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## Bittersweet farewell to Mount Class of 2024

**Dolores Hans  
MSMU class of 2025**

On Saturday, May 11th, Mount St. Mary's University bid farewell to the Class of 2024. In this month's edition of the News-Journal, we recognize our graduated staff members: Managing Editor, Claire Doll, Sports Editor Steven Morano, and Fine Arts Editor Ashley Walczyk. To say they will be missed is an understatement; their artistry and dedication have made this paper remarkable.

Claire Doll has been dedicated to the paper for three years. Upon graduation, she plans to teach English/language arts at a Maryland public school. She hopes to eventually obtain an MFA in Creative Writing or a Masters in Reading Education. Her love for writing and teaching, and subsequently, her skill, are a tremendous influence on the lives of those she meets. "I hope to promote reading and writing to middle/high school students and really emphasize writing as an art."

Just as Claire has been an asset to the Mount community, her college experiences have shaped her as well. From finding comfort in the

Mount's beautiful location to editing the collegiate literary magazine, Claire has found an abundance of opportunities in her four years. "My favorite experience at the Mount was student teaching at the Thurmont middle school and meeting a wonderful class of students," she says. "I was mentored by the best, and I learned how to manage and teach in a classroom before I even graduated."

Claire thanks Editor Mike Hillman and the rest of the News-Journal staff for a such a unique experience with the paper.

Steve Morano plans on attending the Mount's Richard Bolte School of Business in pursuit of a Masters in Sport Management. He also plans on becoming a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Sports Information for the Athletic Department at the Mount during that time as well. He has made many friends both on the club baseball team at the Mount, and through three years living on campus, as well as one year living off campus. "I also loved working in the History Department Office as a student worker for the past four years and getting to know my pro-



Unlike prior years where June finds us saying goodbye to our senior staff, this year we're lucky. Steve will be staying on to be the graduate advisor to our junior staff, and Claire will be authoring a column sharing her experiences as a new teacher, and we fondly hope Ashley gives us first dibs on stories she writes.

fessors and other faculty, especially my boss, Patricia McDermitt. I also would not have met my girlfriend, Karsen, if I did not attend the Mount." Steve plans to continue his work with the News-Journal as Graduate Advisor of the paper.

"I am eternally grateful for the institution and the faculty for making the last four years at the school the best period of my life," he says.

Ashley Walczyk has completed her degree in three! She reflects on extra-curriculars that she holds close to her heart, such as Mount Theatre and

Lighted Corners. Ashley is currently looking at opportunities for technical writing positions. "With my English degree, writing is something I focused heavily on...I thought it would be best to go with that as my job," she says. Ashley plans to stay in her hometown of York, Pennsylvania. "I plan on continuing writing creatively with aspirations of becoming a published author," says Ashley.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking these staff members and wishing them luck in the years to come!

## Woodsboro Bank celebrates 125th anniversary

On May 6, hundreds of community and business leaders showed up to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Woodsboro's own Woodsboro Bank.

The afternoon was filled with congratulatory speeches, yet none were so elegantly delivered, or more from the heart, than that delivered by Woodsboro Burgess Heath Barnes.

Barnes recited an exhaustive list of how the bank and the Town have worked together over many years. He thanked the bank for all the support they've given financing many of the town improvement programs, specifically noting that the bank will be providing the funds for the construction of the new Town Hall "at a rate that no other bank would even come close to providing," Barnes said.

"The bank," Barnes said, "is a true partner with the town and its people. Just as we see the bank as our bank, its employees see and treat us as their town. I could not be prouder of it or happier it calls our town home."

The highlight of the afternoon's events was the special presentation from the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation - a historic landmark plaque. These are awarded to buildings and structures that are

over 100 years of age, possess historical and/or architectural significance, and retain physical integrity.

The Woodsboro Savings Bank of Frederick County, with its banking house in Woodsboro, Maryland, was organized on May 1, 1899 with capital stock of \$25,000 and was chartered under the banking laws of Maryland. It was one of the very few financial institutions completely solvent in the bank closings of the early depression of the 1930's.

The Banking House, erected in 1901, a handsome, substantial edifice three stories high, built of brick with a fine pressed brick front, and equipped with vaults and safe of the latest design, being fire and burglar proof. Everything about the office was thoroughly up to date and nothing had been omitted that would add to the safety of the building. In 1954, a new annex was added to the bank which included a new directors' room, vault, and indoor restrooms. In 1965, the main banking room was completely remodeled. Today, the landmark building is a modern banking facility.

The bank was established in response to the growing agricultural, commercial, and residential needs of the County. The bank has



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remained steadfast in its commitment to providing accessible, local banking solutions for all. In an era where financial landscapes are constantly evolving, the longevity of the institution speaks volumes about their resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving their community.

Today, the Woodsboro Bank is the second largest independent bank in Frederick County. Only

the Middletown Bank beats it in terms of assets under management. Since its inception, the Bank has established multiple satellite offices in and around Frederick County. Based upon the number of business owners present at the 125th anniversary celebration, it has more than earned its reputation as a bank to turn to when needing funds, and a bank one can feel safe depositing one's savings with.

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# WOODSBORO / UNION BRIDGE NEWS

## Water rates set to rise by 25%

"It's the last thing I wanted to do," said a clearly frustrated Burgess Heath Barnes, "but we have no other options. The water and sewer systems aren't paying for themselves and we're constantly having to take money out of our General Fund to cover the shortfall. We just can't keep doing it."

In January, the Town's auditor recommended the Town Council cancel a \$400,000+ loan that it had been carrying in its books from its General Fund to its Water and Sewer Fund. The Town Council voted unanimously in favor of this action at last month's meeting.

Currently, all expenses associated with running the Town's water and sewer system, such as electricity, maintenance, equipment replacement costs, chemicals, and waste disposal, are charged directly to the Water and Sewer Fund. While the \$75,000/year salary of the support contractor who physically oversees the day-to-day operation of both

plants is charged to the Water and Sewer Fund, the salaries of the Town's two full time employees as well as the Town Manager are charged to the General Fund, regardless of whether or not they are working on items related to the water and sewer systems.

The "hours" the Town's two full-time employees work on Water and Sewer operations is tracked and these incremental charges create the bulk of the \$400,000 loan to the Water and Sewer Fund that has accumulated over the last 20+ years.

"By clearing up the loan on the books of the Water Fund," Barnes said, "it enabled the Town to get a better idea of what the true financial situation is with the Town's Water and Sewer Fund and in doing so, get a better understanding of how much it is costing the Town to run the water and sewer plant and to make sure we are at least close to breaking even on cost. Unfortunately, what

the number told us was not good."

Currently, residents pay a flat rate of \$17/quarter for a "connection fee" and \$4.60 for every 1,000 gallons of water they use. Under the new fee structure, the "connection fee" will increase to \$20/quarter and the cost of water will increase to \$5.75 for every 1,000 gallons of water used.

Residents currently pay a flat sewer rate of \$125/quarter for the first 10,000 gallons they take from the town water system. Under the new rate structure, the flat sewer rate will increase to \$140/quarter. For every 1,000 gallons of water/quarter used by a homeowner, an extra \$14 will be added to the quarterly bill.

"While a 25% rate increase may sound like a lot, for the average homeowner who uses 10,000 gallons of water a quarter, their quarterly bill will only go up \$34," said Barnes. "Even with the rate increase, we still have the cheapest water and sewer rates in the county."

## Woodsboro News-Briefs...

### Contract for street sweeping service approved

Thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Cutshall, Woodsboro once again will have its streets swept on a regular basis.

Following the revelation at the April Council meeting that the street sweeping service the Town had contracted with in 2021 had stopped coming last spring with no prior notification to the Town or reason given, Cutshall offered to take the lead in finding a replacement.

Cutshall was successful in his effort, and he subsequently toured the Town with a new contractor to scope out the extent of work. Due to the length of time since the last street cleaning, an extensive amount of debris has built up in the gutters, so the first street sweeping is expected to take 8 to 10 hours to

complete. After that, the contractor estimates it will take only 8 hours to sweep the streets at a cost of approximately \$1,200 to \$1,500 per sweep. The \$300 difference in final cost per sweep will be based upon the condition of the streets at the time.

Based upon an upper cost of \$1,500, Burgess Barnes recommended, and the Council agreed, that the Town should aim to have the streets swept at least once a quarter.

"We budgeted \$6,000 for street sweeping, so even if a sweeping takes longer than planned and we are billed at the upper end of the estimate, we have the money already set," said Barnes.

Barnes noted that the Town's AWOL street sweeper had given the Town an estimate for \$1,440 to \$1,920 per

sweep, "so we'll be getting the streets swept at a better rate than before."

### No news on Town Hall

A disappointed Barnes told the Town Council that the architect and builder of the new Town Hall had still not finalized the cost estimate for the project, so he had nothing new to present for review.

In hopes of getting construction underway as soon as possible, Barnes had suggested that the Council meet May 2, as opposed to its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14, to fast track the approval of the final design for the Town Hall and its cost.

If it had worked out, and the Contractor had given Barnes the estimate, the Council could have approved the

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project at the meeting, which would have allowed the contractor to get a two-week jump-start on acquiring all of the necessary County permits to start actual construction.

