships in time of war and to supply commercial airships in peacetime. In 1925 the Helium Act banned the export of helium. This is why the German airship Hindenberg was forced to use the highly explosive and flammable hydrogen as its lifting gas.

By 1995 a billion cubic meters of helium gas was collected and put in reserve, but financial issues caused the United States government to eventually phase out the reserve and sell the helium in it. For many years the United States produced more than 90% of the commercially usable helium, but plants in other parts of the world have since taken up the task.

Noble Gas chemistry is still alive and well. In 1962 the chemist Neil Bartlett synthesized the first noble gas compound, Xe(PtF₆) by mixing Xenon with platinum hexafluoride. Compounds of the noble gases are not easy



The world is facing a critical helium shortage, which threatens much more than the party-balloon industry. A non-renewable resource, the looming helium shortage is actually the government's fault, as it is selling off the U.S. reserves at below-market rates, encouraging wasteful uses on the gas.

to make, because their completed outer electron shell is bonded firmly to the nucleus of the atom, and thus requires extremes such as reactive reagents, low temperature, or high pressures to make these electrons budge from their stable position in the atom. It is a whole different kind of synthetic chemistry!

You can't pick up a newspaper today, watch television, or roam the Internet without seeing stories about the movement to give women the professional recognition that that had been denied to them in the past. An aspect of that which is relevant to my experience is that of women scientists on chemistry faculties. When I was an undergraduate at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1957-1961, there were only a few women chemistry majors. In my graduate years at the University of Illinois in 1961-1965, there were a few women students in the chemistry graduate program, and to the credit of that great university, they were treated with respect. However, there was not a single woman on the U of I Chemistry Department faculty at that time... except the Chemistry Librarian!

A recent article in Chemical and Engineering News, the magazine of the American Chemical Society, lists "Women Chemists in Academia for 2016-2017." Progress has been made. A number of the major institutions with PhD graduate programs in chemistry have increased their percentage of women on the faculty. The leader in this survey is Northeastern University in Boston with 32% of its chemistry faculty being women. The University

of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, my graduate alma mater, has 25% women. At the bottom of the list is The University of Southern California with only 8% women. The all-over total among the major universities listed is 20%. To their credit, The American Chemical Society has had a number of women presidents in recent years, including the current president, Dr. Bonnie Charpentier, an industrial scientist who serves as a Senior Vice President at Cytokinetics.

We have written previously about the problem due to discarded plastics. The Council of the European Union (EU) enacted a single-use plastic ban on May 21 in Brussels, with the goal of reducing maritime litter. Plastic cotton swab sticks, cutlery, plates, straws, drink stirrers, and sticks for balloons will need to be made of more sustainable materials by 2021. Single-use plastic drink containers will be allowed only if their caps remain attached. Plastic bottles will need to be made of at least 30% recycled plastic by 2030. For products without cheap and easy non-plastic alternatives, such as wet wipes and fishing gear, the focus will be on limiting use. Producers of these products will be obliged to help cover cleanup costs and to promote awareness of litter and waste management options. Individual countries of the EU will have two years to transpose the legislation into their national laws.

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Reflections on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11

Jack Deatherage

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

The scrapbook is lost, along with most of the memories of those years. I do recall visiting The Franklin Institute, a science museum in Philadelphia, during the school year 1966-67. The museum had either a Mercury or Gemini capsule on display. Classmate, Barry Gallatin and I stood in awe of the contraption, marveling at how grown men could be crammed into such a tiny space. I think that may have been the moment I lost interest in the space program. I was sure I'd never fit in one of those things and view Earth from it.

When Commander Armstrong became the first human to set foot on Luna in July of 1969, I wasn't particularly enthralled by the event. I'd begun my first tax paying job that summer and was more interested in how I could spend the money the government allowed me to keep than someone walking on the Moon. Yes I watched the "...one small step for a man, one giant leap blah, blah, blah" thing on TV. How could I not when we could only get 3 channels and all of them were running the same coverage? In any case, the Moon landing was a non-event as I remember it fifty years later.

I have clearer memories of Apollo 13, launched in April of 1970, but only because I was bedridden with a leg swollen like a sausage due to an infection that took my temperature to 105-F for several days. I vividly recall Doc Cadle stopping by the house to inject me with penicillin while urging Mom to call an ambulance. As I had a claw hammer near to hand and no desire to be hospitalized, I suffered for two weeks at home before the ordeal ended. Much of that suffering was due to listening to the radio in my room droning on and on about the approaching doom of Apollo 13.

It was during those Apollo mission years that I took to perfecting my tomato sauce for pasta. Putting monkeymen on the Moon

was beyond my ability, but getting the sauce perfect was not! NASA and I were successful in our disparate fields. Sadly, fifty years later I doubt NASA could land an ape on the Moon and bring it back safely, and I certainly haven't recreated my pasta sauce!

While NASA lacks the drive, and public goodwill, to return to the Moon (so much for the Luna colonies the science fiction authors of the 1950s and I dreamed of) I'm still chasing the pasta sauce of my teen years. Fortunately for me, I only have to discover which variety of tomato Dad grew and learn to can them as Mom did each August and September! Where NASA would spend tens, if not hundreds of billions of tax dollars trying to recreate the Moon mission, I'll likely spend a little less- possibly several hundred dollars (okay, maybe a thousand, meh, maybe two, as I trial varieties of tomatoes over the next few decades.

Unlike NASA, which has members who can actually focus on one task at a time, I tend to be scatterbrained, bobble-headed, or just confused as to where I am thinking-wise at any given moment. Consider the Emmitsburg Youth Garden I began building this year.

I want kidlets to come learn the myriad aspects of gardening, but my reason for starting the project was and is to have enough ground to grow tomatoes, and eventually, good garlic on! If kids learn anything from joining the garden group and setting up their own gardens- well good for them! I'll help as best I can, but being praised for trying to create a "community" garden is rather embarrassing when it is secondary to my purposes. Which brings to mind a lecture on bread building I agreed to give at the library.

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

For selfish reasons, of course. I'm going through one of my reduction phases. Having to stand before strangers explaining the building of as simple a bread as I can manage is going to take months of experimenting with cheap flour and a minimal number of other ingredi-



From its lift off, the landing on the moon, to its safe return to Earth, the Apollo 11 mission was, and still is, one of the most covered news stories ever broadcast on television. Over 600 million people watched as Neal Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, pictured above with Michael Collins – command module commander – took man's first steps on the moon.

ents, as well as learning the simplest of techniques, while still ending up with a flavorful product I'd actually eat. The last time I went low tech and cheap the Mad Bulgarian was nearby to dump the edible loaves on. The house hounds got to crunch the bread I didn't dare present to the Mad One. This go-round, the apprentice at the tattoo shop has agreed to dispose of my experiments.

As word of the distant lecture began to spread, a note reached me: "Imagine the betterment of the community. Fresh bread in every kitchen. Eventually we can revitalize the once vigorous wheat industry. We will erect your statue in the town square where the fountain should've been. And schools across the nation [will] be announcing your name

across the loud speaker. You will have multiple appearances on Howard Stern. The producer of Comedy Central will find his muse in you, catapulting them into the hall of fame with SNL. Wonder bread will have to change their name. All because of you and the once struggling library system. Finally people will begin to read again- virtually eliminating illiteracy."

Sweet Mother of the gods! I'm more of a Randian Objectivist than I thought!

"The moral purpose of a man's life is the achievement of his own happiness. This does not mean that he is indifferent to all men, that human life is of no value to him and that he has no reason to help others in an emergency. But it does mean that he

does not subordinate his life to the welfare of others, that he does not sacrifice himself to their needs, that the relief of their suffering is not his primary concern, that any help he gives is an exception, not a rule, an act of generosity, not of moral duty, that it is marginal and incidental—as disasters are marginal and incidental in the course of human existence—and that values, not disasters, are the goal, the first concern and the motive power of his life." The Virtue of Selfishness - Ayn Rand

Being praised for simply following my interests makes no sense to me at all.

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THE MASTER GARDENER

The summer shade garden

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

The biggest problem with shade is that there aren't many plants that bloom. Focusing on the foliage, texture and color becomes the mainstay in a shade garden. Also the type of shade may direct you to what types of plants you may want to try.

If your shade is under a canopy of trees, you should consider some of the spring ephemerals like Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginiana*), with

its pink striped flowers; Squirrel Corn (*Dicentra canadensis*) and Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), both having blue-green foliage and interesting white flowers similar to our familiar garden Bleeding Heart; Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*) with purplish-green mottled foliage and yellow flowers; and *Mertensia*, a lovely blue flower that will glow brightly in your garden.

Keep in mind that these spring ephemerals just show their splendor in the spring. Most of them like moist, acidic soils, as they are often found under trees with rich soils from decaying plant parts and found along streambanks. The foliage of these plants will go away as the shade deepens with leaves growing on the trees, so you'll need to plan accordingly.

The fun thing about shade gardening is that texture and leaf color really come into play for a beautiful garden. Here are some plants you may want to try for summer texture.

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

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

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

Lobelia cardinalis has a spiky, red flower that reaches as much as 3' high.



Solomon's Seal is a perfect addition to any shade garden, adding texture and leaf color that will make it pop against other chosen shade plants.

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

A plant group that I must mention is

the *Heucheras* (coral bells). Our native species, *Heuchera americana* and *Heuchera villosa*, both have rounded leaves with scalloped edges. These are typically grown for the foliage, although the flower spikes, with small white, pink or red flowers, depending on the cultivar, are attractive as well, especially to hummingbirds.

There are many selections and new introductions of *Heuchera americana*, one of which is *Heuchera a. 'Dale's Strain'*. I have this one and just love it! It has reddish venation and has great texture and color for the shade garden. Typically, the *heucheras* should be planted in the foreground so the foliage isn't hidden by the other plants around them.

Heuchera villosa is another of our native plants. The foliage on the straight species is a light green, a nice contrast to the *americana*. Lots of selections have been made of this particular species as well, some of which have dark red to maroon flowers, and, my favorite, a fall blooming one called 'Autumn Bride'. This plant's flowers are very showy, white spikes that add color to the fall garden, when little else is flowering, and the foliage is pretty all season long!

There are many other *Heucheras* available on the market, selected or bred mostly for foliage color. You can find cultivars that have foliage in shades of lime green, rust, red, maroon, variegated, bigger leaves, smaller leaves - you get the picture. Many introductions of this pretty shade garden plant.

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

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THE MASTER GARDENER

Small Town Gardener The war of the roses moves to grasses

Marianne Willburn

There is a war going on right now at Oldmeadow. There has been no bloodshed at this point, as it is of the passive-aggressive variety so common in marriages of a certain age; but as both parties are actively engaged, and there is a machine with three rotating blades at the center of the fray, it would be unwise to completely rule out the possibility of escalation.

The story begins with a mower. The couple had never cared much for mowers. She had always landscaped lawns right out of their tiny properties, and he had never been that inclined to push a mower around on a Saturday afternoon even if she hadn't.

But with the purchase of the ten acre property that the couple had always dreamed of, a zero-turn mower came into their lives. The land was both open and wooded, and the man who had built the house forty years before and spent the subsequent years clearing a pastoral scene from amongst the brambles and overgrown thickets, kindly included the mower in the sale.

He showed the man how to tinker with it, gave him the original manual, and left him with the cryptic words "You're going to need this thing - Nature wants it back."

And they did. Fresh from a tiny suburban lot, they reveled in the freedom of space, but it soon became apparent that mowing was a defensive strategy, not a design choice. But this meant that the long stretches of mixed-weed lawns - dotted by mature and not-so-mature trees - subtracted four hours from a busy week; and as years passed and the structural integrity of the mower began to fail, another hour or two of tinkering and swearing was added to the weekly event. There was never mowing without jury-rigging; and sometimes there was none of either without Amazon Priming and wallet-gutting.

In the midst of this struggle twixt man and mower, the woman was building a garden. Except it wasn't so much 'a garden' as it was 'many gardens,' and they suffered from an issue common to properties of any good size in that they were discon-

nected from each other.

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

It wouldn't stop raining.

Saturated turf being no friend to wheels or blades, the man found himself having to watch the grass grow higher between mowings; and as his machine continued to break down, he found himself less inclined to care.

The woman, delighted by the subsequent appearance of thousands of violets and daytonia on the scene, followed by a contingent of ornithogalum and clover, approved mightily, and she was saddened when the man would finally muster the energy to swear over his machine in the barn and once again bring the landscape into some sort of order.

And then the second of the three events occurred.

The woman went to England.

In her capacity as a guide for a garden touring company, she led a merry band of fellow gardeners through great English gardens in the late spring. But when she returned, having visited both traditional and contemporary gardens alike, it was not dreams of roses and delphiniums that occupied her thoughts. It was the idea of using the mower as a pathfinder - as a way of connecting cultivated spaces through natural, bulb-filled meadows and adding another aspect of 'garden' to the ones she was already building.

Things had been changing in the UK and Europe - even Hyde Park couldn't resist climbing on board the meadow craze. Though the woman knew that the process could be complicated, she was enchanted by this new paradigm; and moreover, saw it as

a solution to their issues. But would the man agree?

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

The man loved honey.

So the woman mowed her paths, trimmed an outline around areas of woods to discourage the rooting tips of multiflora and brambles, and looked forward to the season ahead.

But the third and final event was to change everything.

The old mower breathed its last.

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

And thus we find them. She mows pathways. He mows everything. Each claiming their space when one or the other of them is away. Neither of them saying a word about it.

When she was to ponder the issue in hindsight many weeks later, the woman realized that she had in fact given a Jaguar to a man who had driven a Corolla all his life, and then expected him to put it in the garage.

She can only hope that, like most Jaguars, this one will spend more time in the shop than out of it, and her vision of grassy, camassia-filled meadows and come-hither pathways may yet come to pass.

Only time will tell.

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is touted as deer resistant, but the deer do seem to keep mine trimmed during the summer! Butterflies are also attracted to this one.

Aster divaricatus likes it shady but can tolerate dryer conditions. This sweet aster has white flowers that butterflies seem to love! Blooming in late summer through early fall, just like the Aster divaricatus, it adds an additional flower color to the early fall garden. It reaches about 18", shorter than Aster divaricatus, and should probably be used more in the middle of the perennial shade garden. This one doesn't spread as quickly as the divaricatus, so may be the selection for a more controlled or manicured shade garden.

Polygonatum odoratum var. pluriflorum 'Variegatum', better known as variegated Solomon's seal, is new to my garden, but not a new plant. This native plant reaches 18"-24" tall, has small white bell-shaped flowers that dangle from the axils of the leaves. An interesting plant that adds great

texture to the shade garden likes forest floors, so rich, well-drained soil is its preferred choice.

I would be remiss if I did not mention ferns. So many are available, some native, some not. Native ferns include ostrich, royal, maidenhair, Christmas, Lady, sensitive, to name a few. All like shade, however, depending on soil types, different ones have different preferences.

Maidenhair and sensitive like a moist soil. Left to dry out, they will disappear. Ostrich, Christmas and lady are not as particular, tolerating well drained soils. Ferns add a nice texture to any shade garden and are certainly worthy of a look.

A well-designed shade garden in the summer is a relaxing, cool spot to enjoy. Add a bench or garden chair, and you've got yourself a perfect tea-sipping, July evening setting!

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PETS

How is it July already?

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley
Animal Shelter

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

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

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

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

I do enjoy are the long days right now. I love that it's light out almost to 9 p.m. I also get a kick out of the fireworks. Those bright sparks of light high in the sky always used to fascinate me as a kid and not much has changed.

Getting the day off in the middle of the summer and having picnics and barbecues is pretty much always my idea of a good time, too.

But the fireworks can be a little intimidating for man's best friend.

You wondered how I was going to get this back around to animals, didn't you? Admit it! Hee hee.

When it's summer time and the living is easy for humans, it can be tough on our pets.

Fireworks are the first that can really freak your dog or cat out. Because animals don't have the ability to truly understand what's going on, the loud, bright flashes and noises can really scare them. Chances are if you have a pet that's afraid of thunder, then fireworks aren't going to be much better.

Be absolutely certain before the fireworks begin that your animals are

safe for dogs and cats – and therapeutic grade essential oils can work wonders for keep the bugs away from humans, canine and feline alike. Ask my mom or dad sometime about me and lemongrass at their house one summer. Totally amazing.

Our pets also don't sweat like we do. Which for me, would seem like a benefit, but during this time of year can actually kill them. Animals pant to cool off. Panting sends cool air over their tongues and helps reduce their internal temperature. Because they pant, their heart rate also increases. When they can't get relief from extreme heat, that constant need to pant is what can send them into heat stroke and eventual cardiac arrest.

We all need to make sure we're hydrated right now. Water is an important part of life throughout the year, but it's really necessary in the summer. Be sure the water dish for your dog or cat is full at all times so they can rehydrate if they need.