Barnes told the Council that when the estimate does come in, he will forward it to everyone for their review so they can fast track approval at the June Council meeting.

When beginning the process to build its first Town Hall several years ago, the Town was prepared to spend \$800,000.

That estimate, however, was blown out of the water when the bids came in, the lowest bid being \$1.6 million. As a result, Barnes and the Council have been actively reevaluating what amenities are needed to create the type of Town Hall they envisioned while reducing the cost to a level that the Town can afford.

Barnes noted that the builder and architect have recommended several changes to the original design that are major cost savings and will help get the total down to its \$1.1 million goal.

## Union Bridge mulls mayoral qualification criteria

The Town Council is considering establishing mandatory qualifications for the Town's mayor position. Requirements the Council is looking at include a candidate must live in the corporate limits of Town for two consecutive years and must attend three Council meetings within 12 months of nomination date. Candidates must also be nominated by a resident of at least two years and no write-ins will be allowed for the ballot.

Mayor Perry Jones pointed out that the Town does not want to make it difficult to become mayor, but several Carol County towns have seen this issue over the last several years, "and we just want to be ahead of the game."

Other municipalities have seen candidates running for local office who are lacking qualifications, including living status, and are abruptly seeking to make Town changes without ever having attended a Council meeting before. A considerable number of council members in these situations do not last even a year in office before they quit, stated Jones.

"I don't have a problem with anybody who wants to run for any office, but they ought to be coming to the meetings to at least know what a meet-

ing is all about and so they know how to conduct a meeting and things like that," he said. Additionally, Jones noted, some defeated candidates never return and attend meetings to stay up to date with Town happenings after the election.

According to the Maryland Municipal League, municipalities cannot legally require mayoral candidates to have first served on the Council, Jones said.

Citing efforts the Town has made to encourage participation in local government, Councilman Bret Grossnickle questioned the need to change election procedures and qualifications to run for Union Bridge mayor. "We certainly don't want to make it more difficult for someone to run when we have enough trouble getting people to run," Grossnickle said.

Grossnickle also voiced reservations against the Town's procedure of nominating potential candidates from the floor, calling it "unnecessary." These requirements could potentially prevent someone who qualifies for the position from throwing their hat in the ring because they didn't feel like jumping through hoops, according to Grossnickle.

Jones noted it is common procedure in many different committees to be

nominated and accepted before appearing on the ballot.

Jones encouraged anyone interested in running for local government or wanting to know about the happenings of their Town to attend the Council meetings instead of finding out second hand.

Grossnickle agreed, noting his own inexperience when he began on the Council. "You have to start somewhere," he said.

### FY 24/25 Budget Approved

At its April 22 meeting, the Union Bridge Town Council approved its FY 25 Budget.

Several work meetings went into the draft budget which includes expenditures and revenue of \$1,174,714, according to Mayor Perry Jones.

The town tax rate will remain at 35 cents per \$100 of full value assessment of property in town. The personal property tax rate is proposed to remain at 75 cents per \$100 assessed value, he said.

New Water Contaminant Limits Announced

In other business Town Attorney Mandi Porter noted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized the maximum contaminant limit for forever

PFOS and PFOA chemicals at four parts per trillion for each contaminant.

A remediation program for the town's drinking water has been an ongoing discussion in town. The town is hoping for more grants from the state as well as receiving funding from municipal litigation, Porter said.

Two of the most prevalent PFAS compounds, FOA and PFOS, were identified in samples taken from the town's water system in 2022, with concentration of 3.78 parts per trillion (ppt) and 16.7 ppt respectively, resulting in the distribution of a public notice as required by MDE.



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# WALKERSVILLE NEWS

## No tax increase for FY-25 budget

The Town's FY-25 budget was introduced at the April Council meeting. The budget does not include a property tax rate increase, which will stay at 14 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The budget is broken up into two main categories, also known as funds. The General Fund is used for paying day-to-day Town operating expenses, which include office salaries, insurance, vehicle maintenance, &c, and the Water Fund pays for operation of the water plant.

For FY-25, General Fund income is estimated to be \$4,847,768, with expenditures of \$5,914,087. The deficit of \$1,066,319 is primarily due to Capital Project expenses. To offset the difference, the Town will be adding \$1,066,319 from the surplus fund to the revenue to "balance" the budget.

Town Manager Sean Williams explained that the deficit will be

covered using carryover funds from prior years when the Town failed to spend all the budgeted monies. Williams pointed out that while the Town was fortunate to be able to draw upon this surplus, it is getting smaller each year and the ability to pull from it may soon no longer be an option.

Principle sources of revenue for the General Fund are property taxes of \$1,158,873 (increase of \$96,540 in FY-25) and State income taxes of \$1,241,183 (increase of \$57,143 in FY-25). Other notable changes in revenues include Program Open Space revenue decreasing from \$243,600 in FY24 to \$45,000 in FY-25.

General Fund expenditures are set to increase by \$100,585. The main sources of the increase are trash collection and yard waste pickup costs. Williams explained that fuel surcharges and dumping fees are a big

part of these expenses. Maintenance salaries are also projected to increase by \$30,000. Project Open Space work, however, will see a decrease in expenditure of \$70,565.

With the Maple and Maryland Avenue Road reconstruction projects all but wrapped up, the Capital Projects portion of the General Fund expenditures will see a decrease of \$1,528,200 to \$1,131,196. FY-25 projects include the purchase of a dump truck with salt spreader & snowplow, a stump grinding skid steer, an additional skid steer, and a tractor cap, as well as the renovation to the Public Works building, all totaling \$208,200.

The Water Fund revenues are expected to increase from \$1,449,000 to \$4,880,757, an increase of \$3,431,757.85. The large jump is primarily driven by the infusion of \$3,138,837 from The American Rescue Fund Act (ARPA), which will be

allotted to cover the cost of the Discovery water main replacement. The remainder of the increase comes from water usage charges (\$120,000) and the special assessment fee (\$152,920) designed to help pay back the loan for the water plant at \$100 per residence.

Water Fund expenditures include minor increases for building maintenance, salaries, and the cost of chemicals for water treatment. The most substantial expenditure in the Water Fund will be the Discovery water main replacement.

Commissioners Gary Baker and Tom Gilbert were both concerned by the \$3,380,000 price tag for the project. Williams explained that the engineering stage and the first two phases are covered by ARPA funds. "It's the years following that will be a challenge because we need around \$1,500,000 for each phase. This is why raising rates is important," he said.

Williams said the project can-

not wait any longer as the water main is experiencing more and more breaks, and even though they plan on doing the worst parts first and phasing the rest in, Town staff expect it to be at least a 10-year project. "I would love to see this done in two years, but we just don't have the money for it," Williams said. "We also need to consider that Glade Town will need a water main replacement soon and there is the Green Street project to consider, plus whatever else that comes up."

Williams pointed out that after the water mains are fixed, they will need to redo the roads, adding to the cost for the repairs.

Expressing concern about the ability of the Town to fund the work needed down the road, Gilbert suggested the Council look at raising the water rates. "An increase in water rates of 10% every year is the easiest way possible. In three years, that gives us about \$350,000 in profit. It won't pay for all of the projects, but every little bit helps."

## Commission considers options with Comprehensive Plan

The Town Council, in a vote of 3-2, sent the Comprehensive Plan back to the Planning Commission to remove the 115-acre Staley property from future development and keep it as it is currently zoned, industrial agriculture. This decision is in response to Walkersville residents stating their objections to the inclusion of any development at the draft Comprehensive Plan public workshop review meeting in April.

Town Attorney Leslie Powell explained to the Commission that the entire Plan was sent back for review because the main focus of the Plan is "slow growth," and if the Commission removes the Staley property from future development without exploring other properties, the entire Plan won't make sense. "If you just take the Staley property out, the Plan will not be consistent with the other work that has been done," said Powell.

Chair David Ennis asked why the Burgess and Commissioners didn't just remove the Staley property from the Plan and approve the rest of it. Powell explained that the "slow growth" view that the Commission created was interwoven throughout the Plan and the removal of one item could unravel the rest of it.

If the Staley property is removed from the Plan for development, the Town would have approximately 20 to 25 units available for future development, according to Staff Liaison Susan Hauver. She explained that subdividing larger lots would be the Town's best option. Member Jeremy Peterson concurred, adding that there are properties in Town sitting dormant that could be changed to residential zoning to meet the demand for "slow growth."

Vice-Chair Mike Kuster said he was concerned with just changing the Staley property back to its original zoning, industrial agriculture, saying "that zoning doesn't fit the neighborhood." If the property was changed fully to industrial, it wouldn't be fair to the Longley Green townhome residents, which are located East of the Staley property, because with that zoning, they would likely end up with an industrial development such as warehouses and solar panel fields in their back yards. Conversely, changing the zoning completely to agriculture would put Staley in a difficult position as to what to do with his property.

Mike Staley, owner of the Staley property, asked if the Commission would consider making half of his property available for residential use and leaving the other as agricultural. He suggested they could develop the 28 acres of land closest to the already existing Townhomes at Longley Green. He also mentioned that his farm is currently leased by a resident who was against developing Staley's farm at the public hearing in April. Kuster added, "This is a farm, but it is also at the end of Main Street. This is where you would naturally see the next development go."

An avid supporter of having some development in the Plan, Commissioner Mary Ann Bro-

die Ennis was encouraged to hear Staley's suggestion to develop half the property. "A town that doesn't grow, dies," she said. "This would be a good opportunity to create affordable housing in Walkersville." Resident Chris Reagan argued that a town the size of Walkersville would be unlikely to die from no development. "As Frederick continues to spread, Walkersville looks more attractive as an escape from the sprawl that is Frederick," he said.

Ennis pointed out that most of the residents who were present at

the Council's public meeting live on Devilbiss Road. "I heard people say develop anywhere but the Staley property. So, it's not that they don't want growth, but that they don't want it in their backyards."

The Commission decided to hold off on any decisions about the Plan until all members were present, as Members Russell Winch and Nathan Shatto were not at the meeting. Once the Commission makes their changes, the Plan will need to hold another public hearing.



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# FROM THE DESK OF...

## Congressman David Trone

From the day I decided to enter public service, I made the commitment that I would never make it about me. I had seen too many politicians make empty promises that didn't make a real difference.

I saw it growing up on the farm when my Dad was struggling with alcoholism and lost everything to bankruptcy. I saw it when my business was beginning to grow, and corrupt elected officials did everything they could to stop me. I saw it when my nephew Ian told me that he was addicted to opioids. I wanted to be different. I wanted to be a public servant, not a politician.

That's why, when the results came in for the primary election last month showing that we hadn't won, I didn't spend the following days doubting the results or wallowing in self-pity. I met

with my team and made a plan for what we could accomplish in the time I have left as your Congressman.

I've been incredibly proud to represent the 6th District for these last three terms. Not just because it's a beautiful district with a diverse group of hard-working people (it is.) I'm especially proud because I see the potential in every community. I recognize the economic engine that needs a little bit of fine-tuning before it races down the road. It's been an honor to play a small role in making that vision a reality. And I'm more confident than ever in what we'll be able to accomplish before my successor takes office in January.

First, we must continue to make progress on the opioid and mental health crises that have a grip on communities across Western Maryland. More

than 100,000 Americans will die of an overdose this year. That is far too many. Through my time in public service, I've harnessed the power of the federal government to deliver funds and resources to tackle this issue, and we've made real strides. In the coming months, I'll continue to build coalitions on Capitol Hill and throughout our communities so that this positive progress continues.

We must make sure that Western Maryland has a strong voice on Capitol Hill, delivering funds to invest in our infrastructure, create jobs, and provide economic justice for our families. I've been proud to serve on the Appropriations Committee, securing tens of millions of dollars to fund roads, bridges, community centers, and more in every county in the 6th District. I will continue to advocate as strongly as I possi-

bly can until my final day in office.

We also must continue to put mental health at the forefront of our collective conversations. Too many people are suffering in the shadows. Too many fall victim to the stigma and are fearful to admit that they're not okay. Too many lose their battle to this deadly disease. It breaks my heart, and it ignites a fire in me to make a difference — because this is personal to my family. This is a bipartisan issue that will take bipartisan solutions to solve it. And I will continue to be a leader to bring these conversations to light.

I'll do all of this and more because I believe in public service. I'm on a mission. And I'm more motivated than ever to use the time I have left in office to make an impact. That's why I decided to do this in the first place. It was never about fame — it was about progress.

What I found over my years of public service is that this progress is only possible if the pervasive influence of special

interests is stopped. I've delivered these results because I was able to reject the PACs, lobbyists, and corporations who bang on the doors of politicians in Washington day after day. Their efforts to defeat me should be no surprise to any of us — I wear their opposition as a badge of honor.

It has truly been an honor to be your Congressman for the past 6 years. I've met some incredible folks along the way — some of the most resilient, determined, and compassionate people who share our mission to make lives better for families across the district. And I couldn't have done it without your support every step of the way. While I'm disappointed that I won't be your next Senator, I am more optimistic than ever about our future.

We've done so much together over the past 6 years. We'll accomplish even more over the next 7 months. Just wait and see.

## Woodsboro Burgess Heath Barnes

Greetings and welcome to Summer. Summer is my favorite season. With summer also comes children being out of school. I urge you to use caution as more children will be out and about enjoying their summer break, and may not always be aware when they are crossing the street etc.

At our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, which was held earlier in the month so that we could meet the minimum of 30-day notice of giving out the budget before voting on it, we had a quiet meeting. I would like

to thank the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department for accommodating us and allowing us to use the facilities at the last minute as our regular meeting place was being used.

Our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be busy as we will be voting on the upcoming budget. Although not a lot of changes were made, we did have to make a few to accommodate the ever-changing rise in prices for our water and sewer. I am also happy to announce that we have received an adjusted building cost proposal for the town hall. I will

be presenting that to the council along with financing options from Woodsboro Bank to be voted on. The hope is we can make this new proposal quote work and we will finally be starting the much-anticipated town hall.


We had several exciting events in Woodsboro during May. The first was the celebration of Woodsboro Banks' 125th anniversary. They are the oldest locally owned bank in the county and the ceremony brought in elected officials and members from government offices from across the county and

state to Woodsboro for the celebration. In addition, long-time bank employee JR Delauter was able to secure a historic plaque for the building from the Frederick County Landmarks Association. It is very exciting as the building that houses the headquarters was built in 1901 and at one time was the home of the opera house, the post office, and many other things as well as the bank. The first Artisan farmers market was held at Trout's grocery store on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. The rain did not hold out, so it had to be moved from Saturday but was still a nice event. The annual Memorial Day parade that is put on by the American Legion took place on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful event as always for our town. Thank you to all who participated in the parade or came out to enjoy it.

We did sign a contract as requested by multiple town residents with a new street sweeper company. We are going to start off having them sweep 4 times a year but may go up to 6 times per year based on the need.


If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, or compliments please feel free to reach out to me at [hbarnes@woodsboro.org](mailto:hbarnes@woodsboro.org) or by phone at 301-401-7164.

*Woodsboro Town meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm. In addition, Planning and Zoning meetings are at 6pm on the First Monday of the month as needed. If you have an item for the agenda, it needs to be submitted 14 days before the P&Z meeting. The current location for meetings is the St. Johns United Church of Christ located at 8 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The public is always invited to attend.*



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# GOVERNMENT

## County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Summertime is here! Don't let the season pass you by without spending time out in our amazing community. Walk a nature trail at one of our parks. Catch up with old friends at a local brewery. Visit one of our farm-based creameries. We are fortunate to live in a place with so much to offer.

Our traditions help to make Frederick County special. Woodsboro's annual Memorial Day celebration is an excellent example. After watching the parade, we gathered at the American Legion to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms.

### Home Stretch Grants

Having access to high-speed internet is essential in today's world. We need broadband to do homework, apply for jobs, and so much more. But connecting can be a challenge, especially for those who live in rural areas. Running fiber from the closest road to a house with a long driveway can be incredibly expensive. Service providers often charge thousands of dollars to install fiber down a long driveway.

That's why I'm excited to announce a new opportunity for residents in the rural parts of the county. Frederick County's Office of Broadband received a \$1.1 million grant through the State's Home Stretch - Difficult to Serve Properties program. The grant is funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Frederick County is using our award to help homeowners with the upfront cost of running

fiber to their houses.

Households that may qualify for the Home Stretch program will receive a postcard from the Office of Broadband. Residents who do not receive a postcard may fill out a survey to see if they are eligible for the Home Stretch grant or other broadband funds. The survey can be found online at [PublicInput.com/HomeStretch](https://PublicInput.com/HomeStretch). Funds will be awarded on a first-come basis.

Since the County's Office of Broadband was formed in 2021, the three-person staff has secured an estimated \$20 million in grants. When all the programs are implemented, Frederick County will have high-speed service available to approximately 97% of households.

### Sustainability Awards

Do you know someone who works hard to protect our environment? The County's Sustainability Commission is accepting nominations for its 2024 Sustainability Awards. The annual award recognizes people and organizations that are committed to environmental stewardship and furthering progress toward Frederick County's climate and ecological goals. Applications will be accepted through the end of June.

The Commission recognizes significant contributions that help Frederick County go green. Some examples include implementing energy efficiency programs, encouraging the use of renewable energy, improving air or water qual-

ity, conserving resources, restoring or protecting natural habitats, and removing litter. Winners will be recognized at a special event.

To learn more about the awards program [FrederickCountyMD.gov/Sustainability-Awards](https://FrederickCountyMD.gov/Sustainability-Awards). You can also reach out to Sustainability Program Administrator Tiara Lester at 301-600-1416 or [TLester@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:TLester@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

### Legislative Wrap-up

The Maryland General Assembly meets each year for a 90-day legislative session. This year, they considered over 3,000 bills! Frederick County's Government Relations team was in Annapolis during the session to advocate for our priorities. We submitted testimony on 63 bills, worked with the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) to testify on 312 bills, and analyzed the fiscal impact of more than 90 bills.

After the dust settled from the whirlwind session, Governor Moore has signed many of the new bills into law. In fact, the Governor signed a bill designed to help Frederick County revamp our historic preservation tax credit. The current tax credit was so limited that it has

only been used 17 times. Frederick County takes pride in our rich history, and we know we can do better to support preservation. After the act takes effect June 1, our outdated tax credit will end and I will introduce legislation to establish a new tax credit based on the cost of rehabilitating a qualifying property.