Also, as strange as this one sounds, think about your dog's toe pads. Hear me out on this one. Have you ever tip-toed, no shoes on, across your paved driveway to get the mail in the summer? My guess is if you tried it once, you probably never did it again. It's hot. Scorching. When we have shoes on, we don't really notice it (depending on the thickness of the sole). Pups don't have the protection of Nike or Reebok, so be considerate on your walks and make sure the asphalt isn't too hot for their paws.

I've always lived by the adage that life is better in flip flops (as a kid, they were pretty much my only footwear when school was finished) and summer is the best time for my favorite shoes. As you're enjoying everything this time of year brings, always keep your four-legged friend in mind so the memories will be good ones.

Remember that human food and adult beverages are absolutely not good for our pets. In fact, some alcohol is actually toxic, so make sure your babies don't get into that stash.

Insect repellent for humans should NOT be used on our pets. There are a lot of products on the market that are

safe for dogs and cats – and therapeutic grade essential oils can work wonders for keep the bugs away from humans, canine and feline alike. Ask my mom or dad sometime about me and lemongrass at their house one summer. Totally amazing.

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Deon was surrendered to the shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He is an 8-year-old spitz/beagle mix, but don't let his age fool you. He's quite an active guy. He can also get quite loud when he is excited, so apartment living may not be the best for Deon. He loves attention, but that beagle nose can get distracted with smells. Deon does know sit, but sometimes he gets confused and will lie down instead. Because he has no past with children, an age restriction may apply, so be sure to discuss this with shelter staff. Do you have the right place for Deon?





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



Katie came into the shelter because her owner could no longer care for her. She is 8 years old and declawed in her front paws. Look at that intense expression! This girl is living in our treatment room because she needs some time to adjust to shelter life. She's been in one home her entire life, so it's tough for her to understand why she's here. Could you give Katie the second chance she so richly deserves?

For more information about Deon, Buttercup and Katie call the Cumberland Valley Shelter at 717-263-5791 or visit them online at www.cvaspets.org or better yet, visit them in person at the shelter!

Sweet senior looking for her forever home

June is National Adopt A Shelter Cat Month. Our longest resident at Cuddles is Callie. She is approximately 11 years old and would love a home of her own! Callie just had blood work done for a teeth cleaning and she is doing great for her age. She does have cataracts and she's a little hard of hearing which causes her to be nervous around other animals. She would need to be an only pet. Callie loves head rubs and to cuddle next to you. Her adoption fee has been donated. Are you that perfect someone to give Callie a loving home?



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

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

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

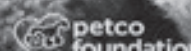
I'd Will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

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

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

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

-- Author Unknown



Treadmill and Herbie

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

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

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

It was at the rescue that I met him and they were able to trace back and look up his bloodlines and competition record. He was far from looking like an expensive competition horse when I saw him. He was underweight, lame, and had multiple melanomas all over his body including several large ones around his rectum. I sadly explained to the rescue that his lameness was due to ringbone and would be permanent. The melanomas were likely to cause an obstruction and he'd eventually need to be put down.

Fortunately the rescue saw the lameness when he was in the auction ring and had simply bought him so he wouldn't go to slaughter. They had no intentions of riding him and just wanted to give him a kind and caring home until

he was no longer comfortable.

Treadmill was started on high quality feed, given an anti-inflammatory for the ringbone and an H2 receptor antagonist to slow the growth of the melanomas. He gained weight and while he was never 100% sound, he was sound enough to take the volunteers for an occasional trail ride around the farm.

Treadmill was a favorite with the more timid riders because he was slow and steady and had a very kind disposition. He was loved by many volunteers and lived happily for over a year before the melanomas caused him to colic and the decision was made to euthanize him.

The second grey Irish Sport Horse also evented through preliminary although not very successfully. He started refusing to jump for his owner and she decided to sell him. She did not sell him at auction but instead sold him privately. Herbie had a sweet and kind nature but you could tell that someone had roughly handled him. He was nervous over fences and acted like he'd been spurred into jumping from long spots when his preference was to get close to the jump to jump over it. Even after his jumping style was figured out, he was only evented at low levels for a short time before it became obvious that he had a breathing problem.

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

While there are medications to treat this, it is best to try and avoid the things that trigger episodes. In Herbie's case, the dust and mold on hay was one of the main triggers. Even hay that looked and smelled like it was excellent quality could trigger an episode.

As anyone can imagine it is very difficult to manage a horse that can't eat hay. At the time there weren't a lot of commercially available hay steamers like there are now. There was commercially available bagged hay that had been treated to remove dust and mold spores. Herbie lived on that and high quality grain. He also received nebulizer treatments and oral medications whenever he would have a flare up. In spite of that, his jumping days were over. However, he was not sold and instead took up a career as a dressage horse. He thrived in dressage. While dressage is usually dominated by warmbloods, Herbie was very skilled and could hold his own in competition even against the flashy moving warmbloods.

There is no rule that says horses can only get one disease. Just as Herbie's respiratory issues were being well controlled and he was competing successfully in the dressage world, he developed navicular disease. This was managed with joint injections and he continued to compete in the dressage arena for another few years. He slowly started showing his age and was eventually retired from the dressage arena too. Again, even though he was "broken", he was not sold. He was lightly used as a trail horse and when he was no longer sound enough to go out on the trails, he was retired but



Event horses have the toughest job in the horse world, which in many cases often results in them breaking down, but they are often the luckiest horses. Having proved their worth and given their rider years of memories, a long-term retirement in green grass fields awaits the end of their eventing careers.

still well cared for in the field for over 6 more years.

As most older horses do, he developed Cushings disease and arthritis. Fortunately for him he belonged to owners that could not only afford to keep a retired horse, they could also afford the medications and special feed that Herbie required. Even with the medications, Herbie eventually became too lame to be comfortable walking around in the field and his run in stall, and was humanely euthanized.

Luckily both of these horse came to good ends with kind and loving homes. When buying a young horse it is easy to envision all the fun one can have riding and competing. However, when acquiring

a horse it is equally important to ask yourself if you can afford to take care of them when they get old and sick. It's not just the vet bills that add up but the farrier, and daily cost of feeding or horse boarding.

Horses can live for many years after they can no longer be ridden. Rescues are frequently at maximum capacity and can't take every unwanted horse. It is important to have a retirement plan for your horse so that he doesn't end up being starved in an overgrazed field or at risk of being bought by the meat man at an auction.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show will be held at Catoctin High School, 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, on September 6, 7 and 8.

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

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

Center in Emmitsburg.

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

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

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

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

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

The Linda Elower Studio of Dance

will feature entertainment on Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. The Thurmont Gateway Spires Brass Ensemble will perform in the auditorium at 7 p.m. and Richard Lee Troxell, will perform at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be no admission charged for the entertainment.

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

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

The Log Sawing Contest will begin at 12:30 p.m. under the show tent in the Ag Center area, with categories consisting of women's team, men's team, men and women's team, and a children's division.

A peddle tractor contest for kids will be held on Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Ag Center area, and the 40th annual Robert Kaas horseshoe pitching contest will begin at 1 p.m.

The Catoctin Mountain Boys will provide free musical entertainment from 1-3 p.m. in the auditorium.

Please visit our website for updated information at www.thurmontemmitsburgcommunityshow.webs.com.

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

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people have supported the Community Foundation and hundreds have created their own fund to support their charitable goals. Several donors, including Tom & Florence Metz, Jack & Bobbie Phillips, John & Kim Phillips, Fred & Rita Diehl, Donald & Mildred Hershey, M.C. Jones, Charles Ritter, Jim & Ellie Sheen, George & Roberta Wood Thomas & Roberta Henninger and Ben Franklin (yes, that Ben Franklin) have created their own Funds for Adams County which provides the money the Community

Foundation grants each year to make Adams County better.

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

Ralph M. Serpe is President and CEO of the Adams County Community Foundation. He can be reached directly at 717-337-0060 or rserpe@adamscountycf.org.



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HEALTH NOTES

Water safety this summer

Kelsey Shupe
Frederick Memorial Hospital

Frederick Regional Health System wants you and your family to be safe this summer while in the water.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 5 people who die from drowning are children age 14 or younger. And for every child who dies from drowning, another 5 receive emergency care for nonfatal swimming injuries.

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

Make Water Safety a Priority

According to the American Red Cross, there are some things you should know about water safety:

- Always take a buddy with you when you swim. Tell a friend, par-

ent, or trustworthy adult before you go into the water. Parents and adults—maintain constant supervision of your children.

- Avoid alcohol when swimming.
- Consider age-appropriate Red Cross swimming classes to ensure your family knows how to swim. Here are a few classes near us.
- Drink plenty of water, even if you're not thirsty. You'd be surprised how dehydrated you become in the heat, even when you're in the water.
- If you get caught in a current, don't panic or try to fight it. Float with it, or swim parallel to the shore.
- If you're swimming in a public body of water like a lake or a beach, make sure a lifeguard is present at all times.
- Install barriers and use safety covers on your home pool or hot tub, especially with young children or non-swimmers in the house. Many children who

drown in home pools were only out of sight for less than five minutes and in the care of both parents.

- Learn CPR and other rescue techniques so you're prepared in case of an emergency.
- Make sure you're comfortable with the body of water you're swimming in. More strength is needed to swim in a lake or a river where there are currents.
- Never dive into an area you're unfamiliar with, as you never know how deep or shallow it can be.
- Never push or jump on others.
- Protect your skin, especially during peak sunlight hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), by wearing sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Reapply every two hours, especially if you've been in and out of the water.
- Stay out of the water, unless you know how to swim. Eager to learn? Swim lessons and water safety classes aren't just



for kids! They're available to all ages.

Keep Kids Safe This Summer

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

- Always have a fire aid kit and emergency contacts (including names and numbers) nearby.
- Don't allow your child to play around drains or suction fittings.

- Don't assume that a river or a lake isn't dangerous. Both can have undertows or be deeper than you think.
- Don't assume that lifeguards can see everything. Keep an eye on your child even when a lifeguard is on duty.
- Find age-appropriate swimming lessons for your child, but know the same safety precautions apply to children who know how to swim. Lessons do not make your child "drown-proof."
- Learn CPR, and always remain within arm's length of your child, providing "touch supervision."
- Make sure your child is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on a boat, and never consume alcohol if you're the one operating a boat.
- Never leave your child alone in or near the water.

For most children, the majority of their swimming will take place in a pool. While the water may be rougher in the ocean, it's important to remain careful when swimming in a pool as well.

Home Swimming & Pool Safety

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

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

For more information on staying safe in or around the water this summer, check out the American Red Cross for more tips and training courses, or contact one of our doctors today.

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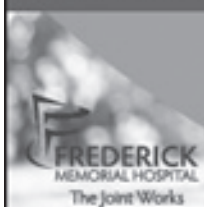
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The South Mountain Fair is right around the corner!

The best part of the summer season is fast approaching, and is right around the corner. Yes, I'm talking about fair season! Are you ready for the throttling of tractors, the smell of corn dogs and kids screaming gleefully on the Tilt-A-Whirl? Well, buckle up, because Adams County's 97th Annual South Mountain Fair will not disappoint! This year the fair will open on July 30 and will run through August 3.

The South Mountain Fair provides a chance for children to be acknowledged for their personal efforts ranging from hobby interests to animal husbandry, for local and national merchants to show off their wares, and for community members from far and wide to come together for an evening full of great food, entertainment and lots of fun.

According to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, there are more than 3,200 fairs held in North America every year, but for Adams County, the most important one is the Annual South Mountain Fair. Historically the fair began in 1922 and continued each year until 1930, when it was cancelled because of a drought. The annual event picked up once again the following year in 1931 and continued until 1941, when it

was again cancelled, this time due to a polio epidemic, then World War II, according to the South Mountain Fair Association. The fair was resumed in 1948 and has been held every year since then.

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

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

Other activities this year include a chainsaw carving show and mechanical bull rides on August 1 and 2. Exhibit buildings will be open every day for the public. Exhibits include: a photography exhibit; baked goods, wine, vegetables, and fruit exhibits; crafts and art pieces of all kinds; as well as 4H projects. Additionally, plenty of entertainment has been scheduled for this year's fair – on August 2 at 7:30 p.m. Michael Twitty will perform and Elly Cooke, a local singer/songwriter, will perform at 7 p.m. on August 3.

South Mountain Fair Secretary Joanne Irvin said that many other fair favorites will return this year, including a baked goods auction on July 30 with part of the proceeds going to a local charity, a draft horse pulling contest on July 31, a fireworks display on August 1, and a parade of antique farm equipment on August 3.

Last year's fair was a little disappointing, with attendance for the week slightly over 7,500 and about 2,700 exhibits and animals were judged. Irvin recounted that last year, "It was very wet most of the week. Most nights there was heavy rain starting around 8 p.m. or so. Friday it rained the entire night. Saturday it was very hot and humid but it



The South Mountain Fair offers an excellent opportunity for residents -north and south of the border - to enjoy an old fashion agriculture fair in a kid friendly environment.

was sunny. There was very low attendance some days due to the weather. As always, we are really hoping for a nice clear week with low humidity. We've got a really great group of volunteers who spend countless hours setting up the main exhibit building and display the hundreds of exhibits that are entered in the fair. Even when the number of entries is lower the volunteers make the displays look great."

Irvin also mentioned that the organization of this year's fair is going well so far. Most of the commercial vendors will be returning and quite a few new vendors will also be coming on board. As always there will be a variety of food vendors and most

of the crowd favorites will be coming back again this year. Exhibit registrations are starting to arrive but with another wet spring that Adams County has experienced, the fair's organization team is worried that there will be fewer vegetable, fruit and floral exhibits. However, as Irvin stated, there isn't much that can be done about the weather, everyone can only hope for the best. All in all everyone is looking forward to another successful fair.

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

South Mountain Fair Information

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DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, July 28

- 1 p.m. - South Mountain Fair Rabbit and Cavy Show
- 2 - 4 p.m. - Registration of Open Exhibits (See 4-H Schedule)

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30 ***4-H Day***

- 8 a.m. - Poultry Judging
- 4 p.m. - Fair Opens
- 4 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Open
- 5 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. - Open Swine Judging, Swine Barn
- 6 p.m. - Supreme Open Swine Selection, Show Arena
- 7 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Market Swine Judging, Show Arena
- 7:30 p.m. - FOOD AUCTION in the Auditorium - Benefits a local charity
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close

Wednesday, July 31

- 3 p.m. - Open Goat Judging, Show Arena
- 4 p.m. - Open Sheep Judging, Show Arena
- 4 p.m. - Fair Opens
- 5 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open
- 6 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Market Goat Judging, Show Arena
- 7 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Market Sheep Judging, Show Arena
- 6:30 p.m. - DRAFT HORSE PULLING CONTEST, Rear Arena
- 7 p.m. - BATTLE OF THE BANDS, Auditorium
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close

Thursday, August 1

- 4 p.m. - Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open
- 5 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Judging, Show Arena
- 5:30 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Dairy Beef Finished Steer Judging, Show Arena
- 6 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Steer Judging, Show Arena
- 6 - 9 p.m. - MECHANICAL BULL RIDE - \$5
- 6:30 p.m. - CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
- 7 p.m. - Open Beef Judging, Show Arena
- 8 p.m. - CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
- 9:30 p.m. - FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Visible from the entire fairgrounds
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close

Friday, August 2

- 4 p.m. - Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open
- 5 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging, Show Arena
- 6 - 9 p.m. - MECHANICAL BULL RIDE - \$5
- 6 p.m. - Dairy Showmanship Judging, Show Arena
- 6:30 p.m. - CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
- 6:30 p.m. - Dairy Cattle Judging (all breeds), Show Arena
- 7:30 p.m. - MICHAEL TWITTY - Auditorium - FREE
- 8 p.m. - CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close

Saturday, August 3

- 1 p.m. - Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open
- 1 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open (with afternoon break for dinner)
- 4 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale - (Steer, Dairy Beef, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits, Swine)
- 4:30 p.m. - PARADE OF ANTIQUE FARM EQUIPMENT
- 7 p.m. - ELLY COOKE - Auditorium - FREE
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close - (ONLY LIVESTOCK MAY BE REMOVED)



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Sunday, August 4
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fairgrounds open to remove entries for all remaining departments.
No exhibits in the main exhibit building will be released before 2 p.m.

WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

World begins to count the cost of war



July 3

German Assembly Set to Ratify Peace Treaty

The Germans expect to ratify the peace treaty according to a note sent to the Allies. The note also requested that the Allied food blockade be raised when the treaty is ratified, and that German war prisoners will be released at the same time. The German National Assembly will deal with the treaty of peace between the Allies and Germany on Saturday and a majority for the ratification of the instrument has been secured.