We were disappointed that one of our priority bills did not move out of committee. The bill would have prohibited unsafe tubing for propane and methane gas in homes. Low-rated corrugated stainless-steel tubing (CSST) is prone to failing, particularly after lightning strikes, causing gas leaks. CSST malfunctions led to the deaths of two firefighters in Maryland, including the 2021 death of Frederick County Battalion Chief Joshua Laird and the 2018 death of Howard County's Lt. Nathan Flynn.

The Laird Flynn Act of 2022 banned the use of non-arc-resistant CSST. But potential safety issues remain. I am proud to work with both Sara Laird and Cease Flynn to continue advocating for safer building materials. We will bring this initiative back for the 2025 legislative session.

### Laws of Interest Locally


Lochlin's Law requires hospitals and

urgent care centers to follow a uniform set of protocols for patients with sepsis. Frederick County residents Brooke and Bill DeSantis started the Love for Lochlin Foundation to increase awareness of the dangers of sepsis after the tragic loss of their 5-year-old son to flu-sepsis. Governor Moore signed this bipartisan bill into law last month, making Maryland a leader on this issue.

Another new law requires movie theaters to run screens of movies with closed captions. Frederick County Government worked with the local nonprofit Maryland Deaf Community Center and with Maryland School for the Deaf to support this bill. My administration is committed to promoting inclusivity for the 52,000 Deaf and hard-of-hearing people who call Frederick County home.

The Freedom to Read Act establishes standards for school library media programs that help to protect library materials from partisan, ideological, or religious censorship. The General Assembly also repealed a 1950s law that required people who violated the City of Frederick's ordinance to work on a road crew. I am proud to support the removal of this provision, which was rooted in the Jim Crow era, to help rid our laws of the systematic racism and classism woven into them.

**TOWN OF WOODSBORO**




**NOTICE OF A  
PROPOSED REAL  
PROPERTY TAX  
RATE INCREASE**

For the taxable year beginning July 1, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Woodsboro proposes to increase real property tax rates from \$0.1409 per \$100 of assessment to \$0.1800 per \$100 of assessment.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7 p.m. on June 11, 2024 at St. John's UCC, 8 N. Second Street (parking and entry in the rear of the church).

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-898-3800 for further information.



**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF WOODSBORO  
WATER AND SEWER  
RATE INCREASE**

The Woodsboro Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the social hall of St. John's UCC, 8 North Second Street, Woodsboro (parking and entrance is in the back of the church) to discuss and adopt the FY25 Budget with revisions to the water and sewer rates.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-898-3800 for further information.

**Mary E. Rice  
Town Clerk**

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# 2023 Walkersville Treated Water Quality Report

The Town of Walkersville is pleased to present the 2023 Annual Drinking Water Report for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

Source water for the Town's water system originates as groundwater that is pumped from three wells located in a highly-productive limestone aquifer. The limestone in the aquifer possesses large voids, or cavities, where the source water is stored. Springs and sinkholes are typically found within limestone aquifer areas. The presence of sinkholes allows for surface water to mix readily with groundwater, so the state has categorized the Town water system as groundwater under the influence of surface water. Thus, the Town's level of water treatment is equal to that of a surface water source system.

The Town of Walkersville strives to keep our valued water customers informed about their water utility provider. If you have any questions about this report or your water utility, please contact Matt Orndorff, our Water Superintendent at 301-845-4500. To remain abreast of Town matters, including water service, please attend the twice monthly Town meetings of the Burgess and Commissioners. Town meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Town Hall Office located at 21 W. Frederick St., Walkersville.

In accordance with state and federal laws, the Town's Department of Public Works routinely monitors for contaminants in the Town's drinking water. As source water travels underground or over land, it can acquire substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, is reasonably expected to contain trace amounts of the aforementioned contaminants and it should be noted that mere presence does not necessarily pose a health risk. To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA), enforces regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration, FDA, enforces regulations to limit contaminants in bottled water which provides the same protection for public health.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Walkersville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take

responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the Town of Walkersville at 301-845-4500. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration

PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater, and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conducted a PFAS monitoring program for Community Water Systems from 2020 to 2022. The results are available on MDE's website: [www.mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Pages/PFAS-Landing-Page.aspx).

The EPA proposed regulations for 6 PFAS compounds in drinking water in March 2023. The MCLs for PFOA and PFOS are proposed to be 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The proposal for HFPO-DA (GenX), PFBS, PFNA and PFHxS is to use a Hazard Index of 1.0 (unitless) to determine if the combined levels of these PFAS pose a risk and require action.

The 5th Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) began testing for 29 PFAS compounds and lithium in 2023, and testing will run through 2025. The UCMR5 should test all community water systems with populations of at least 3300 people. Three randomly selected sys-

tems in Maryland with populations less than 3300 people will also be tested under the UCMR5. Detections greater than the minimum reporting levels for each constituent should be reported in the CCR.

Sources of Water (ground water): Well 1 - FR720037, located approximately 500 ft. West of Md. 194; Well 2 - FR810307, located approximately .25 miles West of Md. 194; and Well 3 - FR815107, located approximately .300 ft. East of Fountain Rock Road.

## DEFINITIONS:

*Aug* - Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

*Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL* - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Level 1 Assessment* - A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

*Level 2 Assessment* - A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

*Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL* - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

*Na* - Not applicable

*Mrem* - Millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

*ppb* - Micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

*ppm* - Milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

*Treatment Technique or TT* - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

The following tables show the results of the monitoring period between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

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## REGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2023	1.3	1.2 – 1.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	2	0 – 3.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	4	0.77 – 6.08	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	10/12/22	0.68	0.68 – 0.68	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	2023	9	2.64 – 8.85	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2021	0.19	-	1.3	1.3	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

## TURBIDITY

	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest Single Measurement	1 NTU	0.09 NTU	N	Soil runoff.

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	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lowest Monthly % Meeting Limit	0.3 NTU	100%	N	Soil runoff.

The Town of Walkersville works around the clock to provide top quality water to every customer. Please contact our office, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., if you have any questions about the information presented in this 2023 Town of Walkersville Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.



# COUNTY NOTES

## County Secures \$1.1 Million Grant to Expand Broadband Along Home Stretch

Frederick County's Office of Broadband will receive \$1.1 million to help bring broadband service to rural homes. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development awarded a Fiscal Year 2024 grant to Frederick County as part of the State's Home Stretch – Difficult to Serve Properties program. The goal is to reduce the cost property owners must pay to bring wired broadband service to their houses. In rural areas, service providers often charge thousands of dollars to run fiber from the closest road to a house with a long driveway.

"Broadband service is essential in today's world," County Executive Jessica Fitzwater said. "People need the Internet for school, to apply for jobs, and to telework. I'm incredibly proud of the work our Office of Broadband is doing to expand access to high-speed Internet to nearly all parts of Frederick County."

Since the Office of Broadband was formed in 2021, the three-person staff has secured an estimated \$20 million in grants. When all the programs are implemented, Frederick County will have service available to approximately 97% of households.

Households that may qualify for the Home Stretch program will receive a mailing from the Office of Broadband. Residents who do not receive a postcard may submit a survey to determine their eligibility. The survey can be found online at [PublicInput.com/HomeStretch](http://PublicInput.com/HomeStretch). Funding is limited. Money will

be distributed on a first-come basis.

Funding for Maryland's Home Stretch grants come from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Capital Projects Fund. Counties could apply for up to \$1.1 million, making Frederick County's grant amount the maximum possible.

To learn more about Frederick County's Office of Broadband, a part of the Division of Interagency Information Technologies, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Broadband](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Broadband).

## Green Homes Program Launches to Help Create Energy-Efficient Households

Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater announced the launch of a new initiative to assist residents who want to lower home energy costs and live more sustainably. The new Green Homes Program, managed by the Division of Energy and Environment, is open to all county residents. The project is funded by a nearly \$1 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program.

"These initiatives will contribute to making Frederick County a more energy-efficient, more resilient, and more inclusive community, by assuring that our work to reduce energy use and address climate change includes everyone," County Executive Fitzwater said. "By helping our ALICE households reduce their energy use, we not only help reduce green house gases, but we help families stretch their hard-earned dollars."

"I am thrilled that our work has garnered the support of the EPA and that

we are able to work with amazing community partners to give voice to and affect positive change for our community," said Tiara Lester, Sustainability Program Administrator in the Division of Energy and Environment. "Sustainability is for everyone, and together we can make that happen."

The Green Homes Program has three main components:

The Green Compass program provides Community Navigators to assist residents in finding, understanding, and benefiting from local, state, and federal programs and incentives that can help improve their home environment, lower energy costs, and live sustainably.

The Green Homes Challenge is a guide to sustainable living that provides participants with incentives and defined actions to support saving energy, making environmentally friendly choices, and using renewable energy.

The goal of our Green Partnerships is to ensure that all Frederick County residents can benefit from sustainable living. By working with local organizations and community stakeholders, we make "going green" more possible for underserved and overburdened communities.

Community partners include Mobilize Frederick, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, and the Asian American Center of Frederick. These organizations will help to build resilience, educate about air quality and climate, and engage community members. To learn more, visit [FrederickCountyMD.gov/GreenHomes](http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/GreenHomes).