"The terms of the treaty with Germany in some respects were terrible", the French Premier said, "but terrible were the deeds which justified it, and still more terrible would have been the consequences if Germany had succeeded." "The German army" the Premier said, "was a present an adequate to disturb the peace of the feeblest of the neighbors of Germany."

The Belgian Foreign Minister introduced bills in the chamber today ratifying the treaty with Germany and the agreements connected with the treaty.

Meanwhile the Prime Minister of Romania has left Paris for Bucharest to submit to his government the text

of the treaty regarding that country. "It is no secret", said the Romanian Prime Minister, "that Romania claims concerning Transylvania are not satisfied by the treaty."

Public opinion in Romania and Transylvania is such that the Prime Minister considers it impossible to take upon himself the responsibility for signing the treaty without first referring the matter to the government.

An agreement between France and Great Britain concerning the division of the former German African possessions of the Cameroon and Togoland will soon receive the approval of the two governments.

Elsewhere, mediation of the Allied representatives have resulted in an armistice between the Estonians and the Germans. It provides that all German troops shall leave Riga and that the German evacuate Lithuania at the earliest possible moment.

Ex-Kaiser to Face Trial Before London Tribunal

"The former German Emperor will soon be placed on trial." Announced Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons. The Premier declared that the tribunal which would try the former Emperor would sit in London. German officers who had com-

mitted appalling acts the Premier added, would also be placed on trial.

The Allies appears to be firm in the conviction, which is held by military officials of the Allied powers, that the former Kaiser are must be punished, as it would be impossible to secure the punishment of the military and naval and civilian officials in Germany who are charged with atrocities if the former Emperor is exempted. A list of those officials and officers is to be supplied by the German government soon.

Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former German Emperor, has now come to the aid of the dethroned warlord, and added his plea to that of others for the abandonment by the allies of their project to bring the former Kaiser to trial for his crimes against mankind.

Prince Henry, in a telegram to his cousin King George, begged him to desist in the effort to extradite the former monarch, pledging himself to assist the King in bringing to light the truth regarding the war and its consequences. In his message, Prince Henry says that after his conversation with King George in July, 1914, he returned to Berlin and was with the Emperor until mobilization began. I can testify that the Kaiser and his counselors endeavored by every means to avert the war and disaster to mankind. I am ready to refute the calumnies regarding the German Kaiser, which have been circulated for years in contradiction of all truth, and I place myself at your disposal in order to assist your Majesty in bringing to light the truth regarding the war and its consequences.

However, the former Emperor, who remains in exile in Holland, outside the reach of the Allies, has decided to stay in Holland until the end of the summer and perhaps throughout the autumn, owing to the difficulty which has been encountered in finding a suitable residence elsewhere where he would be free from threat of extradition and subsequent trail. The healths of both the former Emperor and Empress remained good, despite the worries of the last few weeks.

The miserable weather has somewhat hindered the former monarch's log sawing operation, but whatever the nature of the weather, the former Emperor passes two or three hours daily at his favorite occupation, taking shelter with his assistance beneath a garden shed when the downpour of rain is most severe. He expects to complete the sawing of his 6,000 trees this week.

eral lassitude following the disposal of what everyone considers the principal treaty.

The fact remains that Bulgaria, Austria and Turkey have yet to be dealt with and until they are, Europe will continue in more or less a chaotic state.

Of the Bulgarian treaty no one speaks. The Turks have just been sent back home, presumably on the theory that they near Eastern question cannot possibly be resolved until it is definitively known whether or not the United States will accept mandates over Armenia and Constantinople, and this can only be known through action by the United States Senate.

Italy is in a nervous and perhaps even more dangerous condition because of the continued uncertainty as to the practicality of all her demands. The Italian Foreign Minister has arrived in Paris where the Adriatic question is as urgent as ever and no nearer solution.

Meanwhile the Austrian treaty is scheduled to be handed to the Austrian delegation on Monday. The treaty is not really concluded. The military and certain political classes may be made the subject of later agreements in order not to delay the signature of some kind of a treaty any longer than is absolutely necessary. The new Council of Four seems to think it can rush the Austrian treaty through within a few weeks, but most observers consider this doubtful.

Even the financial clauses, which were supposed to be ready Monday, are still being revised continually. At the present time it has apparently been decided that the Austrian Empire's prewar debt must be borne entirely by Hungary and Austria. However, of the Empire's debt, which alone reached some 9 billion crowns, or \$12 billion, the liberated peoples, who constitute two thirds of the empire's former population, will be required to assume 20%, while the remaining 80% will be left to Hungary and Austria, the present population of which is about one third of the Empire's former 58 million. The newly liberated peoples will be entirely exempt from reparation charges, which must all be shouldered by Hungary and Austria.

Britain and the United States are apparently demanding a share of Austria's Navy. France is demanding money and ships; Italy, money, ships and railway stocks; Serbia, the same, while Romania is demanding financial reparations. Indeed everyone is asking for something where there is apparently very little available for anybody.

July 10

Three Treaties in Making, Keep Europe Restive

Hesitation and confusion once again mark the proceedings of the Peace Conference. The hesitation is due perhaps to the desire of the Allied governments to see what happens now in Germany before proceeding with the treaties with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey. The confusion doubtless is due largely to the gen-

July 17

German Assembly Ratifies Peace Treaty

The German national assembly in Weimar has adopted the resolution ratifying the peace treaty. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 208 to 115. The resolution reads: "The peace treaty signed on June 28, 1919 as well as the protocol annexed in

special agreements on military occupation of the Rhineland are hereby ratified."

Ratification of the peace treaty by the German national assembly removes all doubt of the acceptance of the terms by Germany. The national assembly, by ratifying the treaty makes it possible for the Allied and associated powers to raise the blockade. Official notification was sent to Germany June 29 that the blockade would be raised when the treaty was ratified. Placing this condition on the raising of the blockade was looked upon in peace conference circles as a sure plan for securing speedy ratification by Germany.

The peace treaty does not become effective for all the signatory powers until three of the great Allied powers in addition to Germany have ratified it.

No More War Funds Hun Leaders Told

Germany is to quickly return to a peacetime financial system according to the German Finance Minister. "The empire's needs," the Minister said, "must be divided henceforth between home needs and paying the war indemnities, the year's expenditures confronting us will amount to about 17 billion Marks."

The German Finance Minister told the German National Assembly; "I am firmly resolved to tread the path of recovery and therefore have given out the watchword that from October 1st there should be no more items not detailed, and there showed be no more war funds. The war finance system shall cease; the regular budget system must be reestablished. The first guiding principle is that there must be no more unproductive expenditures. Therefore a gradual abolition of the non-employment grants must be faced."

After reciting the returns to the Empire from taxation measures prior to and during the war in estimating the revenue to be derived from new taxes, the Finance Minister said there shall remain a sum of more than 10 billion Marks to be covered.

The Ministry of Finance has almost completed the drafting of two important bills levying new taxes which he intends to submit before the German parliament before recess. These call for large levees on property and a large tax on business turnover, but even if these bills are passed the money for the payment of the indemnities must be obtained in some other way. In the autumn new bills will be introduced in the national assembly with the final objective of covering the full deficit.

The Ministry of Finance said: "The burden of taxation will reach an absolute terrible height. A floating debt of 72 billion Marks is a constant danger, and the removal of this debt is one of the most urgent task before the present government. There are two ways in which to do it—either its conversion into off funded loan or its extinction the by big levees of heavy taxes. I do not indulge the hope that these two ways will immediately yielded the entire liquid amount of 72 billion Marks.

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“It is the duty of property people to give up all riches and all that is superficial. Changes in the system of taxation will be speedily submitted to the national assembly, in this reform will represent the completion of the whole work.

“One of the first requirements relative to the restoration of liberty is the establishment of orderly finances. I will have nothing to do with suggestions for the declaration of general bankruptcy. My highest aim is to establish justice in the entire taxation system. The income from capital must be tax much more heavily than the income from work. An inheritance tax and a heavy tax levy on property will be the initial steps that will be taken.”

July 24

U. S. War Debt Exceeds \$23 Billion

The war debt of the United States amounts to \$23 billion according to statistics submitted to the congressional appropriations committee by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The total cost of the war up to June 30, last, was \$30 billion, of which \$9.2 billion was met by taxes and other revenues other than borrowed money. “By rigid economy and the continued application of a comprehensive program of taxation”, the Secretary told the committee, “no further issues of bonds will be necessary before the maturity of other victory bonds in 1923.”

“So large a part of the war expenditures have been paid are provided for out of taxes,” said the Secretary, “and out of the issue of bonds or notes already sold, and so small part is unfunded that I can confidently expect that the government will be able not only to meet its further temporary requirements for the decreasing scale of expenditures by the sale of treasury certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, or less, but also to find as many of those it is made desirable to fund, by the issuance of short-term notes, in moderate amounts, as convenient intervals, we market conditions are favorable and upon terms advantageous to the government.”

Germans Printing Paper Money

With Germany growing poorer every day and private notes becoming less and less negotiable, the flood of paper money is increasing. Just before his resignation, the German Chancellor ordered the government to print 30 billion Marks to fill the country full of paper money to meet emergencies arising from the refusal to sign the peace. When the new government came to power, it added to the flood of paper money by printing an additional 20 billion Marks. To meet this demand the German treasuries’ printing presses have been going full blast launching new wagon loads of brown and white slips of paper upon the nation.

The government has proposed a tax of 20% on all citizens. Investigation has revealed however that such a tax is impossible, in view of the fact

that two thirds of the German people, although owning 20,000 Marks or less per person, would be entirely unable to pay a tax of 2,000 Marks or less per head.

Allies Ponder Fate of German Russian Prisoners

The Supreme Council of the peace conference today discussed the disposition of 40,000 Russian prisoners of war who are still in Germany. These prisoners were held by Germany at the request of the allies after the armistice and had been fed at the expense of the Allied Powers.

As many of them are badly infected with Bolshevism, Poland and other countries through which they would have to go on their way back to Russia, have objected to giving them passage, for fear of Bolshevik propaganda. Moreover, it is held they would be either forced into the Bolshevik army or killed if sent home. The expense of maintaining them in Germany, however, is becoming burdensome. The Council was unable to reach a decision with further information concerning the military phase of the situation referred the military advisors for report.

July 31

President Says Terms Are Severe But Can Be Fulfilled

In an address to the American people on the occasion of the signing of the peace treaty President Wilson, said:

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

“And it is much more than a Treaty

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

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

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

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

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Boundaries of Germany following the Brest-Litovsk treaty in 1918 where Germany demanded Russia cede eastern territories to Germany.



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Emmitsburg unveils three historical wayside signs

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

The purpose of creating these signs is to provide a basic overview and orientation of Frederick's founding and development. Additionally, designers wanted to show how Emmitsburg is, was and continues to be a nexus of commercial transportation and historical activity. Funding obtained from Maryland Heritage asked that the signs show an emphasis on the Civil War where possible.

The total project cost for all three, approximately three-foot signs, is \$18,000. \$9,000 will be paid from a Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant and the remaining portion will be funded by the town (\$6,850 cash match and \$2,150 in-kind match for staff time to help research, administer the grant, and install the signs).

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

It is thought that Emmitsburg's first settlers dug the well in 1780 or earlier, or at least 1786, when the town was laid out. This was the custom at the time, to dig a well in the square when a town was laid out. There, the people of all classes and colors slaked

their thirst; from this well some of the families around the Square obtained their water, not having wells on their properties; here the boys drank from the spout just like a boy can drink; passing teams were watered here daily; cows were watered also. It has been said any boy that has drunk from this well will never lose his desire to return to his old home.

The northwest side of the square is anchored by the mirrored homes of the Annan Brothers. Lot number 9, on which they sit, was sold by the town's founder, William Emmit in 1786 to James Hughes who built a brick house, within which he set aside a large room as a chapel where Catholic's convened for devotions before the founding of St. Josephs Parish. The Hughes house eventually became the property of Dr. William Patterson, who had the unfortunate bad luck of being its owner when it was among the first to burn in the in the great fire of June 15, 1863. The fire, which started behind the present American Legion Building, consumed nearly a third of the town. Choosing not to rebuild, Dr. Patterson sold the lot to Dr. Robert Annan and his brother Isaac S. Annan.

Because of their prominence and wealth, they could afford to build the very best; and they did. Upon purchasing the lot from Dr. Patterson, the brothers split the lot in two and built adjoining, mirror image, three-story brick mansions. Robert Annan owned the eastern mansion, while Isaac owned the western portion.

The most prominent feature of the two houses is their stair-



The newly erected Doughboy statue was the centerpiece of Memorial Day celebrations in Emmitsburg for years.

cases, which rise to a common balcony and the adjoining front doors. From within these twin houses, adorned with magnificent trees, and creeping vines, the Annan Brothers lead Emmitsburg into its most prosperous and memorable time period. In 1907 Robert died, followed two years later by his brother Isaac. Following their death, the ownership of the houses passed through several hands. During this time, the once stately mansions were divided into stores and apartments.

The northwest corner is anchored by the Annan-Horner bank building. Under the tutelage of the Annans and Horners the bank prospered. In a short matter of time, the Annans and Horners became controlling stockholders in the Emmitsburg Water and Turnpike Companies and, following the bankruptcy on the Emmitsburg Railroad in 1897, they assumed a significant financial holding in it as well. They also invested heavily in local farms and orchards. The bank was forced into bankruptcy in 1921 when the government defaulted on its Liberty Loans which the bank had invested heavily in.

The Southwest corner is anchored by the old Annan Broth-

er's Dry Goods store, now home to the Ott House. The Southeast corner has always played home to a hotel. The first to assume the more pretentious title was Mrs. Agnew's tavern. It was a famous old hostelry and many notable people were its guests. Francis Scott Key, author of our national anthem, made a speech from its porch. General William H. Harrison stopped there on his presidential campaign tour in 1840, and General Harney, of Mexican War fame, spent the majority of one summer there.

Less than a year after the Old Agnew Hotel had been raised by its new owner, Daniel Wile, and his new, grand three-story hotel built, the new hotel was leveled – the last victim of the great fire of 1863.

Unmetered, Wile rebuilt the hotel and renamed it the Western Maryland Hotel. Over the years its name changed, including for years being known as the Hotel Spangler and later the Sagle Hotel, where its bar played home for years to the Emmitsburg Chapter of the Former-Former Boozers Association. The property still essentially retains its outward appearance for its 1864 reconstruction.

Of course, no sign would be complete without a discussion of the fountain that once graced the center of the Square. While the fountain is long gone, if you desire to get an idea what it looked like, all you need to do is drive to 7th and Market Streets in Frederick where its identical twin not only still stands, but still works!

On July 3, 1885, on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town, the fountain was officially turned over to the Corporation of Emmitsburg as the property of the citizens.

For the next 43 years, the fountain exceeded Samuel Motter's, the Emmitsburg Chronicles' Editor, and chief advocate for the fountain, prediction that it would be an "ornament to the town, and a gratification to all who may behold." The fountain plays an integral part in countless oral histories, from little boys who lost teeth when they crashed their bikes into it, to starry-eyed lovers who passed away blissful hours listening to the magical sounds of its falling water. The current plaque, recounting the role of Emmitsburg in the Civil War, which now stands on South Seton Street next to the post office, was originally placed next to the fountain.

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

The economic boom of the 1920s brought with it an explosion in the number of automobiles and trucks plying the roads, and a concurrent rise in the frequency of

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1920s postcard depicting Emmitsburg's idyllic Square.

accidents as cars collided with the fountain. Guideposts and chains were installed to protect it, but this action only made it more difficult for multiple axle trucks to navigate around it. Sadly, all the steps taken to protect the fountain also served to detach it from the people it had long served. The fountain now became an island in the middle of traffic, blocked off from would-be admirers by chains.

To make matters worse, the original proponents of the fountain, who for years had delighted in the upkeep of the fountain and the surrounding area, were dying off and with their passing, this sentimental structure had received

scant attention with the result that what was once the pride of the community had deteriorated into a simple sterile concrete slab.

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

A second wayside sign will be placed by the Doughboy on the West end of town, detailing the history behind this iconic statue,

and the local boys who served in World War One to which the statue is dedicated to. The money for the statue was raised by the local community in 1927. Upon its erection, it, along with the land it sits on, was deeded over to the town to ensure future generations never forgot the sacrifice made during that violent war.

The last wayside will honor the Emmitt House, which sits behind the Doughboy. Originally known as "Black's Tavern" its history is intricately entwined with Emmitsburg's rich history. Black's Tavern was much patronized by teamsters from over the mountain who hauled flour, ground by country mills in Washington County, Maryland and Franklin County, Pennsylvania to Baltimore, returning with loads of store goods or German emigrants from the West.