Frederick County was one of 88 Environmental Justice grants awarded

nationally, and one of only four awarded in the D.C./Maryland/Virginia region.

## County Office Of Economic Development Partners To Empower Local Businesses Through Mentorship Program

The Frederick County Office of Economic Development is delighted to announce its collaboration with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Maryland Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) for the 2024 Spring EmPOWER mentorship program. This joint effort is aimed at empowering traditionally underrepresented and small business owners in Frederick County by providing them with support and resources.

"We are incredibly excited about this partnership with the SBDC and MBOC for the EmPOWER mentorship program," said Lara Fritts, Director of the Frederick County Division of Economic Opportunity. "By leveraging our collective resources and expertise, we aim to provide Frederick County's small and underrepresented businesses with the necessary tools and knowledge to thrive in today's competitive business landscape."

Through this partnership, the EmPOWER Mentorship Program will integrate renowned Pathways to Entrepreneurship Curriculum. Tailored to validate foundational concepts in entrepreneurship and small business management, this curriculum equips participants with the essential skills and knowledge necessary for entrepreneurial success. Mentees will be guided through

the business planning process, granted access to various resources, and given the opportunity to earn an Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification.

"We are thrilled to join forces with the Frederick County Office of Economic Development for the EmPOWER mentorship program," stated Amy Yingling Regional Director of the SBDC. This collaboration represents our shared commitment to fostering inclusive economic development and supporting the growth of small businesses in Frederick County."

Administered by FCOED, the EmPOWER Mentorship Program is designed to cater to underrepresented business owners across different stages of business development. By addressing blind spots, offering fundamental business education, facilitating mentorship with local business leaders, and fostering camaraderie among participants, the program aims to provide a comprehensive support system. There are a total of 15 Frederick County small business owners participating in the six-week mentorship program, representing different industries in Frederick County.

The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development joined forces with FCOED as a Signature Sponsor of the EmPOWER Program, further enhancing services for underrepresented businesses. In addition, the Maryland Business Opportunity Center is the 2024 Spring mentorship sponsor.

For more information contact: Jodie Bollinger, Department Director, Frederick County Office of Economic Development 240-315-8678



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# COMMENTARY

## Words from Winterbilt

### Thoughts on Israel, Palestine, and Hamas

Shannon Bohrer

Last month's column was Facts and Beliefs. How we form our beliefs that influence our perceptions, how we see and make sense of the world around us. The column concluded that sometimes strongly held beliefs can prevent a person from accepting new information that challenges those beliefs. Meaning that our strongly held beliefs can sometimes act like blinders.

This month's column is about our perceptions of the attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7, 2023, Israel's response to the attack, the plight of the Palestinians, and the protests on college campuses and in other countries. We should take into consideration the history of Israel, Hamas, and Palestine. The issues and problems in Israel, Hamas, and Palestine are long-standing affecting the region and beyond. The latest conflict, in the context of history, is just one of many in the continuum of disputes in the region.

I support the demonstrators and their cause, which is a free Palestine. I also support the two-state solution, supporting both Israel and Palestine. That does not mean condoning the violence and destruction of property at the demonstrations, nor do I support the mass bombing and destruction of Palestine by the Israeli Defense Forces. And I strongly condemn the attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023, which provoked the conflict.

In our country, we have a long

history of protest, and the freedom to protest should be protected and upheld. Conversely, destroying property and harassing those who have other views or are of other nationalities or religious beliefs should not be tolerated. When demonstrators destroy property and vilify protesters with an opposing view, they diminish their message. While a free Palestine seems to be the center of most of the protesters, the question that needs to be addressed is how that can occur. What conditions need to exist - for a free Palestine to follow?

Israel's history includes the fact that it has been at war with its neighbors and other countries and groups, almost on a continuum since its inception as a state. And yet, there has also been a continuum of peace proposals and negotiations with Israel and its neighbors. An early peace negotiation with Israel was with Egypt. The 1979 Camp David Accords formalized the peace between Egypt and Israel. Egypt's president, Anwar Sadat, was instrumental in the negotiations and was later assassinated in 1981. The assassination was carried out by "Islamic extremists who opposed his policies, particularly his peace treaty with Israel." Opposition to peace with the state of Israel has a long history.

In 1993, interim agreements of peace were made between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. That was the start of the Oslo peace process, which included the recognition of the State of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization. In return, Israel would recognize the Pal-

estine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestine people.

With the agreements, the Palestinian National Authority, a newly formed group, became the interim and limited governing authority for self-governance for the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank. This was a step in the creation of a two-state solution and self-governance for Palestine. There were negotiations on borders, Israeli settlements, the status of Jerusalem, and even the right of Palestinians to return. Peace and a two-state solution looked promising—but was never realized.

The Oslo peace process seemed to be moving in the right direction. Then, a significant impediment in the process occurred when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in 1995 by an Israeli extremist group. There were extremists on both sides and strong opposition to peace on both sides. Once again, a leader with the intention of making peace between Israel and their neighbors - cost that leader his life.

However, after the assassination, the peace process continued but eventually failed at the Camp David Summit in 2000. The failure occurred when Yasser Arafat refused the proposed peace deal. President Bill Clinton told Yasser Arafat, "You are leading your people and the region to a catastrophe." A common belief was that Yasser Arafat would probably have been killed if he made a lasting peace with Israel. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination put a cloud over the Oslo Peace process and even future negotiations.

Hamas, the governing party in Palestine, attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, and started the current hostil-

ties. Hamas was founded in 1987 after the first intifada. Hamas's charter promotes Palestinian Nationalism with the goal of "establishing the Palestinian state throughout the entire territory." Their long-term goal is to have one state where both Israel and Palestine currently exist.

In 2006, Hamas campaigned on good government and the right of Palestine to govern itself against the Israeli occupation. In 2007, Hamas replaced most of the Palestinian Legislative Council and took control over the Gaza Strip. Since 2007, Hamas has been the primary governing body of Palestine; they govern by fear and intimidation. As a government, they offer very little services and generally act like a crime family, doing whatever they want. Palestinians who have protested have been threatened and have even disappeared.

Hamas is considered a terrorist organization and affiliated with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Both groups, along with several others, are deemed Iranian proxies. While Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, both Hamas and Hezbollah have been firing rockets into Israel. Since the attack on Israel by Hamas, an estimated 9,500 rockets have been fired into Israel, including the estimated 3000 that were fired on the first day, October 7.

For Palestine to become free, Israel and Hamas would have to negotiate, two avowed enemies that do not trust each other. That does not mean that the demonstrations and other nations should not condemn what often appears as indiscriminate bombing in Palestine. It is estimated that over 30,000 Palestinians have died because of Israel Defense Forces bombings. Adding to the tragedy is the isolation and starvation of Pal-

estines. It is a common belief that death and starvation are helping Hamas, which may have been their goal when they attacked Israel.

The protests have been successful in bringing attention to the tragedy, but the protesters have also added to the problems. While protesters display signs saying, "Free Palestine," other protesters have displayed signs that support Hamas. Other signs include "From the river to the sea," which is a phrase describing the future state of Palestine, with no state of Israel. Assaulting and shaming Jewish students is not helpful. Conversely, numerous Jewish students have supported the demonstrations, demonstrating that supporting Israel and Palestine does not have to be a binary choice.

There is no easy answer to having a Free Palestine, and the more the Israelis attempt to eliminate Hamas, the more Palestinians will suffer. The United States can try to persuade and argue for peace, but our power to stop the hostilities is not reality. How do you have negotiations with leaders of two groups, Israelis, and Palestinians, that do not trust each other, with a terrorist group in the middle, that controls Palestine, that neither side trusts?

The world is watching, monitoring, and looking for answers that may not currently exist. The leaders are negotiating with a goal of ending the conflict with a lasting peace, that thus far has alluded them. Saying what you want is easy, achieving that goal is more complicated.

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## The Bulwark

### November will not be like May

Jonathan V. Last

The political environment of April was defined by two ongoing events:

The campus protests against Biden and Israel.

The beginning of Trump's election fraud criminal trial.

Everything that happened in the relative positioning of the presidential race was tied to these two phenomena. Both of them will be resolved long before November.

So don't look at where we are now. Instead, look at the likely resolutions for these phenomena and try to understand how those developments will impact the race in six months.

And what you see is a \*very\* different picture.

Let's start with the campus protests, Israel, and the war in Gaza.

The protests are going away. Colleges are finishing the academic year; everyone is returning home. Two weeks from now there will be no campus protests. Maybe there will be some protests elsewhere, but the critical mass of university communities will be dispersed and will not reform until September.

By September, the war in Gaza will be over. The last remaining

pocket of Hamas is hiding in Rafah. Israeli tanks entered Rafah yesterday and took control of the border crossing between Rafah and Egypt.

Unless Israel changes its war aims and decides that the elimination of Hamas is not its goal, then 12 weeks from now the war will be over and Israel will be in the process of figuring out its post-war policy framework for Gaza.

That post-war period will be contentious. There will be small-scale conflicts. But the kinetic phase of operations will be complete.

Meaning that by the time American students return to campus, the entire region will have moved on to a different set of problems. It's even possible that Bibi Netanyahu will no longer be in power by next fall.

Which means, politically, that there will be ample time for the progressives who have abandoned Biden over his support of Israel to come home. The war that cleaved them from Biden will be over and the most-pressing questions of the day will concern Donald Trump.

The Democratic consolidation which began showing up in polling in late March, but then backslid in April, is likely to reemerge in the fall as the war in Gaza and the campus protests recede in the minds of progressives.

Once upon a time people were concerned because Alvin Bragg's

election fraud case was the first indictment brought against Trump. This case was judged to be the weakest of the four potential criminal cases and the concern was that, as the most marginal of the four, it would distract the public from the more serious charges that would eventually be brought by the special prosecutor and the Fulton County district attorney.

The situation has changed.

None of the other three cases is likely to begin before the election and there is almost no chance that any of them will reach a verdict before the election.

If not for Alvin Bragg's decision to indict Trump, then Trump would be facing zero legal accountability for his (alleged) crimes.

What's more, the view of Bragg's case as marginal has turned out to be wrong. Several weeks into the trial, the Manhattan district attorney's office has presented an impressive array of evidence and testimony. Bragg's case, as it turns out, is quite strong.

I think it is fair to say that when people worried that the election fraud case was "only" about hush money payments to a porn star, they did not understand that the lawyer who brokered the payments to Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal had sent a text on election night 2016 exclaiming, "What have we done?" Or that this lawyer would then testify that what he meant in

this text was "our activities may have in some way assisted the presidential campaign of Donald Trump."

Or that the editor of the National Enquirer had contemporaneously texted, "At least if he wins I'll be pardoned for electoral fraud."

Or that the owner of the National Enquirer would testify that he knew at the time that he was violating campaign finance laws by paying to suppress the story on behalf of Trump's campaign.

It turns out that Alvin Bragg knew what he was doing.

During the trial, the story has been pulled in a dozen different directions.

This is what the witness said. This is what the cross-examination said.

Trump made a statement outside the courtroom.

Can you believe that he fell asleep again?

Was Hope Hicks credible?

What do voters think about the trial?

By November all of that will have melted away and there will be only one fact about this trial: guilty or not guilty.

It's possible that the jury will find Trump not guilty. Or that the jury will hang, and a hung jury is probably close enough to "not guilty" for Trump's purposes.

But based on the evidence we've seen, there's a good chance that Trump is going to be found guilty by a jury of his peers. At which point the story would shift.

Trump will try to muddy the waters with legal appeals and complaints about The Very Unfair Jury Hoax or whatever. But a guilty verdict is a guilty verdict. And if Trump is a convicted felon this fall, that will change the dynamic of the election.

Probably not by a lot. But maybe by enough.

Tell me this: Where does Trump go for good news?

Between now and September the campus protests that have kept him afloat will disappear. He could be convicted of a felony. He still has three other criminal indictments in the ether, promising more chaos from him. More Republicans—and more people who worked for him in his first term—will refuse to endorse him. Some of these people will affirmatively endorse Joe Biden.

For Trump, "good news" might mean having the penalty in his civil losses reduced to "only" \$150 million. Or having the Supreme Court say that he can have immunity for his official acts, but making clear that the acts in his election interference case were private. Or that the Fed doesn't cut interest rates until the Fall.

Maybe gas prices go up? It is in OPEC's interest for Trump to be reelected and the summer driving season always sees increases in oil prices. But that's it. That's the available "good news" for Trump.

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COMMENTARY

# The Liberal Patriot

Could it be 2016 all over again?

Ruy Teixeira

Two things are clear about the 2024 campaign at this point. One is that Biden is still trailing Trump: he's behind nationally in both the RCP and 538 running averages, as well as in every single swing state. The other is that his two great vulnerabilities are the economy/inflation and immigration, generally the two most important issues to voters. Indeed the latter now sometimes eclipses the former in importance as it has in the Gallup poll for the last three months.

Immigration was very important in the 2016 election as well. One way David Shor frequently illustrated the dynamic in 2016 relative to 2012 was with a simple two by two table illustrating that the big swing toward Trump in 2016 was among voters who both (1) supported universal health insurance and (2) opposed "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. Put simply, Obama did way better than Hillary Clinton among voters who were both populist/progressive on health care and conservative-leaning on immigration.

Could we see the same dynamic this year, with Trump making decisive gains among such voters? The basis for it certainly seems to be there. It has been widely noted that not only has the immigration issue become more salient but also that voters are now open to a wide range of tough approaches to dealing with the illegal immigration problem. Some of the relevant findings were reviewed by the Post's Aaron Blake in an article, "Harsh deportation tools are just fine with many Americans." And a recent Axios poll found a majority of the

public supporting mass deportations of illegal immigrants, including a shocking 42 percent of Democrats.

Findings from a brand new poll of over 4,000 voters from The Liberal Patriot and Blueprint confirm this pattern of support for tough measures against illegal immigration. My analysis of the data also shows an enormous overlap between these conservative leanings on illegal immigration and strong support for populist/progressive measures on health care. These cross-pressured voters could play a decisive role in November's election just as they did in the 2016 election.

Here is what I found:

1. The TLP/Blueprint poll tested 40 different policy ideas associated with the Biden and Trump campaigns. The strongest issues for Biden were generally proposals around health care, most of which were wildly popular. One example was, "Increase the number of prescription drugs that Medicare can negotiate the price of for seniors." The proposal was supported by 81 percent of voters with just 6 percent opposed for a cool 75 points net support. Those who supported the proposal also supported using "existing presidential powers to stop illegal migrant crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border" by 57 points (72-15).

2. Similarly, supporters of more Medicare price negotiation on prescription drugs also supported deputizing "the National Guard and local law enforcement to assist with rapidly removing gang members and criminals living illegally in the United States" by 46 points (67-21).

3. Nor do these Medicare price negotiation supporters blink at the idea that we should "restrict the ability of migrants who illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico bor-

der to seek asylum." They support this proposal by 40 points (63-23).

4. More draconian proposals on dealing with illegal immigration also generate solid support among those favoring a stronger Medicare role on prescription drug prices. For example, these pro-Medicare populists favor the idea that we should simply, "Round up undocumented immigrants, detain, and deport them to their home countries" by 24 points (58-24).

5. The pro-Medicare populists also favor building "a full wall on the US-Mexico border" by 20 points, with 56 percent in favor and 36 percent opposed. They even think it would be a good idea to "change federal law so that drug traffickers can receive the death penalty" (55-33)!

6. A similar dynamic can be observed in some other areas of Democratic vulnerability. Among supporters of an increased Medicare role in prescription drug pricing, we also find overwhelming support for increasing "funding for police and strengthen[ing] criminal penalties for assaulting cops" (72 percent to 17 percent).

7. It is also interesting that some aspects of Democratic approaches to climate/energy issues fit this pattern. For instance, our pro-Medicare populists net oppose requiring "auto companies to sell more electric vehicles after 2030" (45-40). They also are narrowly in favor of repealing "subsidies for clean energy and electric vehicles" (41-40).

8. I also looked at another super-popular Biden health care idea, "Require pharmaceutical companies to charge American consumers the lowest price they charge consumers in foreign countries" and the related super-popular proposal, "Protect Medicare and Social Security from funding cuts or increases in the age of eligibility." You see the exact same pattern: voters who support these



populist ideas overwhelmingly want a much tougher approach to illegal immigration.

These cross-pressures then are very real, just as they were in 2016, and are undoubtedly undermining Democrats' ability to capitalize on their immensely popular health care proposals. Could these pressures produce the kind of shift in 2024 relative to 2020 that so helped Trump in 2016? The basis is certainly there.

I looked at support/opposition to increasing the Medicare role in prescription drug pricing and support/opposition to the most popular proposal for cracking down on illegal immigration, using the president's executive powers to directly stop illegal crossing at the southern border. I found that, comparing reported vote in 2020 to expressed vote preference today, the big shift toward Trump occurs precisely among those who both support an aggressive Medicare role in drug pricing and support using presidential powers to stop illegal border crossing.

There's a lesson there for Democrats should they care to take it. Apparently, the idea of using Biden's executive powers to stop illegal border crossing is under consideration at the White House, but,

predictably, nothing has happened yet in the face of fierce opposition from the usual suspects. The recent decline in illegal border crossings from insanely high to merely very high (due to a crack-down in Mexico not by US authorities) may also be breeding some complacency about the issue in Biden-land despite the scathing message sent by the polls.

This seems unwise. Especially since the ace in the hole the Biden campaign was counting on—voter appreciation of the strong economy finally kicking in—may turn out to be only a deuce. Both the Michigan consumer sentiment index and the Conference Board consumer confidence index went down last month and basically have made no progress since January. Morning in America it's not.

The Democrats would appear to need all the help they can get. The immigration-health care nexus reviewed here suggests they may be leaving votes on the table by failing to take strong action on illegal immigration. The specter of the 2016 election looms over this campaign and, like a hanging, should concentrate the mind.

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# Good Day Neighbor

The easy way

Dorothea Mordan

There are different ways of looking at any issue. You can think through a problem and choices of solutions, or take the path of least resistance. The easy way often has unintended consequences.