During the battle of Gettysburg, it served as headquarters for Union troops while in Emmitsburg. There was a sharp skirmish fought near the Tavern, then known as the Hoffman Tavern, on July 5. 70 Union men were taken prisoner along with some much-needed supplies, such as medical items, that would be used for the wounded Confederate sol-

diers who fought at Gettysburg.

Among those captured was Emmitsburg native Major Oliver Horner, an officer in Cole's Cavalry. Horner was taken over the mountain but during the first night, he made his escape and came back to Emmitsburg finding their horses had been saved to them by Harry Hoffman.

Over the years, Black's Tavern had many names, including The Old Farmer's Inn, The Hoffman

Hotel, The National Hotel, the Hotel Slagle, and of course its current name – the Emmitt House.

The town has applied for a FY2020 MHAA grant to add four more wayside exhibits in 2019 – 2020. The location of these is still to be determined, but the Town would like to have an exhibit on the Great Fire, and historical buildings used by the Vigilant Hose Company, Chronicle Press and Carriage House Inn.

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

Jason Martz
Gettysburg National Park

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

"The anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg is a special time for our staff and our visitors. We're able to explore the stories surrounding the soldiers who fought over this hallowed ground during the same dates and times as the actual battle," said Acting Superintendent Kristina Heister. "It's a privilege to make these connections with the public."

There will also be special Living History programs on Saturday, June 29 with the Liberty Rifles living history group. They will be on-hand at the John Slyder farm, portraying the 15th Alabama infantry reg-

iment, for a Real Time program at 9 a.m. and they will participate in an immersive Battle Walk at 2:30 p.m.

Please note that this special July 1-3 Battle Anniversary program schedule replaces the regularly scheduled summer program schedule from July 1-3. All regularly scheduled summer programs resume on July 4. The schedule is subject to change and is weather dependent. Water, headgear, sun protection, insect repellent, and sturdy footwear are highly recommended. All programs are free of charge.

The full July 1-3 Battle Anniversary schedule can be found on our website at: www.nps.gov/gett.

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history. For a complete listing of all of the free summer ranger programs, please visit www.nps.gov/gett, or pick up the Today in the Park planning guide available at the information desk inside the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg.



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MOM'S TIME OUT

Pinterest

Mary Angel

Is there an app to help me remember all those great ideas? A few months back I talked about some apps that moms should be leery of...actually never let their kids install! This month I am talking about a single app that I love, as long as you go into it with the right mindset. The app in question is Pinterest.

I absolutely love Pinterest. I was introduced to it years ago when you had to be invited to be on. I am probably dating myself with that announcement. I started out slowly,

Once a week I would go on and see if there was anything new that interested me. Sometimes there was and sometimes not so much. Then as time went on the app kind of blew up. Every time I would open it there would be the most wonderfully pinnable suggestions. I quickly had to create other folders to keep up with all of the great ideas I was finding.

As a mom I was finding great ideas for "summer fun", things to do with the kids at home to make our own inexpensive summer memories. I was also finding amazing looking "recipes". There were recipes for "breakfast", "snacks", "desserts", and the "crock pot"...you name it and there was a recipe for

it. My craft room Pinterest folder was overflowing with ideas for my would-be "craft room". Then there were all of my different "homeschool" folders, one for "English", another for "history", and still another for "math". Let's not overlook my "organization" folder for the insanely unorganized. I had a ton more folders including one entitled "happy marriage" and another called "parenting".

All you have to do is have a problem you are struggling with, or an interest, or a hobby and you can find some great ideas on Pinterest. It is really easy to find five minutes to pin 20 or 30 things that you love. Unfortunately finding the time to go back and read the articles, make the recipes, or create the crafts isn't always as easy. I know deep in my homeschool English folder are some great ideas for doing book reports that aren't boring, but I will be shocked if I find the time to search through my folder to find them. On the other hand, I was getting ready to head to a homeschool fair to look at math curriculum (since we were considering switching from our current choice) and I was able to go to the "homeschool math" folder and search for my pins on different curriculum choices. There they were all in one place.

I guess my point is, it can be therapeutic just to pin items into your assigned folders and some times that is enough. When I have even 5 or 10 minutes I will pop open the app and see if there are any suggestions on my main screen that would fit into one of my already created folders or into a newly created one.



1920s postcard depicting Emmitsburg's idyllic Square.

As I pin items that interest me, new ideas and suggestions will show up on the main screen. However, it can also be extremely helpful to go back to your pins when you have a dilemma you need a solution for. I have officially picked my new math curriculum and I can honestly say that Pinterest was instrumental in making the decision.

My newest folders are "menu planning" and "budget" and I am super excited to get back into all of the pins in each of those folders. I actually though I would jump into meal planning without any guidance or, well, planning. Boy was I wrong. The articles I have read from my Pinterest "meal planning" folder have definitely helped me avoid some pretty common pit falls that I was totally unaware of. I have also

used the "budget" folder to pin articles and ideas that have ultimately helped me and my kids. When you have older teenagers and college students you may quickly discover that one budgeting technique will work great for one child but not for another. My "budget" folder has many different budget styles and techniques and variations on each so that I might be able to teach each of my kids a budgeting skill that they can stick too. After all, a budget only works if you stick to it.

My only caution to using Pinterest, as an adult, is not getting caught up in keeping up with the Joneses, as they use to say. Pin all you want and go back and try the recipes and the crafts, read the articles, and try some of the decorating tips, BUT do not worry whether or not you have a "Pinterest Fail". What is a "Pinterest Fail" you ask. A "Pinterest Fail" is when you attempt some amazing craft, or decorating project, or recipe and it doesn't turn out like the picture you originally pinned. Guess what, it is the journey and the experience not the outcome. There are many things I see on Pinterest that will never turn out the way they appear on the app, no big deal. As long as I have fun doing it or learn from my mistakes then it was a success.

I mentioned my last caution for adults, since this is an article from one mom to another I must also warn you that some kids struggle with this same thing only on a much greater level. I have ready many articles, yes some of them I pinned, about kids pinning amazing clothes or phones, or makeup, or hair and feeling like a complete failure when they can't have or accomplish what they are pinning. It is important that we build up our kids self-esteem and as they move into the teenage years it becomes even more important to guard that self-esteem. In a day and age when we have so many kids with eating disorders, cutting themselves and doing even worse it is important that we not hand them anything that might encourage self-doubt or discourage self-worth. So just be careful, you know your children much better than I do.

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

Although I certainly love all the summer fruits, I am particularly fond of green and yellow wax beans, and sweet corn. I'm guessing you might be as well? We typically try to get seeds in the ground in such a fashion that we are harvesting both things by the 4th of July. Because of an incredibly wet spring, we got the sweet corn in a bit later than we had hoped so likely our own sweet corn will NOT be here for 4th of July picnics – but should be here till the middle of the month. My mouth is watering just thinking about it.

Flowering tassels form at the top of the corn stalk – anywhere from 4 to 8 feet high! Pollen falls from the tassels onto the silky thread below. Each silk is connected to an unfertilized kernel. An ear of corn forms as many kernels as the number of silks that are pollinated. The tassels are the male flowers. The kernels and ears are the female part. Way more scien-

tific than you ever thought about, right?!? Sweet corn is harvested 60 to 100 days after planting – after the tassels are long gone and the silk has browned. Best way to tell if corn is ready to be pulled is to pull a few ears back to actually look at the kernels. If they are small and seemingly underdeveloped? It's not ready yet – check back in a couple days. On the other hand, if they kernels seem very big and are hard to break with a thumb nail, the corn is too old and will taste starchy and not so good. Once you get the hang of it, it's really not hard at all to determine when is the right time to pull.

Putting all that aside, rest assured that when you visit our market – or any of the other wonderful markets in our neighborhoods, the corn is freshly-picked and ready to eat. I hope you might enjoy some of my favorite corn recipes.

Baked Corn

Ingredients

- 1 Box Frozen Corn
- 2 Eggs, Lightly beaten
- 2 T. Flour
- 2 T. Sugar
- 1 C. Milk
- Salt & Pepper to Taste
- ½ C. Butter – cut in tabs to put over the top

Cooking Instructions

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

Corn Custard

Ingredients

- 1 ½ C. Milk
- 2 C. Corn
- 3 Eggs, Separated
- 1 T. Sugar
- 2 T. Flour
- 3 T. Butter, Melted

Cooking Instructions

Mix milk, corn, egg yolks, sugar, flour and butter. Beat egg whites until peaks form. Fold into corn mixture. Pour into a greased 2 quart casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees 45 to 50 minutes.

Corn Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 Can Green Giant Mexicorn
- 1 Can Cream of Celery Soup
- 1 Stick Butter
- 1 Package Yellow Rice
- 2 C. Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Grated

Cooking Instructions

Cook rice according to directions on the package. Drain well. Add butter, corn and soup. Mix well. Pour into a 1.5 quart casserole dish. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes in a 350 oven.

Corn Pudding

Ingredients

- ½ C. Butter
- ½ C. Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 C. Sour Cream
- 1 8.5 oz package Corn Bread Mix
- ½ C. Milk
- 1 Can (15.5 oz.) Whole Kernel Corn (You can substitute with 2 cups of fresh corn)
- 1 Can (14.75 oz.) Cream-Style Corn

Cooking Instructions

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, beating well after each addition. Beat in sour cream. Gradually add corn bread mix alternately with milk. Fold in corn. Pour into a greased 3 quart baking dish. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until middle is set and lightly browned.

Corn Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 Large Onion, Chopped
- 2 Medium Green Peppers, Chopped



- ½ C. Butter
- ¼ C. Flour
- 2 C. Frozen or Canned Corn
- 4 Hard Boiled Eggs, Chopped
- 2.5 C. Shredded Cheese
- 2 T. Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Tsp. Hot Pepper Sauce
- 1 Tsp. Salt
- ½ Tsp. Pepper
- 2 C. Cooked Long-Grain Rice
- 1 14.5 oz. Can Diced Tomatoes with Liquid

Cooking Instructions

In large skillet, saute onions and peppers in butter until tender. Stir in flour. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients except for ½ C. Cheese. Pour into greased 2.5 quart baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Top with cheese and let stand for 5 minutes.

How to Freeze Corn - Husk and de-silk chosen numbers of ears you wish to freeze. Boil a pot of water that will allow the corn to be totally submerged. When water comes to a boil, put de-husked, de-silked corn into the pot. When water returns to a boil, cook corn for 4 minutes (a bit more or a bit less is fine)

Immediately submerge into ice water. (This stops all cooking upon contact) When corn is chilled, remove from the cob and pack into freezer containers. Although, in my opinion, corn is one of the more “messy” summer fruits/vegetables to freeze, it is also one of the best the next winter!

Events at Hollabaugh Brothers in July

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July 4 - Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 until 3. Register on-line.

July 13-14 - Blueberry Festival from noon until 4:30. Cost is free. No registration required. Live music, special ice cream treats, u-pick blueberries, blueberry baked goods.

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

July 20 – Family Cooking Class – Christmas Cookies in July – 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15/child. Registration required.

July 21 – Paint A-Long Event: Pineapple Pleasure – 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$35 which includes supplies and a light refreshment. July 25 – Adult Cooking Class – Canning Peaches – 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. Registration required.

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LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

**Frederick County Library
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Family Storytime – Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. And every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

Read with Keyote and the Frederick Keys – Tuesday, July 2, 10:30 a.m., hear a story, ask questions, and take pictures with Frederick Keys mascot Keyote and a Keys player.

Junior Astronaut Training (Grades K-3) – Saturday, July 6, 10:30 a.m., participate in hands-on activities and discover what it takes to be an astronaut.

STEM Monday (Grades K-5) – Mondays, July 1 & 15, 4 - 5 p.m., 7/1: LEGO(R) WeDo, 7/15: Engineering.

Imaginarium (Ages 0-11) – Thursday, July 11, 18, 25, 10 - noon., spark your child's imagination as you play, explore and learn as a family.

DIY Galaxy Tee (Grades 6-12) – Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m., create an out-of-this-world fashion statement.

Wellness Class on Essential Oils – Saturday, July 13, 2:30 p.m., using essential oils to promote health and wellness.

R.E.A.D.@ with Wags for Hope (Grades K-5) – Thursday, July 18, 5 - 6 p.m., children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary Celebration: Alien Adventures (Ages 3-11) – Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m.. Listen to stories with an out of this world theme and create your own artsy alien. Bring a packed lunch, learn about keeping our Earth healthy, and enjoy the feature film WALL-E (G) with the whole family.

Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary Celebration: Build a Rocket! (Grades 6-12) – Saturday, July 20, 1:30 p.m. 3-2-1, blast off! Discover how to build a rocket and watch it launch.

History Alive: An Afternoon with Sally Ride (Grades K-6) – Tuesday, July 23, 1 p.m.. Blast off with award-winning Smithsonian Scholar, Mary Ann Jung, who will bring the brave space pioneer to life before your very eyes!

Teen Scene: OuterSpace Movie and Pizza (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m.. Eat Stavros pizza, while enjoying "Star Trek" a PG13 movie. Discuss civic responsibility and morality as portrayed in the Star Trek series.

Choose Civility: 2020 Census: Employment Opportunities – Thursday, July 25, 5 - 7 p.m. Representatives from the Census will be available with information about employment with the Census Bureau.

Universe of Stories Storytime (Ages 3-10) – Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m., enjoy stories, music and a fun activity each Saturday morning!

Peter Wood: Explorer of the Impossible (Ages 3+) – Monday, July 29, 3 p.m., magician Peter Wood shares his collection of impossibilities from across the globe! Junior explorers get to experience fantastic skills and amazing artifacts in this comedy and magic show.

Thurmont Regional Library

NEW! Musical Storytime – Every Monday at 10:15 a.m.

Family Night on the Deck – Every Friday night at 7 p.m. – 7/1 – Fire-

work Painting; 7/8 – Double Deception Card Tricks Show; 7/15 – The Apollo 11 Story; 7/29 – Freeze Dance Paint Party.

Space Camp (Ages 4-10) – Tuesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1-2 p.m., train to be an astronaut and learn about the universe.

Mid-week Makers (Ages 3-10) – Wednesday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:15 a.m.–2 p.m., drop in for a simple summer craft!

Paper Crafts (Grades 6-12) – Wednesday, July 3, 2 p.m., create craft projects, such as origami and book folding, all from paper materials.

On-site at Catoctin Mountain Park: Storytime and Hike (Ages 3+), Friday, July 5, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Storytime followed by a short hike. Meet at Visitor Center.

Universe of Stories (Ages 3-10) – Saturday, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:05 a.m., Enjoy stories, music and a fun activity each Saturday morning!

Fiber Crafts (Grades 6-12) – Saturday, July 6, 2 - 3 p.m., Create crafts using different fiber materials such as yarn, felt, and other fabrics.

Choose Civility: 2020 Census: Employment Opportunities – Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Representatives from the Census will be available with information about employment with the Census Bureau.

Jacks Are Wild: A Three-Dog and One-Woman Show (Ages 4-12) – Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m., Join Mario, Bella, and Reggie, a spirited Jack Russell terrier, as they barrel-surf, jump-rope, and

skateboard right into your heart.

Nature Sprouts (Ages 3-10) – Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25, 2 p.m. Explore the natural world through stories and fun activities.

Blast-off Thurmont!: Cosmic Adventures: A Brief Tour of the Universe Indoor Planetarium (Ages 8+) – Saturday July 13, 1 p.m., Come inside the "pop-up" planetarium to view the universe, including planets, stars, constellations, and the moon. Space is limited.

Model Robot Building (Grades 6-12) – Tuesday, July 16, 2 p.m. Use recycled materials to create model robots.

Peter Wood: Explorer of the Impossible (Ages 3+) – Tuesday, July 16, 2:30 p.m. Magician Peter Wood shares his collection of impossibilities from across the globe! Junior explorers get to experience fantastic skills and amazing artifacts in this comedy and magic show.

On-site at Cat Rock: Hiking Families (Ages 6+) – Wednesday, July 17, 4 p.m., Stretch those legs with a Ranger-led hike to Cat Rock, a difficult three-mile round-trip hike. Meet at Cat Rock parking lot, 6571 Foxville Rd., Thurmont.

Barynya, Russian Dance Troupe (Ages 4-12) – Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m. As featured on The Today Show, this trio will delight your senses with their exhilarating Russian folkdance and music.

Fermented Food Series: Perfect Pickles – Summer Brining and Fermenting (Adults) – Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Rachel Armistead of Sweet Farm will show you how to turn your

summer garden bounty into healthy, delicious, probiotic pickles.

Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary Celebration: National Moon Day – Saturday, July 20, 1 p.m. A representative from Tri-State Astronomers will share amazing photos and facts about the moon.

Lunar Landing 50th Anniversary Celebration: Our Mysterious Moon (Grades 5-12) – Saturday, July 20, 2 p.m. Waxing or waning? Make a moon mobile and learn about the various phases.

Open Memory Lab – Sunday, July 21, 2-4 p.m. Use our equipment to convert your photos and analog home videos to digital formats you can share and enjoy today! Lab volunteers will be available to help. Formats accepted: mini DV tapes, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, photos, slides, and negatives. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Department of Education.

An Introduction to Taiko: The Art of Japanese Drumming (Grades K-8) – Monday, July 22, 2 p.m. Local drummer, Mark H. Rooney, will present a blend of full-body drumming based in the Japanese tradition.

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

Introduction to Martial Arts with Thurmont Martial Arts (Ages 7-13) – Friday, July 26, 2 p.m., learn some basic moves in this introductory lesson.

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Dirty Hands Pottery (ages 8-10)
July 15-19, 9-11:30 a.m. Jack Handshaw \$145 (\$155)

Multicultural Art (ages 6-9)
July 15-19, 9-11:30 a.m. Melissa Jackson \$145 (\$155)

Fun with Printmaking (ages 11-13)
July 15-19, 1-4 p.m. Kim Robinson \$145 (\$155)

Culinary Skills Basics July 15-19, 1-3:30 p.m. (ages 9-12)
August 5-9, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (ages 8-10) Subarna Sijapati \$155 (\$165)

Painting with Watercolor (ages 12-16)
July 22-16, 1-4 p.m. Stanley Gilmore \$145 (\$155)

Making a House (ages 9-12)
July 22-16, 1-4 p.m. Erica Wertz \$150 (\$160)

Sweet Treat Baking from Scratch
July 22-26, (ages 11-14) 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & (ages 7-10) 1-4 p.m. Lori Nelson \$155 (\$165)

Sewing is Fun! (grades 4-6) LIMITED TO 6
July 29-August 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Linda Fauth \$145 (\$155)

Sewing for Your Room (grades 6 & up) LIMITED TO 6
July 29-August 1, 1-4 p.m. Linda Fauth \$150 (\$160)

Art of Jewelry Making (ages 12-16)
July 29-August 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Susan Henry \$145 (\$155)

Geometric Art (ages 8-10)
July 29-August 1, 1-4 p.m. Melissa Jackson \$145 (\$155)

Japanese Teapot Set (ages 12 & up)
July 29- August 2, 1-4 p.m. Cookie Shaw \$150 (\$160)

Tutus & Tiaras (ages 4-5)
July 30-August 3, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Abbi Lowman \$75 (\$82)

Explore an Art Museum (ages 8-10)
August 5-9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Stanley Gilmore \$145 (\$155)

Paint, Paint, Paint! (ages 9-12)
August 5-9, 1-4 p.m. Erica Wertz \$145 (\$155)

Throw a Pot! (ages 11-15)
August 5-9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. AND/OR August 12-16, 1-4 p.m. Jack Handshaw \$160 (\$170)

Fun Behind the Camera Lens (ages 11-15)
August 12-16, 1-4 p.m. Bert Danielson \$145 (\$155)

Fun with Baking (grades 4-6)
August 12-16, 9-11:30 a.m. Linda Fauth \$155 (\$165)

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SCHOOL NEWS

BOE Office of Ombuds

Brad Young
Frederick County
Board of Education

The Board of Education of Frederick County (BOE) is excited to announce the new Office of the Ombuds which will be fully operational by early July 2019. Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) is one of four Maryland school systems (Baltimore City, Howard, and Montgomery County) that offers an ombuds office. In November 2018, The BOE approved Policy 107, the Office of the Ombuds, with a focus of relevant, accurate, timely, transparent responses and services at the highest level of customer service, and attentiveness to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to address issues or concerns. With this in mind, the BOE hired its first Ombuds, Sabrina Nail

in May 2019. Nail has an extensive background working with diverse populations regarding customer service, communication and conflict resolution. She knows how to maintain confidentiality, conduct research, interpret policy language and problem solve. All of these skills make her an excellent choice to carry out the Ombuds roles and responsibilities. The Board of Education is committed to increasing public trust and servicing the greater community. FCPS is home to approximately 42,000 students and 5,8000 employees with a diverse population and growing numbers.

You ask, "What is an Ombuds and what does the Office of Ombuds do?" The Ombuds is an independent, confidential, and impartial resource for students, parents, staff and community members

offering informal help and providing options for collaborative, fair resolutions of concerns or issues. Contacting the Ombuds can be a first resource when you don't know where to get information, need a sounding board if you are not sure what to do next, or be an impartial listener when you feel you are not being heard. The Ombuds serves the community by listening to and understanding concerns, providing information about FCPS resources and guides you to navigate the process for the best possible outcome. The Ombuds does not replace other FCPS tools to resolve problems and conflicts, but rather supplements those tools, provides resources, and fosters collaboration. In doing so, the Office of the Ombuds will promote a culture committed to thriving partnerships, open avenues of

communication, and provide continuous improvement with the BOE and wider community. The Office of the Ombuds will recommend possible strategies to the BOE to improve the effectiveness of FCPS educational outcomes and organizational efficiency.

There are some areas that the Office of the Ombuds is limited and cannot help. The Ombuds does not receive formal complaints, but can explain the formal process to file a complaint. The Ombuds does not serve as an official advocate; the ombuds is impartial and does not take any position. The Ombuds does not offer legal advice, participate in litigation or mediation, nor does the Ombuds keep official records. The Office of the Ombuds helps informally with options to resolve concerns in a non-escalating fashion.

The Office of the Ombuds adds value to FCPS in a number of ways.

First, the Office of the Ombuds supports FCPS's mission to reach all students with exceptional teaching and caring support, challenge them to achieve their potential, and prepare them for success in a global society. With such a large organization, the Ombuds helps to strengthen productive, effective relationships between FCPS organizational departments, staff, and the public. Secondly, the Office promotes prompt, efficient, fair service in a user-friendly approach to strategize communication and conflict resolution options. Finally, the Office of the Ombuds identifies improvement opportunities and consistent processes within FCPS.

To learn more, visit www.fcps.org/ombuds. To contact the Office of the Ombuds, call 301-696-6852 or email ombuds@fcps.org. The Office of the Ombuds is a place where all are welcome!

Way Off Broadway Youth Theatre

Justin M. Kiska

As more and more young people are becoming interested in performing and learning about live theatre, it has become paramount for parents to find the right theatre education program that fits their child's needs. With nearly two decades of experience in theatre education, The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre is still one of the most popular and well-respected programs in Frederick.

This year's Theatre Summer Camp will be the 23rd year the area's only year-round, regional producing theatre has offered the classes. During the Summer Camp program, students focus on all

aspects of musical theatre through vocal music, acting exercises, and basic choreography. At the end of the camp, students put on a full production.

Way Off Broadway's 2019 Youth Theatre Summer Camp runs Monday – Thursday, July 15th – 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The camp is for students ages 9 and older. This year's camp performance will be Disney's Frozen, Jr., presented Thursday evening, July 25th and Saturday afternoon, July 27th.

Based on the 2018 Broadway musical, Frozen Jr. brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs

from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production. A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen Jr. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa.

Registration is currently underway. Space is limited and done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Complete details can be found on the theatre's website at www.wayoffbroadway.com.

For more information call 301-66206600 or visit www.wayoffbroadway.com.

play, or sharpen your skills. All ages and skill levels welcome.

R.E.A.D.® with Wags for Hope (Grades K-5) -Saturday, June 22, 11 - noon., children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Music on the Deck: Flower Hill String Band - Sunday, July 28, 2 – 4 p.m., enjoy the classical bluegrass and contemporary acoustic sounds of the Flower Hill String Band.

Star Wars Party (Grades 6-12) –

Tuesday, July 30, 2 p.m., celebrate your love of all things Star Wars and connect with fellow fans.

The Little Gym of Frederick Experience (Ages 0-12) – Thursday, July 31, 2 p.m., boost your brain with movement and play presented by The Little Gym of Frederick.

Learn to Crochet for Everyone – Thursday, July 31, 5 p.m., Samples will be shown. Bring your own hook and yarn or use ours.

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Board at the Library (Grades 6-12) – Friday, July 26, 2 p.m. Play board games at the library, both old favorites and newer releases.

Literacy Tutor Training (Adults) – Saturday, July 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Literacy Council of Frederick County will train you to be a literacy tutor.

Chess Club (Grades K-Adult) – Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m., stop in to learn,



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JULY 29	JULY 30	JULY 31	AUGUST 1
Hiking Rocks! <small>Discover rocks in our area by taking a hike and finding them at Hog Rock at Catoctin Mountain Park</small>	Mind, Body and Soul <small>Challenge yourself with a little fitness, yoga and obstacle training</small>	A "Foot" of a Good Time <small>Thurmont Regional Library Owl Presentation</small>	Trolley Travel <small>Walk the Trolley Trail and learn about this mode of transportation</small>
AUGUST 5	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 7	AUGUST 8
"Fersine" Around <small>Learn more about our animal friends</small>	How Does My Dark Grow? <small>Hike at Chestnut Picnic Area at Catoctin Mountain Park</small>	Art Adventures with Yemi <small>Create an art project under Yemi's guidance</small>	That's a Wrap! Last Day Fun Day <small>A Day full of fun games and celebrating!</small>

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

This month in honor of the 50-year anniversary of the moon landing, we asked our writers to reflect on when the USA first put a man on the moon while questioning if we live in a better America now compared to 1969.

Sophomore Year

One small step to secure

Harry Scherer
MSMU Class of 2022

Curiosity about space travel is indicative of broader internal human considerations concerning the limits of human physical ability. The sentiment used to be “if we can fly a man to the moon, what can we not do?” Now, the question has shifted to “if we cannot fly a man to Mars, what can we do?” It is natural for us to seek for higher, wider and greater pursuits if the achievement of these dreams leads to human glory.

Many Americans remember the day that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon on July 20, 1969 as a triumphant day for the country. On an anecdotal level, my mother remembers the day as a young girl: “I remember looking up into the sky to try and see them landing on the moon.” The innocence and wonder which went along with this action was probably applicable to many Americans, even adults, who were awe-inspired by the notion that human beings were capable of flying to the moon.

The amazement that necessarily went along with this event points to

a powerful metaphysics regarding the relationship between man and the moon. The star is the primary light for man in the darkness of night. The moon, a reflection of light from the sun, reminds us that the possibility of a new day is on the horizon.

The moon also has religious significance which can feed the wonder and amazement of the unique event. In Christianity, the moon is the footstool for the woman described in Revelation: “And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (12:1). The woman, in this particular section of the Scripture, is seen as a symbol for Israel. This parallel requires a look into Genesis, a book prayed with and studied by both Christians and Jews, in which Joseph has a dream during which “the sun, the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to [him]” (37:9). This dream served as a prefigurement from the Almighty that Joseph would be the leader of the Jewish people.

From both a metaphysical and religious perspective, the moon has significance beyond mere astronomy.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, a person to whom I often look for deeper understanding, wisely said, “God who made the sun, also made the moon. The moon does not take away from the brilliance of the sun. All its light is reflected from the sun.” When we look to the moon, we look to the creation of God, an object which is present to remind us of essential realities like hope and complementarity.

However, on the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, the perception of Americans with regard to space exploration seems to have shifted. Recently, engagement with the discovery of new objects in space and the technology to travel to these locations seems to have been limited to the persons who are making these discoveries and a small subset of interested astrophiles on social media. Just in recent months, the tide of interest in space seems to have expanded to a national intrigue from the lens of the White House. In the beginning of March 2019, Vice President Mike Pence said that “before the year is out, President Trump will launch the sixth branch of our Armed Forces, the United States Space Force.”

The way in which the government and civilians look at space is different than the perspective of the late 1960’s. The momentous moon landing was a “first” for space travel, sparking an

imaginative edge for adults and children alike. Now, space is viewed as battlefield. The “race to space” in the 60’s was the early and adulterated version of space conflict. NASA was formed as an independent agency of the federal government. Conversely, the Space Force will be formed as a member organization of the Armed Forces. The reaction to form the body as a fighting power would likely be seen as a response to the emerging threats from adversarial powers. In June 2018, Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said, “Russia and China continue to launch ‘experimental’ satellites that conduct sophisticated on-orbit activities, at least some of which are intended to advance counterspace capabilities.” In other words, adversaries are building technologies not for the purpose of furthering space exploration, but to destroy the technologies built by their enemies, in this case the United States.

Because the area of space is no longer a playground for astronauts, but rather a battlefield for soldiers, the wonder which accompanies space travel is tarnished by the global competition for this real estate. Now, the race to space is not about mere occupation, but about dominance. Those who rightly fear rapid globalization should also be wary of the accelerating

competition between global powers to assert dominance in space. Western powers would benefit themselves and the world by coming behind the originator of space travel, the United States, in this race for space power. Otherwise, the spoils are left in the hands of erratic and dangerous communist powers like Russia and China.

Since America led one small step for man and a giant leap for mankind, many other nations have climbed onto that leap. Because the States took credit for this great achievement, it is her responsibility to secure the safety and stability of those who could be harmed by foreign powers from space. As has been analyzed, space, particularly the moon, is of social, metaphysical and political importance to persons and nations. It is the growing responsibility of nations to look beyond emerging domestic and even international issues and look up. Because of anatomical design, human beings have the unique ability to look straight up into the sky. The ability to look up at the wonderful creation of God is no less powerful today than it was in 1969 and should be considered a privilege to be marvel and protect that which God has given us.

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

Junior Year

A giant leap

Angela Guiao
MSMU Class of 2021

“One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

A giant leap. That is exactly what the lunar landing was. I can still remember learning about it as a small child. There were picture books about the planets, and the moon always had

an American flag sticking out of it. Curiously enough, I only remember the name of Neil Armstrong, though there were two astronauts at the time: Armstrong and another man named Buzz Aldrin.

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

During a time when country loyalty and patriotism were at an all-time high. America desperately needed a win against the Soviets. As a result of this, when President John F. Kennedy introduced a proposal that stated, “before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth”, America had something to root for.

While in its foundation, the reasons for the race weren’t the best as it had certainly been fueled by military agendas. But in hindsight, it was also a vital and much-needed win for the United States. After the second World War, President Kennedy believed that it was important that the United States was perceived as superior, even if in actuality that had not been entirely true. And when challenged by the Soviet’s to prove their adequacy in space, the United States had to step up to the plate.

At the time, the two countries were in the middle of the Cold War: a war which began shortly after World War 2 where, interestingly enough, the two countries were allies. The Cold War is cold because of the fact that there was no heavy, direct fighting between the two sides. Instead they supported opposing local conflicts as a way to show that they were not on the same side.

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

My mother, being only 7 at the time, does not remember much about the lunar landing and was only able to tell me one thing when I asked: “America won”. And it was true. We won. At the time, us winning the Space Race was a big deal. The first man on the moon was American! The United States proved that it was capable of commanding the sky, and that it was technologically and scientifically advanced enough to give the Soviet Union a run for their money. To have two Americans stand upon the surface of the moon meant everything. Which was just the rush they needed after the hit they took when Sputnik was released.

On this 50th Anniversary of the lunar landing, I think it’s important for us to remember the feelings of patriotism and unity. Especially in today’s political and social climate, the United States seems more divided than it ever was. The Space Race allowed everyone to be on the same team. The Space Race brought the people of this country together, as one. And I believe that we need to find more reasons to be on the same team again.

I must say that this anniversary is truly a reminder that we were once the best. We were the innovators, the leaders, the frontrunners in education, science, and countless other areas. And it reminds us that we can become the best again. America has fallen behind, but this is not because we are not capable or good enough, but because we no longer give the same importance to these issues. We need to do better! We need to start giving importance to the things that will make us the best again. And that is through the improvement and advancement

in our education and the increase in concern for our future.

We have done so much to be proud of. And for some reason, we stopped. We stopped being proud. We stopped pushing. We stopped striving to be the best. We’re complacent and satisfied. We fail to recognize that just because we have stopped, it does not mean that the rest of the world has done the same.

This anniversary let us remember that we have every capability and opportunity to become the best again. We are America. The Space Race was just a glimpse into how great we can be when we push beyond our boundaries and reach towards our greatest potential.

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

This 50th anniversary, let us take a giant leap in the right direction. We are America. The country that has proved its worth and capability time and time again. We are America. The country that’s spearheaded discovery and creation with the understanding that leading the way into the future is much better than sitting back and watching it happen. We are America. We produced the first man on the moon. And our discoveries will not end there.

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LEAP FOR MANKIND - JULY 20, 1969

Senior Year

Looking to the future

Morgan Rooney
MSMU Class of 2020

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

On July 20, 1969, man reached a milestone that one could only dream of prior. Millions of Americans remember hearing the words that the Eagle had landed. America had truly done it. America landed on the moon. Not only did we win the race to space against the USSR, but all of the country watched in awe as Neil Armstrong took mankind's very first steps on the moon,

closely followed by Buzz Aldrin just minutes later.