Spring is the season of rebirth. All creatures increase their activity, including bees and wasps (hornets, yellow jackets). When a honeybee colony's numbers grow too large for their hive, they make a new queen. The old queen leaves, taking half of the colony with her, to look for a new home. Sometimes they find a new home in the walls of a human family's house. Honeybee colonies can get settled in before any humans take notice. Once they do, the choices are to A - call someone to relocate the hive by cutting it out of the wall and repairing the drywall, B - Call an exterminator to poison them, or C - the easy way of grabbing a can of Raid.

First identify the problem. Are the critters flying in and out of a house bees or wasps? For wasps, an exterminator or spray is a good

call—nobody wants a wasp nest nearby. For bees, are they honeybees? Most bees aren't really a problem, or aggressive. Honeybees are not aggressive unless threatened.

The easy way of spraying poison on honeybees presents a couple of problems. Spraying the outside of a building doesn't kill the bees inside. If all bees are killed, the honey left in the hive attracts bees from other hives. Foraging bees take honey back to their hive, killing the bees there. The unintended consequence of spraying insecticide on honeybees, is killing bees within a radius of up to 2 miles.

Humans love the path of least resistance when they can get away with it. Book banning is an easy way for people to claim they stand on a moral high ground of concern about threats to our social order. It's a way that some candidates for the FCPS Board of Education frame their goals. Safety for the children. Safe from what? Ideas?

Are we to believe that the people who shout the loudest about keeping children safe can't have a conversation with their own children? Understanding the lives and perspectives of other people builds a stronger community. Knowing that

there are people around you who have different beliefs and customs doesn't change a thing about how free you are to live your own life. That is the real American Dream.

If we have fellow Americans who have experienced historical, generational trauma from slavery, then had institutionalized rules applied to them that are not applied to others, and they are strong enough to relive it to talk about it, then the children of any group are strong enough to learn about it.

Learning about wrongs done to another person is not the same as being accused of crimes against humanity. Refusing to listen to the experiences of others simply means you don't care.

History happens to each of us. Each of our fellow Americans may have a story that does not fit neatly with yours or mine. Writing and reading about history allows each of us, including our children, to learn about other perspectives. We may or may not agree on what these perspectives and individual opinions mean. We don't have to. What we have to do, to rightfully claim to be a civilized society, is to NOT stop people from telling their own story.

The argument for banning books is often based in a religious reasoning. Book bans are fre-

quently focused on topics of sexual orientation, sexual identity, expression, etc. It could reasonably be argued that to ban a book by any one of God's human creations is blasphemous, and disrespectful of your creator. We are all creatures of the same earth, from the same origin. We do not have the right to say, which of God's creations is good or bad. We do have the right to say we will or won't interact with somebody for some personal reason. But taking the easy way of trying to remove things we don't like about other people, is to teach our children that they can easily throw away people they don't like. In turn, it is a subtle lesson that any of us can be thrown away. This can lead to the unintended (I hope) consequence of erasing our fellow human beings.

On the positive side, other consequences of book banning threats include increased sales of banned books, discussion of banned books, and more attention on discrimination and bullying of students. Recent assessment of dozens of books available in Frederick county public schools produced one book removal due to being age inappropriate. It also produced a really great list of books to read.

We have a system of public

libraries that does not interfere with one's choice of reading material. There are fellow Americans, running for elected office, who would make every effort to change our access to freedom of thought, of sharing thoughts. In some states librarians have become the target. Arkansas, Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee have passed laws that include fines and jail time for librarians who allow access to books deemed inappropriate for minors. Florida passed state laws banning discussions of certain topics. If you do not want your rights to speak and think freely to disappear into a massive pile of "legal" documentation, then vote for people who respect our Constitution.

Policies and laws such as book banning are unintended consequences of not voting. It is the duty of each of us to choose our leaders wisely. We have the whole summer to read books, and learn about the candidates in the upcoming election. Hopefully, we will elect leaders whose goal is to protect everyone's freedom to find their own path.

2024 is the year of the vote. Please make yours count.

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# PASTOR'S DESK

## The personhood of fatherhood

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Because Father's Day is this month, I figured I'd write a few words on the topic. But as I sat down to do so, I discovered the topic is more difficult to write about than I originally thought.

No one's experiences around fatherhood are identical. No individual is exactly the same as anyone else, which means no fathers are exactly the same. Some of you reading this article are fathers of small children, adult children, or both. There are people who have very close relationships with their children, while others fall somewhere between distant to estranged. Others are fathers through their own biological means with their partners, or adoptive parents. Others are teachers, mentors, etc. who have willfully taken on a father-like role for young people.

Some of you don't have kids, despite all efforts and desire toward that end. Or perhaps it is a medical impossibility. Tragically there are no small number of people who suffered greatly by their father's presence or absence. Then there are those who have tragically lost children. For these the very subject of fatherhood might be a painful one.

Or perhaps you count yourself among those who want absolutely nothing to do with being a father.

All of this to acknowledge "fatherhood" is a diverse and complicated topic. Therefore, any attempt at a simplified, black and white portrayal of fatherhood will likely overly flatter some, betray or insult others,

and marginalize everyone else. Further, I can only speak from my own perspective and I understand my perspective is not everyone's.

So instead of waxing poetic the virtues of fatherhood allow me to simply reflect on my personal experiences and hope that there is something in there that perhaps you can identify with as well.

I must say right from the get-go, if there is another situation in life where feelings of such tremendous joy and fear intersect as at the birth of one's first child, I don't know what that situation would be.

Joy on the one hand, at seeing this new life before you. A human being that shares half your genetic code, a life created in part because of you, stares back at you for the first time. The beauty and wonder of the moment for some is beyond words.

Fear on the other hand, because, well, this tiny human that is half of you and from you is completely dependent upon you for survival. A child needs to be fed regularly and frequently, kept at proper temperature, kept clean, handled carefully, and proper amounts of sleep must be ensured. The child's medical health and developmental milestones need to be closely monitored so any problems can be quickly addressed, and future complications minimized. The child will need mental, emotional, developmental, financial, and educational support. All of this and more needs to be attended to, not just for the afternoon or the weekend, but for the next 18 years or more. It's not like at your job during a busy time where you just hang in there and

push through knowing that at the end of the week or month, the project will be finished so you'll be able to put your feet up and rest. Oh no. That little child will need fed, loved and cared for no matter how tired you get, day and night, every day. You are a parent until the day you die. That wrinkly, swaddled, tiny, human staring up at you is completely helpless and wholly dependent on you.

As if that were not enough, here comes the soul searching. In some ways as a single, childless adult your mistakes are your own. Previously, if I made some stupid decisions and burned my life down, well that'd be on me and I'd suffer the consequences. As a father, choices in many ways have higher stakes because the consequences of one's missteps and dumb decisions will invariably spill over onto one's kids. This innocent child could be harmed by a single misstep.

Next there's the introspection where I wonder what harmful biases and prejudices my heart yet harbors but of which I am yet unaware and therefore at risk of inadvertently passing on to my child? What unhealthy biases am I still working to overcome and therefore also at risk of passing on to that innocent little one? "Don't screw it up," you think to yourself. "This tiny human is depending on you." Talk about fear.

Now by this point maybe I've said a few things that you have experienced for yourself and can identify with. Maybe you think I've lost my mind and nothing I have said thus far reflects your experience of father-



hood, parenthood or personhood. Whatever the case, it's okay. Our families are made up of people and people come in every size, shape, color, and configuration under the sun. Therefore the structures, systems, and dynamics of our families come in every size, shape, color, and configuration. But one commonality for all families is that there is no perfect family. This is because there are no perfect people. No perfect people means no perfect parent, means no perfect father.

That imperfection can bring about beauty but it can also bring anxiety. Father or not, we will all make mistakes in this life. We will all make mistakes we don't even realize are mistakes. We will all from time to time be on the receiving end of other people's mistakes. This is a certainty. No one escapes this life unscathed, and every one of us will do some scathing.

What are we to say about this fact? Are we all doomed? Will all of us fathers doom our children with our doomedness? Are we all hopelessly doomed by everyone else's doomedness?

Personally, I don't think so. I think this view of ourselves and the world is too pessimistic even for pessimists. "Where's the hope," you ask?

Well first of all, each of us have a responsibility to ourselves and everyone who has to interact with us, to self-improve. Our education doesn't end at our high school or college graduation. We should always be in the process of learning more. Growing, maturing, expanding our understanding and empathy. We should seek not only to understand the world around us, but the world within us as well. We need to understand and come to terms with ourselves, weeding out the beliefs, habits and tendencies that cause us and others harm. By doing so, we become better people, which in turn improves our relationships with others, our children, marriages and our communities. There is hope in the fact that we can do and be better.

But our greatest hope of course lies with God. As God's children we are not promised a life on earth free from the consequences of our and others sins. Jesus himself wasn't even exempt from this. But through Jesus one day our imperfection will be made perfect. Our fleeting lives will be given eternity. Our flaws and hurts healed.

The only thing for us to do in the meantime is to grow in wisdom, peacefulness, and love. That with the time we have on this earth we can be better fathers, friends, citizens. Better human beings.

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# THE BOOK OF DAYS

## Roger Bacon



**June 11**  
English science has a double interest in the name of Bacon, and the older of the two individuals who bore it is certainly not the least illustrious, although we know very little of his personal history. He lived in an age when the world in general cared little about the quiet life of the laborious student.