"That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for humanity." The first words said by Armstrong upon stepping foot on the moon say it all. It was a great victory for Americans.

When asked to write about the moon landing for the 50-year anniversary of one of the greatest events in history, I was surprised it had been so long since then. I was told about the moon landing as a child, and I didn't imagine it so far away, as it occurred after the birth of both of my parents. However, my parents had been far too young at the time to remember the event. I knew exactly who to contact about my further questions: my grandmother. She was just another hardworking American with four children at the time, watching the events unfold like everybody else. I decided to get into contact with my grandmother to hear about her thoughts when the moon landing occurred.

"It was amazing! I was spellbound!" She told me. "I still remember his words when he stepped on the surface of the moon." She told me Armstrong's quote from her memory, word by word. My grandmother explained to me that she couldn't even imagine what it could have been like before it happened. It didn't even seem like it was possible.

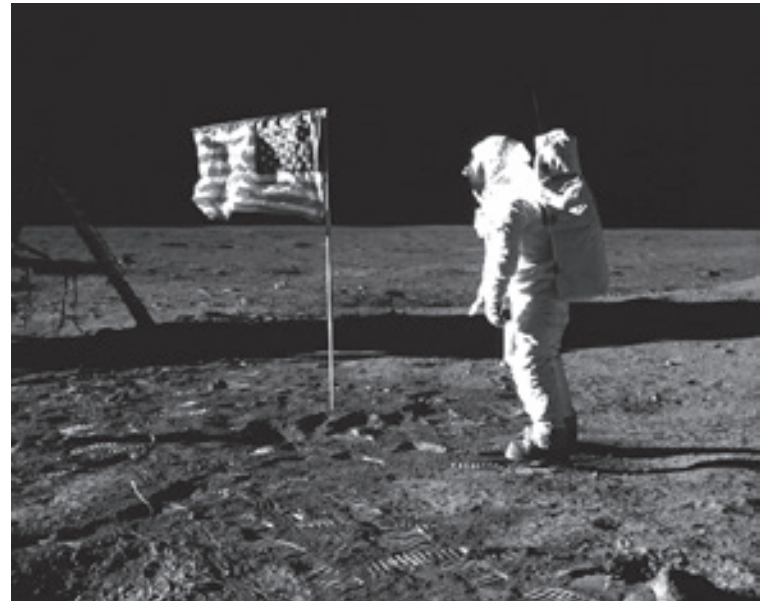
After watching more about the moon landing, including a documentary about Apollo 11, and watching the original broadcast with Walter Concrute, I could see

the reaction of the newscasters which was not much different from what my grandmother described. They looked excited, overjoyed, and most of all, filled with anticipation. I'm sure that giddiness that the men expressed was not exclusive to them but spread throughout the entire nation. During this time, the future was going to be in space, which was now in our grasp.

Now, however, there definitely seems to have been a shift. When I think about the future, I honestly don't know what to think. Will it be a world taken over by AI (even more than it already has been)? Will the world be turned into a wasteland that we will no longer be able to thrive in? Will our space exploration continue to the point that we can live elsewhere like in my favorite sci-fi films?

I know it isn't always fair to compare different parts of a timeline because each one has its advantages and disadvantages. I know that I am very privileged because of where I was born and the time I was born but it's not all that easy either. Being in "today" also has its drawbacks.

We live in a time where we can have all the information in the world at our fingertips in a matter of seconds. I don't need to remember things like I did ten years ago. It's all in a device I keep in my pocket where I have immediate access to my own AI assistant. When I take a step and look at the world I'm living in, I realize that it truly is being taken over by this information that



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

can be used however you see fit.

This has its drawbacks too, as certain people become a walking zombie that cannot spend a moment away from their phone. I like to think that I am not like this but I know I definitely plead guilty in certain situations. It seemed like we live in a different world now based on what I have been told by the older generations. Some things have improved, others have changed for the worse. It wouldn't be fair to choose one side over the other when there are so many things to consider.

We have all of this information at the push of a button, but at this time, it is obvious that we are not pursuing this travel to expand outside our own world. We aren't currently prepared to find our way

back to the moon or elsewhere. Our hearts and minds are not looking ahead to a future in outer space, nor is it the priority in this country. The dream that we all had at one time seems to be dwindling as we get older. Maybe I try to think with more realistic goals in mind, but often I forget the importance of aiming high. Aiming beyond our very own atmosphere and into space. I believe we still have potential in space, even if it doesn't seem like we are headed in that direction. The moon landing was an important win for our country and it certainly wasn't our last.

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The Graduate

Keep leaping, America

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On July 20, 1969, the United States accomplished the impossible; they sent a team of astronauts to the moon, and two men, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, walked on its dusty, cratered surface for the first time in history. The lunar landing was the event of the decade – some may say the century, and it was America's way to prove her power to the world and to herself during the Cold War, a time of national fear and doubt. The strange truth is that the event that was once considered impossible is now taken for granted. My peers and I were raised in a scientific world for which walking on the moon was just a "first step." The National Space Program has moved further than the moon: probing Mars, capturing images of stars in the various stages of their formation, piecing together a model of our galaxy and others. The universe is much larger than we could have imagined in 1969, and our exploration has given us knowledge of our universe and our place within it.

The lunar landing, however, was a notable first in space exploration. To get a sense of the impact Apollo 11 had on everyday life, I asked a few family members about their memories of the event. My grandmother, Rosanne Alessi, reflects on the land-

ing: "It was a huge event at the time. Now, there's so much going on, we don't even think about it, but at that time, it was huge." In fact, she remembers where she was 50 years ago when she saw the television broadcast of the landing. She says, "I was walking in an area where stores were, and it [the landing] was playing on television at the store. And that was how we saw it." She especially remembers seeing Armstrong and Aldrin placing the American flag on the surface of the moon.

My paternal grandmother, Peggy Pinter, has a more personal connection with the landing. She, like Alessi, remembers feeling amazed when she saw the landing on television. "It was unbelievable," she recalls, "It was kind of like a miracle. Can you imagine, at that time, thinking of that? A man on the moon!" She remembers feeling incredulous: "In many ways, it was unbelievable... It was kind of like science fiction. Like it wasn't real, but it was." Many years, later, however, she would meet and eventually marry Warren Pinter, a NASA engineer who helped to design the environmental systems on the spacecraft during the Apollo 11 mission. Pinter reflects that this was "one of the most stressful times" of her late husband's life. "And," she adds, "he had nine kids!"

According to Pinter, her husband's environmental system was

the one that brought the team back to earth after the first system failed. She reflects that "Warren was amazed himself that it worked." Warren Pinter retired shortly after Apollo 11's success, but he was proud of his contribution to the space program. A thank you message from NASA, signed personally by Buzz Aldrin, still hangs on the wall at Pinter's home.

The fifty-year-old memories, storefront televisions, and souvenirs hung on the wall tell the story of the moon landing's impression on those who witnessed it in various ways. America was proud when it saw its flag planted on the surface of the moon, but the days of astronauts walking the moon are now over. Does this mean our nation has abandoned its space exploration to collect dust as a once-impressive moment of history? The space landing is part of my family's history as well, and, while NASA is no longer sending astronauts to the moon, my family's connection with the space program continues with my astrophysics enthusiast brother, Joseph Rowell, who will be attending MIT in the fall to study aerospace engineering.

Joseph has been studying astronomy and physics independently since he was a young child; his passion speaks for itself. When I asked Joseph whether he thought the nation was better in 1969 when NASA was still sending men to the moon, he responded with a firm negative. Now, according to Joseph, the space program's reasons for continuing space exploration are more scientific and practical today than

they were in 1969. He explained, "The only reason we went to the moon in 1969 was for military reasons against the Soviets. Now we have switched to science, which is much more practical to do on the space station. Now, going back to the moon is not about putting people there, but about setting up technology there."

Joseph acknowledges the difficulties the NASA is facing after the conclusion of the Cold War: "It's not a race anymore, and the budget has been cut because of that." He does, however, think that NASA has a lot more to do than putting a man on the moon. The next step is not bringing people to the moon for brief visits, but bringing them beyond earth, potentially permanently. Joseph excitedly continued: "It has to do with human expansion. If you believe that all humans were meant to do is stay on earth, there is very little practical reason to go to space. But if we want

to expand into space, we need to understand how earth's ecosystems operate away from earth, from gravity to zero-gravity, and to environments with higher radiation." The future of space exploration, then, is to learn more about how to bring "earth" to new planets.

There is more space, infinite space, to explore. The moon landing was a feat to be proud of, but it was only the beginning. There is a new "impossible" to be accomplished, and a new generation to dream it up. America's new goal should not be to flaunt her strength to other nations, or even to test her own limits, but to make the world – the universe – a better place for humans to live. Now, without the competition and threat that drove our first steps, we can focus ore purely on the reasons for our efforts, and the good that they might accomplish.

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FASHION

Beachwear 2019: recommendations for fun in the sun

Valerie McPhail
MSMU class of 2015

When I think of the beach, Miami comes to mind. A fashion city by its own standard - The Webster on Collins Avenue, Designer Rene Ruiz, and Art Basel Art Fair - are building the beach oasis into a trendy patron of the arts. And yet, I treasure the city for other reasons. The sweet smell of Cuban coffees each morning, toasted loafs slathered with homemade guava paste, coconut pastries homemade from a local bakery, and bright yellow mangos for breakfast introduced me to a culture that lived with different interests. Among such delights was the beach. South Beach was always the final destination; the time in between was occupied with trips to Crandon Park, Key Biscayne, places that always existed by its own rhythm, a leisured pace unknown to fashion. And today continues to orchestrate a unique beat for clothing design, a perspective based on functionalism over frivolous charm. If it's not a Chanel one-piece bathing suit or Yves Saint Laurent straw bag, the runway has little presence for the beach. Despite the fact, there is a still a world of fashion that

complements our vacations, weekend getaways and beach days. Here is a list of my summer favorites for the beach.

Sun Bum Sunscreen

With humble beginnings in Cocoa Beach Florida, the sunscreen label eventually grew into a second office in Encinitas, California. The family-operated company opened business in 2010 as a way to protect their loved ones from the sun and has since grown business lines in chain stores such as Target, or your local pharmacy - CVS is a supplier of its products. As someone who spent her early twenties dressed in sweatshirts for the beach, I found Sun Bum as a comfortable alternative to commercial sun protection products. I found my answer; a vegan, cruelty free, and paraben free product that smells like bananas and coconuts. It has released all fears and I'm grateful for a little sun kissed glow. Recommended products include their Original SPF, Face Lotion and lip balms for the full skincare regimen.

Lululemon boyfriend tee

Perhaps a rising label among the athletic world, Vancouver's Lulu-

lemon continues to revolutionize how the world approaches exercise, through fashion. The label launched as a technical yoga brand, a destination for the go-to leggings customers began to wear outside of the studio and practice. Relaxed fits are in the nature of the brand's DNA. Their women's t-shirt style, termed "The Boyfriend Fit," for such characteristics as assuming an oversized, loose shape, is simply a women's tee that feels like a menswear shirt. Blessed that Lululemon released a design for times at the gym, or outdoors, it is a staple made for the beach to throw over the swimsuit, go for a run along the shore or for adventures out at sea. The style is offered in a variety of classic colors - black or grey are my instant picks.

Outdoor Voices and Teva Sandals

Teva Sandals are making a comeback. The Hurricane XLT2 Collaboration with athletic brand, Outdoor Voices, has refashioned the classic sandal to a colorful, yet minimalist modern day form. According to Forbes, Outdoor Voices started as CEO and Founder Tyler Haney's thesis project. She led her brand to influencer level as one of the Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2016 among like-successful entrepreneurs in Retailers and E-commerce. The footwear collaboration with American label Teva, active since 1984, kindles a united spirit for adventure. Close to fully selling out at the Outdoor Voices stores New York City Flagship, one of my favorite shops to visit in Soho Shopping District, I



Straw and Net Bags is a refashioned summer accessory

snagged the last female pair that was colorized by ocean shades of aqua, lavender, and lime. The collection is also offered in men's sizing in a color scheme of ruby red, ultramarine and sapphire. The strapping footwear brand has made resurgence on the fashion scene this summer tied to a fresh minimalist style shared by Outdoor Voices. Take no more steps further to find your beach sandal this summer.

Net and Straw bags

Perhaps the embodiment of summer accessories comes packed in a straw bag. As typically the case with trends, last summer's fling has resurfaced. Just not in the same form as the fisherman net bags you could purchase on Amazon, or Ulla Johnson's straw mini tote. Rather, this summer introduces brands to the scene such as Sensi Studio, Kooreloo, Sophie Anderson, and

Mercedes Salazar, niche labels with high price that reinvent the wheel on how a beach bag is approached. These labels have each independently created a name by adding a fresh perspective to a classic staple. The net bag is a newer design to the fashion world, as they have been popularized as everyday bags - accompanying you everywhere from Trader Joes, the farmers market, or the park. Along with the straw bag, previously defined as a classic beach bag, both styles have revamped since their election as leisured totes, transformed into new designs built for a night out to dinner or the movies. No longer are they viewed as a family beach bag, but a fashionable companionship.

Tie Dye

Tie dye designs have always been a part of summer's wardrobe. This summer is no exception. The textile has matured into leisurewear as brands are dyeing sweatpants and pullovers to personify the ultimate state of relaxation, and as a result, it has turned into a trend that both men and women can enjoy. Menswear labels such as Japanese brand, "Rebuild by Needles," designed a classic rainbow colored hoodie, while Champion Athletic brand released a collection of tie-dye sweatshirts and pants for women. Afraid the tie-dye is too experimental for your fashion taste? Consider it a way to lighten your mood, while on a more serious note the youthful textile takes a global fashion statement into effect.

The difference between summer fashion and beach fashion is a definitive line for necessity. As fashion forms out of trends and styles, beachwear has and will also rise from a need for functionalism. For as long as beach-goers pack their swimsuits and towels for a dip in the ocean, the sweet spot in beachwear will be to find clothing that elevates the experience. Debates over beach towels or blankets utilized to mark our territory on the sand that "saves your spot on the beach" - or even discussions of whether to pack a one piece or two-piece bathing suit - will never cease its chatter. Herein one rule of fashion still applies. The decision that will lead you to feel the best and most comfortable in your own skin is to be made. This rule shall never fade.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Brown's Jewelry store to to close doors

Kelly Smith

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

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

Brown's Jewelry has always provided the most efficient and friendliest customer service. They have pre-selected jewelry for customers specially seeking last minute Christmas gifts for their wives and even went as far as to wrap a microwave for a husband to present to his wife on Christmas morning. The shop has always put customer service at the top of their business model and many locals remember just how caring the Browns have been for others and

the townspeople have never been shy in returning the favor.

When Betty, Brown's wife, was sick, customers would come into the store and check on her. It was beyond just the business, it was to check in on her, how she was doing and feeling. They would bring food, cookies and flowers, just to check in and make sure everything was okay, Brown fondly remembers. "Hundreds of people would come visit her. She had an extended illness. It is beyond just the person who repairs your jewelry. It is truly a community and a family around here," said Brown.

There was a time when Mr. and Mrs. Brown traveled to jewelry shows across the United States. As Brown recalled, Betty had an eye for jewelry and she would always have a customer in mind as she handpicked certain items for their Thurmont customers. She knew them so well and knew their taste in jewels.

"We would go to Las Vegas, once every other year. That was one of the biggest jewelry shows in the world. Betty would go and say, 'So and so would really like this,' so they would purchase the jewelry and it would be

in stock at the shop. She also knew in the back of her mind that this would be something a certain client would really like." Brown said, "She was so good that she would walk to these dealers, stop at a vendor that had all kinds of stuff and I never said a word because she was too busy buying. She would say, 'Well, we will take that, that, that, and that,' and I am going, 'How the hell am I going to pay for all of this?!' It always worked out in the end, she was amazing at what she did. The 80s were a grand time." Mrs. Brown helped to introduce looking at jewelry in other ways with different perspectives. She knew her clients and the community loved it. Mr. Brown laughed, "There was always one piece for her, at least one."

Brown has genuinely lived the phrase, "Do what you love and love what you do." What he loves most about his job was shared with sincerity, "The people, the customers I have are the greatest people in the world. One couldn't ask for better customers. They are all sad that I'm going out, they don't know what to do. I am a dinosaur, a dying breed."

Brown really wants the town of



The closing of Brown's Jewelry in Thurmont will leave a major hole in our community. From supporting volunteer fire companies to faithfully serving customers, John Brown represents the very best of what it means to be a citizen, friend, and community leader.

Thurmont to know how appreciative he and his daughter, Stacey, are of the community and the support that they have always given to him and the store. "There are not many places you can go and have this kind of community support," he said.

With the store closing at the end of the year, Mr. Brown will sell the build-

ing and everything in the shop. The entire store is 40% off and will drop down to 50% off in September.

Be sure to stop by Browns' Jewelry Store located at 9 Water Street and experience the extraordinary customer service provided by Mr. Brown and the staff before the doors close forever and Water Street sparkles a little less.

Exploring Gettysburg with National Park Rangers

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

African American History Hike: On Freedom's Tenuous Edge - From their involvement with the Underground Railroad, to their experiences during the

fighting and its aftermath, explore the impact of the battle upon Gettysburg's African American community, and discover the fascinating lives of those who called this place home.

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

The Face of Battle: The Soldier Experience - Over 160,000 soldiers participated in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discover the story of just one, follow in his footsteps across the bat-

tledfield, and learn why he fought and what he encountered at Gettysburg. These programs take place in three different locations throughout the battlefield: McPherson Ridge, Spangler Spring, and the Wheatfield.

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

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Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

For a complete listing of all of the free summer ranger programs, please visit our Ranger Programs page or pick up the Today in the Park planning guide available at the information desk inside the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg.

Tourism to Gettysburg NMP creates \$87.5 Million

Jason Martz
Gettysburg National Park

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

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Egan Cornachione of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$20.2 billion of direct spending by more than 318 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 329,000 jobs nationally; 268,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$40.1 billion.

Lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending, about \$6.8 billion in 2018. Food expenses are the second largest spending area and

visitors spent \$4 billion in restaurants and bars and another \$1.4 billion at grocery and convenience stores.

Visitor spending on lodging supported more than 58,000 jobs and more than 61,000 jobs in restaurants. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 28,000 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 20,000 jobs.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output

effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/social-science/vse.htm>.

To learn more about national parks in Pennsylvania and how the National Park Service works with Pennsylvania communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Pennsylvania.



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Way Off Broadway announces 2019/2020 season

Following The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre's 25th Silver Anniversary during the 2018/2019 Season, producers have unveiled WOB's upcoming 2019/2020 line-up. Known for producing classic musicals, as well as regional and area premieres, Way Off Broadway normally produces five Broadway-style productions each year. With the celebration of the theatre's 25th Anniversary, the company's producers decided to "shake things up a bit" and include a sixth show for the 2019/2020 Season.

As with all of Way Off Broadway's season, there is a mix of entertainment, offering something for everyone to enjoy. "It was difficult selecting the shows to follow our 25th Anniversary Season," says Justin M. Kiska, Way Off Broadway's President and Managing Director. "There were so many good titles out there.

That's why we decided to include an additional show next season."

The season will kick off in September and run through August with Mainstage performances every Friday and Saturday evening and matinees on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month. Way Off Broadway's 2019/20 season includes:

Little Shop of Horrors, September 20 – November 2. The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, blood. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination.

Stage Door Christmas, November 30 – December 21. Stage

Door Christmas takes the audience behind the scenes as the small town Port Whitney Players rehearse then put on the town's annual Christmas Spectacular. It's a peak behind the theatrical curtain that will leave audiences roaring with laughter while at the same time still celebrating all the joys of the season.

Little Women, January 10 – February 22. Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, Little Women follows the adventures of sisters, Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March. Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested – her friend, Professor Bhaer, tells her that she has to do better and write more from herself. This timeless, captivating story is brought to life in this glorious musical filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope and everlasting love.

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earthquakes, tidal waves and infernos. As the night turns into day, everyone struggles to survive and, quite possibly, repair the love that they've lost.

Mary Poppins, July 17 – August 29. The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect.

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Majestic Theater announces 2019-2020 season

Jessica Rudy
Majestic Theater

"It's Showtime" for a blockbuster lineup of performances during the 2019-2020 season at Gettysburg College's Majestic Theater. The season schedule includes comedy of all kinds, stunning acrobatic feats, a cappella sensations, new twists on musical classics, festive family shows, soaring gospel tributes, groundbreaking films, and international dance and folklore.

Chicago's legendary improv troupe The Second City, made famous by superstar alumni like Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Gilda Radner and Bill Murray, hits the Majestic

stage on October 5. The Best of Second City features sketches and songs from the troupe's history in a fresh, fast, and spectacularly funny show.

Mechanical innovation meets acrobatic athleticism on October 22 when Cirque Mechanics presents 42-Foot: A Menagerie of Mechanical Marvels. This blend of innovation, history, and theatricality showcases strongmen, acrobats, aerialists, and a mechanical galloping horse.

A musical month kicks off November 1 with Disney classics and Broadway standards harmonized by 11-member a cappella group Vocative in The Corner of Broadway and Main Street. This central Florida based chorus has professional roots in

Walt Disney World entertainment, but have shared everything from gospel music to barbershop, pop music and choral specialties with international audiences.

On Sunday, November 10 Scott Bradley's Postmodern Jukebox makes its Gettysburg debut with A Very Postmodern Christmas. This international musical sensation founded in 2009 is known for its unique reimagining of popular modern music into vintage genres such as swing, doo wop, and jazz. Rounding out the month, The Midtown Men, featuring stars from the original Broadway cast of Jersey Boys, returns to the Majestic stage on November 24. In their tenth anniversary and final tour, the quartet pays tribute to iconic '60s music from The Beatles, The Beach

Boys, The Four Seasons and more with their own high-octane arrangements and slick moves.

Fiddling phenome Natalie MacMaster returns to December 11 with A Celtic Family Christmas. This special holiday concert is sure to usher in the Yuletide spirit with holiday favorites mixed with classic Celtic songs and dance. Then, Totem Pole Playhouse's beloved holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, returns for its fifth year December 20-22. This adaptation preserves the beautiful language, charm and humor of Charles Dickens' classic tale.

Inspired by the words and actions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., musical director and recording artist Damien Sneed brings "We Shall Overcome": A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Gettysburg on January 25.

This special community event incorporating a choir from the Sunderman Conservatory of Music is Gettysburg's 40th anniversary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

The best in documentary film from the annual Telluride Mountainfilm Festival lights up the Majestic's giant screen on January 31 with Mountainfilm on Tour. This celebration of adventure, environment, and the human spirit tours internationally each year following the festival. A special guest emcee from Telluride will guide the audience on their evening's exhilarating adventure.

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital's Healing HeARTS Healthy Family Series returns February 9 with Theatworks USA's Charlotte's Web. This show based on E.B. White's beloved children's novel about the friendship between a spider named Charlotte and a pig named Wilbur.

The party atmosphere of a Dublin pub rocks the Majestic stage on March 6, when The Irish Comedy Tour leaps into town with a boisterous band of bawdy comedians, Celtic musicians, and possibly a leprechaun. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with non-stop laughter. An internationally renowned Mexican folkloric company of 60 dancers and musicians takes viewers on a journey through Mexican culture on March 19. This colorful evening features traditional music and dance performed by powerful and accomplished dances.

Closing the season on May 8 is master mimic and impressionist Rich Little, a show business legend who has appeared on shows hosted by Johnny Carson and Ed Sullivan as well as Laugh-In and Hollywood Squares. Little sends up classic stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Jack Lemmon and John Wayne, but also Kermit the Frog and Dr. Phil.

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NASA and Art? Who knew?

Chloe Corwin
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As the 50th year anniversary of the Moon Landing of Apollo 11 approaches, we as a society should reflect upon the advancements, as well as the retrogression of our capabilities scientifically and technologically over the years.

As a young person having grown up in the American Education system post 2000, there are many things that are surprisingly left out of the curriculum that are quite unfortunate. One of the most important is the details behind the moon landing. Yes, I learned that it happened and I know the infamous names Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, but that is about it. If anything, I know more about the Apollo 13 space trip because we saw the movie in class one day.

Maybe it was due to the mediocre art studies I was exposed to, or the emphasis on choosing between math and science verses arts. Nevertheless, the extensive art program NASA sponsored was something I had never heard of until digging around in preparation for this article. This goes to show just how detached from recent history young people are. The world is at our fingertips, but that is no use if its existence is unknown.

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

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

The first project the Arts Program did was at the last Mercury launch in 1963 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The artists present were Peter Hurd, George Weymouth, Paul Calle, Robert McCall, Robert Shore, Lamar Dodd and John McCoy. The artists were given an amazing backstage pass to all that would not normally be open to the public. They were able to experience and witness the preparations for liftoff at the base. The exhibit showcasing the art from this experimental program opened at the National Gallery of Art in 1965. 70

works from 15 artists were on display for the world to see. The program was proving itself to be a success and this first exhibit was the jumping off point for many more to come.

Obviously, the biggest event to happen for the program was the moon landing in 1969. For this event and its lead up, artists were able to access more than one location and be exposed to more preparations and historical events. For example, some were able to go to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, be a part of the mission picking up the astronauts from the ocean, as well as seeing firsthand the goings on at the Kennedy Space Center. There were many more artists involved including Andy Warhol, Norman Rockwell, Annie Leibowitz, Ellen Levy, to name a few.

In keeping with the trend of major differences from the last affair, artists were not given a lot of time to get their work together. This time they had only four months until November that same year.

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

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

As expected, the program has even less presence these days. Though, now an artist is paid \$2,500 for their work as opposed to the measly \$800 of the past.

NASA's unification of art and science is truly a testament as to how marrying the two seemingly opposing sides can be successful and beneficial. The artistry produced by the com-

missioned artists conveyed a different feeling by tapping into their own personal experiences, something pictures and video could not do.

From the NASA History and People page on the official NASA website, Urlish stated about the artists, "Artists share something with scientists and astronauts in that they are adventurers. Artists try to interpret the unknown and they do that with their imaginations."

In an article written by NASA intern Hannah Hotovy, Dean commented, "The artists were really missionaries for NASA. I mean, they were carrying the message out like nothing else would."

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

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

There must be some correlation with the terrible state the education system is in, disrespect for artistry, and push for a STEM society. The world is changing, but is it for the better? I suppose this question is subjective in the present, but one day history will look at the early 21st century and judge us with a critical eye.



Original NASA logo, the logo during the time of the creation of NASA's Art Program.

Only time will tell if we are better off than we were.

I do not mean to leave off on such a negative note, so I will offer the possible solution of integrating the arts into the teaching of these fields. This will not only open the eyes of

many as to why artistry is a worthy skill, but also open up the world to a more creative and mentally stimulating experience.

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Smoke on the Mountain

Sue McMurtry
Totem Pole Playhouse

Totem Pole Playhouse, America's summer theatre, located in Caledonia State Park between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, PA has announced the return of Smoke on the Mountain one of the best-loved and most audience-requested musicals in the 69-year history of the venerable Playhouse. The hugely popular Bluegrass Gospel stage musical was first presented during the 1997 season and was

so successful it returned again the next year in 1998.

The show will feature the same score of well-known bluegrass-inspired Gospel standards as the production 22 years ago but with a new set designed by Totem Pole's veteran scenic designer, James Fouchard, costumes designed by Gettysburg College's Costume Designer and Theatre Arts Adjunct Instructor, Juls Beuhrer, and lighting deigned by Jeremy Mayo. David Caldwell, who appeared in the cast of the original 1997 Totem Pole production

is directing, musical directing and staging the 2019 version. Caldwell directed last season's productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Mamma Mia!, the latter of which broke Totem Pole's all-time box office record with over \$300,000.00 in ticket sales. Caldwell also has the distinction of having directed over 30 productions of Smoke on the Mountain across the U.S.

The seven person cast features local physician, Ken Griggs, from Chambersburg Imaging

Associates, who appeared in over 50 professional stage productions prior to his career in medicine. Griggs, who recently moved to the area, was approached by Totem Pole's Producing Artistic Director, Rowan Joseph, to join the cast of professional actors from New York and around the country to portray the role of uncle 'Stanley Sanders.' Madison Hagler, who played 'Naphtali' one of the 12 brothers in Totem Pole's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat last season, returns in the role of 'Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe,' pastor of the fictional Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where the play takes



Smoke on the Mountain cast; standing – Caleb Adams, Alison Rose Munn, Michael Amoroso, Ken Griggs. Seated – Julia Hoffman, Malka Wallick

place. Playing the rest of the Sanders Family Singers are New York based actors, Julia Hoffmann and Caleb Adams, as the twins 'Denise and Dennis Sanders', Malka Wallick as their sister, 'June Sanders,' and Alison Rose Munn as Ma 'Vera Sanders.' Kansas City based actor, Michael Amoroso, plays the family's patriarch, 'Burl Sanders.' Smoke on the Mountain tells the story of a Saturday Night Gos-

pel Sing at a country church in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains in 1938. The show features 24 rousing bluegrass songs played and sung by the Sanders Family, a traveling group making its return to performing after a five-year hiatus. Pastor Oglethorpe, the young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church,

has enlisted the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into "the modern world." Between songs, each family member "witnesses" – telling the story about an important event in their life. Songs include "No Tears in Heaven," "Wonderful Time Up There," "I'm Taking a Flight," and "I'll Fly Away."

As with all Totem Pole's productions the first three performances are half-price previews with tickets \$25.00 and seating general admission. Additionally; this summer, Totem Pole instituted a new "Date Night Special" with patrons offered 50% off a second pair of tickets when they purchase one pair at full-price.

The production opens this Sunday at 2pm with the audience invited to greet the cast and enjoy some summer refreshments after the show as part of admission.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Summer training commences

Grace Kovalcik
CHS Class of 2021

Summer vacation, while mostly a period of exciting trips and relaxation, is the prime time for Catoclin High School's fall athletes to condition. As a result, this group of kids had a jump start on prepping for the upcoming season.

Sports pertaining to running have especially encouraged training throughout the summer. Specifically, runners fresh out of track and field are determined to keep up on their fitness for the approaching cross country season. Whether training as a group or individuals, runners like senior Emma Strickland, and junior Kolbie Romeril, make sure they are not underprepared for the new season. Additionally, with a Catoclin alumna returning to coach for cross country, both the girls and boys are determined to make this season one of their best.

Kevin Dorsey, who participated in three State Championships as a Cougar, will be the new head coach for the boys' cross country team. In the words of the girls' cross country coach, Lois Strickland, having Dorsey as an addition to the coaching staff will be a "huge bonus" for the team and should be extremely beneficial to the Cougars as they head into the season. Both she and Dorsey expect great things for the future of Catoclin's running sports.

Catoclin's soccer program, has had organized training for months. Just as they have done in past years, coaches Robert Phelan and Kevin Smith have taken it upon themselves

to provide training to both new recruits and returning players.

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

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

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

The coaches have not only been giving the players opportunities for summer training, but also chances to

improve their skill with a ball. This year's camp, which took place in the last week of June, was the second Catoclin soccer camp that was organized by Challenger Sports. The organization sends elite coaches from a variety of international countries to Catoclin so that campers can get the most out of the week-long event. For both returning and incoming players, the camp was a great opportunity to further develop soccer skills, especially since the instructors have so much experience with the sport.

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

Like the boys' team, the girls' soccer program has also been without a junior varsity team for the past couple of years. Knowing this, Phelan has also made it a priority to attract more girls to the sport. Even though he is a coach for the boys' team, his involvement with the girls' team is no less than it is with the boys. In fact, most of his nonmandatory practices are co-ed, so that both teams can adapt to higher levels of competition. Additionally, the scrimmages he holds at the end of practices allow both teams to get used to game-like situations.

On days when Phelan, Smith, or Felichko cannot hold training, the girls' head coach, Megan Olsen, will



Soon-to-be sophomore Laith Machhour dribbles the ball towards the goal during an after-school scrimmage.

organize group conditioning sessions. Olsen, an alumna from Catoclin High School herself, will have been the head coach for two years in a row after this season. Her personal experience as a soccer player has lead her to continue her soccer career into her adult life and coach the team she once played for. Also, her personal love for running and fitness keeps the girls on their toes and gives the team a physical advantage over teams whose stamina is not as advanced.

Just like the boys' team, the girls have also had some changes in coaching. In need of an assistant coach, the school hired Dave Zentz to help Olsen in training the team. As a father of two girls on the soccer team, Zentz is already very familiar with the program, and eager to provide his input on the team's strategy. Like Olsen, he is also a big advocate for personal fitness, and will see to it that the girls are prepared for the continuous weeks of competition. He has also had lots of experience coaching youth soccer, and even coached some of the high school-

ers when they were younger. Zentz is expected to be a great addition to the coaching staff, and the girls look forward to having him contribute his ideas to the team.

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

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Exercise to build your checking account

Renee Lehman

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

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

Your Qi is unique and exclusively your own. Your Qi is distinct from anyone else in the entire Universe. Your individual Qi developed at the time of your creation in the womb and will continue with you throughout your entire life.

As a reminder of the information in the May article, your Inborn Qi, is what you inherited from your parents. This type of Qi cannot be increased throughout

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

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

Many forms of modern exercise, i.e., running and any intense exercise programs, really waste more Qi than they build. These forms of intense exercise require you to expend a great deal of Qi just to per-

form them. In addition, if you perform these intense exercises outside in windy, rainy, cold, or very hot/humid weather, you expend even more Qi as your body attempts to stay balanced as it struggles with these extreme climates.

One of the principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) concerning exercise deals with the phrase: "Do you want cow muscles? Or cat muscles?" Watch a cat. One moment it can be sleeping, and in the next moment it can be jumping gracefully up onto a counter. The cat can move so smoothly and fluidly because its tendons are flexible. The cat's muscles are also slender. Whereas the cow has massive muscles, but if it doesn't move correctly, it will fall over. The cow will likely get hurt. The cat always seems to land safely on its feet.

You see, TCM states that strength comes from the tendons and not the muscles. Be like a cat that is strong, agile, and flexible. Don't be like a cow, which has huge muscles, but little real strength.

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

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



TCM states that strength comes from the tendons and points to cats as a perfect example. Cats can move smoothly and fluidly because their tendons are flexible.

If you continue to push and push, your body will give you signs that it is out of balance. You may develop pains, sports injuries or exhaustion. These signs are your body's way of saying, "Hey, I need a rest, I need healing, don't push!" But often we don't listen. We continue to push the body.

Rather than overworking your body, and withdrawing from your Qi Accounts, consider how you can "exercise" in a way that is more in harmony with Natural Law. Wouldn't it make sense to do the things that actually increase the Universal Life-force (Life-giving and Life-enhancing Qi)? What types of exercises can make energy deposits into your Qi Accounts?

The exercises should be water-like, soft and not hard (Think about the fact that our bodies are close to 70% water. By doing exercises like this you will be acting in harmony with Natural Law). Go for a walk in nature. Begin a meditation practice. Try noncompetitive swimming. Begin a healing meditative exercise practice like Yoga, Taiji or Qigong.

Meditation has been shown to create positive changes in the areas of the brain linked with emotion. It also increases immune function and blood flow, decreases blood pressure, and generally lowers heart rate.

Qigong incorporates gen-

tle movements that stretch your body's ligaments and muscles and help your Qi to move more smoothly throughout your body. When your Qi flows freely and smoothly, you become healthier and more balanced.

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

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

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

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FITNESS AND HEALTH

Being sedentary affects your health

Linda Stultz
Certified Fitness Trainer

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

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

Retirement is a time to enjoy the hobbies we always wanted to do but did not have the time while working, enjoying more time with family and

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

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

Many people who sit at home and do not interact with others find themselves feeling depressed and losing the energy and mobility they use to have. The best

advice I have ever heard for someone who is thinking about retiring is to make a plan for what you are going to do. Be sure to have a hobby or something that will keep you busy and engaged in life. I know it sounds great to have nothing to do and be able to just relax but I also know that a person can

feel lost when they wake up one morning and have no job to go to. All of a sudden you feel you have no purpose and realize you don't know what to do now.

Everything I have been writing is not just geared toward seniors. Everybody, no matter what age needs to exercise and lead an active

lifestyle in order to keep their health thriving. Children, teens, adults and seniors will all benefit from keeping busy and moving. The sooner you start moving the longer you will be able to live the active life you enjoy and be able to keep going with ease as you age.

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ASTRONOMY

The night sky of July

Professor Wayne Wooten

For July 2019, the new moon occurs on July 2nd. On the 3rd, the very young crescent lies below the planets Mars and Mercury in twilight, about 40 minutes after sunset. Use binocs. The next evening, the waxing crescent is to the upper left of the planets; Mars is fainter, to the right, and brighter Mercury to the left. The first quarter moon is on July 9th. The waxing gibbous moon is right of Jupiter on July 12, and to the left of it on July 13th. It is just to the right of Saturn on July 15th. The full moon, the Hay Moon, is on July 16th, and gives a partial eclipse for observers on the other side of the world.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for July 2019; 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. There is also a video exploring the July sky from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: http://hubblesite.org/explore_astronomy/tonights_sky/. Sky & Telescope has highlights at <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/astronomy-podcasts/> for observing the sky each week of the month.



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

In July, Mercury, Venus, and Mars are all too close to the sun for convenient viewing, but the outer giants Jupiter and Saturn are at their best. Jupiter is well placed for evening observers in Ophiuchus. It was at opposition on June 5th, and is now well up in the SE as twilight falls. Any small scope will also spot its four Galilean moons. The Great Red Spot is undergoing great changes now, perhaps disappearing? It should also be spotted among its clouds at 100X with even small scopes.

But the most beautiful object in the

sky is Saturn, which came to opposition in Sagittarius on July 9th. It is not quite as open as last year. Look closely for its large moon Titan, and also perhaps for smaller moons Dione, Rhea, and Tethys. Download the program Stellarium at www.stellarium.org and you can zoom in on the planets to find the layout of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn at any moment.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion is in the SW. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller gal-

axy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky.

Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley. Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. Jupiter lies just east of Spica this July. North of Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, is where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years distant.

To the east, Hercules is well up, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from

Carl Sagan's novel and movie, "Contact"), rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. At the opposite end of the parallelogram of Lyra is M-57, the Ring Nebula.

Northeast of Lyra is Cygnus, the Swan, flying down the Milky Way. Its bright star Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross" is one of the luminaries of the Galaxy, about 50,000 times more luminous than our Sun and around 3,000 light years distant. Under dark skies, note the "Great Rift", a dark nebula in front of our solar system as we revolve around the core of the Milky Way in the Galactic Year of 250 million of our own years.

To the east, Altair is the third bright star of the summer triangle. It lies in Aquila the Eagle, and is much closer than Deneb; it lies within about 13 light years of our Sun. Use your binocs to pick up many clusters in this rich region of our own Cygnus spiral arm rising now in the east.

To the south, Antares is well up at sunset in Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Scorpius is the brightest constellation in the sky, with 13 stars brighter than the pole star Polaris! Note the fine naked eye clusters M-6 and M-7, just to the left of the Scorpion's tail. Beautiful Saturn now sits well north of the stinger on the scorpion's tail.

Just a little east of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which lies toward the center of the Milky Way. From a dark sky site, you can pick out the fine stellar nursery, M-8, the Lagoon Nebula, like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout.

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Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:

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Tornado Watch: The Town and Country Almanack sees possible tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region from the 8th to the 10th of the month.

Full Moon: July's Full Moon will occur on July 16th Thunder Moon was the name given to it by many Native Americans due to the high number of thunderstorms, some quite severe, that happened during this month in some areas. Buck

Moon is another name given it due the appearance of antlers on young bucks in July and since hay tended to ripen at this time of year, and because of the appearance of young corn on the stalks, it was also given the names Hay Moon and Ripe Corn Moon.

Special Notes: The 'Dog Days of Summer' begin on Wednesday, July 3rd and will continue into mid-August.

Holidays: Independence Day falls on Thursday. If enjoying the holiday outdoors this year (and The Almanack is predicting perfect weather!), be sure to remember sunscreen. Apply it frequently to yourself and the kids, especially if swimming or engaging in strenuous activities like sports or hiking.

The Garden: Continue to keep the garden adequately watered (that is, if July's forecasted wet weather is not enough!). Expect plants to do well with all of the rain predicted in July but as the summer continues, be sure to make up for what Mother Nature neglects to provide.

Order bulbs now for fall planting, to get the best selection of varieties. Lots of spring-blooming bulbs are deer-resistant. Avoid tulips and crocus, and enjoy carefree alliums, winter aconite, snowdrops, snowflake, Siberian squill, glory-of-the-snow, Puschkinia, Fritillaria, and Anemone blanda. Grape hyacinths send up fall foliage, but even when it's browsed, it doesn't seem to affect their vigor

The Farm: Best for planting root crops (25, 26); weeding and stirring the soil (1, 4, 5); planting above-ground crops (2, 3, 10, 11, 12); harvesting all crops (13, 14, 17, 18, 19); the best days for setting hens and incubators (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25); the slaughtering and butchering of meat (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 31); transplanting (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 31) the weaning of all small animals and livestock (13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21); harvesting and storing grains (1, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31).

J. Gruber's Thought For Today's Living

"The freedoms we enjoy today are the inheritance left us by our forebearers as a result of their sacrifices in achieving them."

COMPUTER Q&A

Backing up personal data

Aysë Stenabaugh
Jester's Computer

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

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Firefox users can export their bookmarks by opening the browser and either by pressing Control+Shift+B, or by clicking the bookcase icon in the top right of the screen (just below the minimize button). Then click on "bookmarks" and then "show all bookmarks" at the bottom of that menu. A window labeled "library" will open and you can then click on "import and backup". Here you have the option for both backup and export bookmarks to HTML. Choosing backup will give you the option to save a JSON file which includes all of your Firefox data including settings, bookmarks and passwords. Choosing "export bookmarks to HTML" will allow you to save just a backup of your bookmarks. Having a separate copy of your bookmarks is a good idea, in the event that your Firefox data is damaged or corrupt, you could still access your saved bookmarks.

Microsoft Edge users who are logged into a Microsoft Account on their PC will not have to manually backup data since it is saved to your account. If you aren't using a Microsoft account or if you want to be absolutely sure this data is stored however, you can manually save a copy of your bookmarks. First open Edge and click on the three horizontal dots in the top right corner (just below the x). In

the menu that appears, click on settings, then click on "import favorites and other info". Here you will actually find the export to file option as well. Clicking on this will give you the option to save a copy of your bookmarks in an HTML format.

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Google Chrome users if you have a Google or Gmail account then you are halfway to password freedom! Just open your web browser and locate the "person" icon in the top right corner just to the left of the 3 vertical dots. Once here, you are able to sign in to

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Firefox users can utilize "Firefox sync" by following similar steps as Google users by clicking the "person" icon to the left of the three vertical lines in the top right corner of the browser.

Edge users who are logged into Microsoft accounts can sync data across devices when syncing is enabled. To access or change these settings open Edge and click on the three horizontal dots and then click on settings. Scrolling down will reveal an option under Accounts called "device sync settings". Going here will provide you with the power to choose what data is stored and what data syncs between devices.

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to your account and will be accessible any time you login. If you are using an application such as Outlook, Windows Live mail, or Thunderbird your address book will not be retained even if you are using an IMAP account. The steps to backup your address book can vary depending on the program you are using. Typically, once you are in your address book, you will see an option to export your address book somewhere within the same screen. If you don't want to potentially re-create your address book you should determine the best method of saving a copy of that data manually.

Emails – Most people are using the IMAP protocol to access their email. IMAP simply means that any data that you are seeing on your device, is located on the server, and

is not necessarily being stored on your device. If you are still using the POP protocol your email is being saved on your device and, unless settings are set to keep a copy of emails on the server, your emails will be lost if you don't have them saved elsewhere. There are different methods of saving your emails for different programs, if you are concerned that you might lose your emails in the event your device crashes, you should determine the best option to retain that information.

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July 4
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Liberty Mt. Resort's Music On the Mountain - featuring D-Bo & special Independence Day celebration with fireworks. Enjoy free outdoor concerts at the base of the mountain, plus food from the Alpine BBQ and craft brews from a local brewing company! For more information call 717-642-8282 or visit www.libertymountainresort.com.

July 5, 6 & 7
Annual Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment. The smoke and flame

of full scale artillery fire, the explosions and smell of black powder, smoke rings drifting in the air, the distinct pounding of thundering hooves and the metallic clash of mounted cold steel sabers will always be a highlight for both re-enactors and visitors at the annual Gettysburg Civil War Re-enactment. Besides these popular battles, there will be field demonstrations, live mortar fire, a living history village, medical demonstration area and two large living history tents with continuous programs all day. For more information visit www.gettysburgreenactment.com.

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

Seton Shrine's First Saturday Films - Mary Poppins. National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 South

Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg. For more information visit www.setonshrine.org.

Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital. This program brings to life the events which occurred in this Civil War hospital when 140 wounded and dying soldiers were sheltered in this beautiful church during and after the Battle of Gettysburg. Location is the Christ Lutheran Church, 44 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg. For more information call 717-334-5212.

July 7
Music, Gettysburg! presents Intermuse Festival Faculty Performance. For more information visit www.musicgettysburg.org or call 717-339-1334.

July 10
Liberty Mt. Resort's Music On the Mountain - featuring Redemption Road. Enjoy free outdoor concerts at the base of the mountain, plus food from the Alpine BBQ and craft brews from a local brewing company! For more information call 717-642-8282 or visit www.libertymountainresort.com.

July 12
Strawberry Hill's Nature of the Battlefield - join Strawberry Hill naturalists for our popular "Animal Ambassadors" program. Knowledgeable staff will teach about our Ambassadors, both native to Pennsylvania and non-native, including turtles, snakes, and a barred owl! Nature of the Battlefield is part of the sum-

mer campfire series at the Gettysburg National Military Park, hosted at the Pitzer Woods Amphitheater. To learn more about Strawberry Hill and the programs we offer, visit www.StrawberryHill.org or call 717-642-5840.

July 13
Taneytown Historical Society Museum's WWII Family Day. Military vehicles on display. WWII reenactors, Victory Garden display. Visit the Museum's feature exhibit "WWII impacts Hometown." For more information visit www.taneytownhh.org.

Frederick County Master Gardeners seminar: Materials will be provided. UME Office, 330 Montevue Lane, (off Rosemont Avenue), Frederick.

The Seton Shrine presents Frederick Symphony Orchestra Camerata Concert. We welcome everyone to join us to hear this talented group perform in our Basilica. For more information visit www.setonshrine.org.

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

July 17
Liberty Mt. Resort's Music On the Mountain - featuring Jewelweed. For more information call 717-642-8282 or visit www.libertymountainresort.com.

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Tues., July 2 -	Reagan Years \$500 Raffle Drawing Roast Turkey, Fried Chicken, Baked Ham Buffet
Wed., July 3 -	Special Ride All Night - 6 - 10:30 p.m. Full Effect Band \$500 Raffle Drawing Fried Shrimp, Roast Beef, Baked Ham Buffet
Thurs., July 4 -	Rock N' Roll Relies Special Ride All Night - 6 - 10:30 p.m. \$500 Raffle Drawing Crab Cake (1), Baked Ham, Roast Turkey Buffet
Fri., July 5 -	Gigantic FIREWORKS DISPLAY 10 P.M. The Shades \$500 Raffle Drawing Fried Chicken, Roast Beef & Country Ham Buffet
Sat., July 6 -	Dean Crawford & Dunns River Band Rides Special - 1 Ticket Per Ride (Students Only) \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing Fried Shrimp, Baked Ham, Roast Turkey or Roast Beef Buffet

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1:20-Hi Point 995 3mm	1:25 \$300	1:30-Savage 93R 17 FV55 17HMR	1:35 \$300
1:40-Remington 763 Walnut 270 Win	1:45 \$300	1:50-Remington 670 Exp Turkey Camo 12ga	1:55 \$300
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Music, Gettysburg! presents King's Brass. For more information visit www.musicgettysburg.org or call 717-339-1334.

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

Gettysburg National Park's 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landings at the Eisenhower farm. In recognition of President Eisenhower signing the act creating NASA, special family activities will focus on NASA and outer space. The Westminster Astronomical Society will be on site with astronomy and space displays, daytime solar viewing activities, and will offer a scale model solar system walk. A special junior ranger "Space Explorer" book developed by the National Park Service and NASA will be available to explore beyond

Earth. For more information call 717-338-4423 or visit www.nps.gov/eise.

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

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

July 20 & 21
Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival - Vintage baseball teams from around the country will gather in Gettysburg to compete in a different kind of baseball tournament. The games will be played just

as they were in 1863 - following the rules and wearing the uniforms from the 19th century. The weekend kicks off Friday night with a kids clinic and all clubs match at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park. During the all clubs match, spectators are encouraged to join in and try their hand at the game! 22 club teams from around the country will play in 22 games throughout Saturday and Sunday. Stroll down Steinwehr Avenue, learning about different aspects of 19th century baseball. Step back in time and enjoy a relaxing weekend watching 19th century baseball. For more information call 410-967-7482 or visit gettysburgbaseballfestival.com.

July 21
Music, Gettysburg! presents Gettysburg Big Band. Outdoors in

Schmucker's Grove next to Valentine Hall - The sweetest sounds this side of heaven! For more information visit www.musicgettysburg.org or call 717-339-1334.

July 24
Liberty Mt. Resort's Music On the Mountain - featuring Elly Cooke. For more information call 717-642-8282 or visit www.libertymountainresort.com.

July 28
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