According to the account usually received, Roger Bacon was born in the year 1214. It is said that he displayed great eagerness for learning at a very early age, and that he was sent to study at Oxford when still a boy. After he had made himself master of all that could be learnt at Oxford, Bacon went, as was usual at that time, to the much more important school of scientific labour, the University of Paris, where he is said to have become a doctor in the civil law.

He is said to have returned to England in 1240, when he was still only twenty-six years of age, and he

then established himself in Oxford. It seems doubtful if it were before or after his return to England that he entered the order of the Franciscans, who were then great cultivators of science, but all we know of his life at this period seems to shew that in Oxford he took up his abode in the convent of that order.

It is stated that, in the course of twenty years, he spent in his studies and experiments no less than £2,000 sterling, which would be equivalent to a very large sum of money in the reckoning of the present day and it is evident that Bacon's family was rich; yet he remained almost unknown within his convent, and apparently neglected, if not despised by his fellow friars, until he was at length dragged from his obscurity by Pope Clement IV.

It appears that, before his accession to the papacy, Clement's curiosity had been excited by some accidental information he obtained

relating to Bacon's wonderful knowledge and discoveries, and that he had written to ask the philosopher for some of his writings.

Clement was an old soldier, and, however arbitrary he may have been in temper, he appears to have cared little for popular prejudices. In 1266, the year after he became pope, he despatched a brief to Bacon, enjoining, notwithstanding the order of any ecclesiastical superior or any rule of his order to the contrary, that he should communicate to him a copy documenting his important .

Bacon was thus fully brought before the world, and under Pope Clement's protection he continued for some years to diffuse his extraordinary knowledge. It was at this time that he produced his three great philosophical and scientific works, the Opus Majus, the Opus Minus, and the Opus Tertium, all three completed within the space of fifteen months.

In the thirteenth century, a man like Bacon was exposed to two very dangerous accusations. People in general, in their ignorant wonder at the extraordinary things he was said to be able to perform, believed him to be a magician, while the bigoted Churchman, alarmed at everything like an expansion of the human intelligence, sought to set him down as a heretic. Bacon incurred both these imputations; but, though the liberal views he expresses in his works, even on religious questions, could not but be distasteful to the church, yet he was safe during Pope Clement's time.

In 1277, Pope Nicolas III ascended the papal throne, a man of a different temper from Clement. At the beginning of his papacy, the general of the Franciscans, who had just been made a cardinal, brought forward an accusation of heresy against Bacon, and caused him to be thrown into prison. When, ten years afterwards, the persecuting general of the Franciscans became pope himself, under the name of Nicolas IV, Bacon still remained a close prisoner, and it was only towards the close of Nicolas's life that some of his friends were able to exercise sufficient interest to obtain his freedom.

Bacon died on the 11th of June 1292. He is said to have died in the convent of the Franciscans, at Oxford, and to have been buried in their church.

The real amount of his discoveries is very imperfectly known; but it is certain that they were far in advance of the age in which he lived, and that there was no branch of science which he had not sounded to its depths.

His favourite subjects of study are said to have been mathematics, mechanics, and chemistry. He is said to have invented the camera obscura, the air-pump, and the diving-bell, but, though this statement may admit of some doubt, he was certainly acquainted with the nature and use of optical lenses and with gunpowder, at least with regard to the explosive powers of the latter, for the projectile power of gunpowder appears not to have been known till the following century.

We may now turn from the real to the legendary character of Roger Bacon.

According to legend, while still in his youth, Bacon attracted the notice of the king and his wonderful feats of magic at court gained him great reputation, which leads him into all sorts of queer adventures.

At length, according to this legendary history, after many strange adventures, Bacon became disgusted with 'his wicked life,' burnt all his magical books, and gave himself up entirely to the study of divinity—a very orthodox and Catholic conclusion.

He retained, however, sufficient cunning to cheat a fiend, for it is implied that the fiend had sold Bacon's soul to the devil, whether he died inside the church or outside, so 'then caused he to be made in the church wall a cell, where he locked himself in, and there remained till his death.

Thus lived he some two years space in that cell, never coming forth: his meat and drink he received in at a window, and at that window he did discourse with those that came to him. His grave he dug with his own hands, and was laid there when he died. Thus was the life and death of this famous fryer, who lived most part of his life a magician, and dyed a true penitent sinner, and an anchorite.'

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# ECOLOGY

## The bad and the beautiful: spring invasives

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During a sunny day recently, I went walking behind Strawberry Hill's pond hoping to spot some turtles. I wasn't disappointed. There were four resting on a long-fallen tree that dipped into the cool, dark water. As I continued up and around the Norway spruces that ring the pond and made my way toward the trailhead, I spotted something else – the beautiful bluish-purple flowers of lesser periwinkle blooming across the hillside.

Lesser periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) is a flowering plant native to Europe, western Asia, and northwestern Africa. It was introduced to the US in the 1700's as an ornamental ground cover because of its ability to form dense colonies. It spreads by underground runners and does well in all light but thrives in heavy shade like we have at the start of the Orange Trail.

It's an unfortunately lovely plant. I say unfortunately because it is quite stunning and adds a sprinkle of color against a sea of green. A real gem in a well-contained garden. But at best, at least as far as the forest is concerned, lesser periwinkle has little value to wildlife other than to pollinators, especially wild bees. At worst, it's a quickly spreading invasive that chokes out more valuable natives and disrupts the natural forest succession process by forming thick carpets that prevent new growth from taking hold.

That's the biggest problem with invasives. They disrupt the natural processes of an ecosystem and push out native species. They accomplish these tasks while giving little back. With few exceptions, they're simultaneously beautiful and bad.

One invasive that leans heavily on the bad side is Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergia*). Its seeds feed some birds though most fall away untouched. There are far more desirable berries and seeds in a healthy forest, after all. It does provide a nice habitat for white-footed mice but also harbors everyone's favorite parasitic arachnid: ticks. Barberry creates a microclimate within its structure that helps insulate and buffer extreme temperatures compared to native vegetation, an ideal living situation for tick populations. Its low stature and broad-reaching branches give ticks ample contact with animals and people. It's prime real estate for ticks looking to reach more potential hosts but a problem for everyone else.

On the other hand, an invasive I watch out for is personally one of my favorite plants – English ivy. I am a sucker for a picturesque stone cottage with ivy-covered walls, or a wooden fence alive with sprawling ivy. And yet, I understand the whimsical notions I have of ivy and its gorgeous stretches of emerald vines belie a multitude of problems. Ivy (*Hedera helix*) can be quite dangerous to trees as its vines snake up and around trunks and branches. It "chokes" trees but not

the way a boa constrictor chokes prey. Ivy forms dense foliage canopies that block sunlight and prevent photosynthesis.

Growing up, I often heard that ivy's aerial roots dig into tree bark and kill trees by growing into the tree itself and robbing it of nutrients. It turns out this isn't exactly true. Ivy does produce aerial roots, but they attach to trees for support, not parasitic absorption. It also damages tree bark by trapping moisture and creating an ideal environment for fungal rot to take over. Not to mention the added weight of those spreading vines which makes a tree more susceptible to falling during bad weather.

English ivy is an evergreen perennial in the ginseng family. It's native to Europe, North Africa, and Western Asia. It, too, was brought here by settlers in the 1700's to be used for cultivation. For years ivy has been heralded as a low-maintenance groundcover, a decidedly appropriate description. Once started, ivy takes no real effort to maintain and often requires radical efforts to get rid of. Ivy invades all sorts of spaces, both urban and rural and can do considerable damage to buildings and natural spaces. Despite this, I'm not sure I'll ever stop loving the image of an ivy-covered cottage.

Another invasive that I secretly have a fondness for (and sizeable disagreement with) is multiflora rose. Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) is a perennial shrub native to East Asia, specifically Japan, China, and Korea, and was introduced over a hundred years ago as a rootstock for rose breeding programs. It was also widely planted in the early 20th century to help combat soil



While pretty to look at, English ivy allowed to climb on trees damage their bark by trapping moisture and creating an ideal environment for fungal rot to take over.

erosion and to create living fences for farm animals as it produces incredibly dense thickets. These thickets provide excellent cover for rabbits, bobwhite quail, and pheasants as well as provide food and nesting sites for birds. The leaves are eaten by deer, skunks, opossums, and more. And the rosehips are food for grouse, turkeys, bears, and chipmunks, especially during the winter when other foods are unavailable. This all sounds overwhelmingly positive, doesn't it?

The problem with multiflora rose is its aggressiveness and ability to thrive anywhere. It's not picky about sunlight, soil, or moisture, and it creates a seed bank that guarantees years of effort to fully eradicate. Unfortunately, the more you cut back multiflora rose bushes the more sunlight and space you give the fallen seeds to grow. The irony is when you fight it, you give it more opportunity to prove itself.

We're fighting a losing battle

in some areas of the state as these invasives and others take over. At Strawberry Hill, we're constantly using mechanical efforts to combat invasives where we can but it's not always effective or is only effective in the short-term. Long-term solutions such as planned eradication by use of herbicides aren't an option as our mission includes maintaining healthy waterways and wildlife habitats. And prescribed burns are off the table. So, we manage as best we can with what we have.

Still, I sometimes walk amongst the multiflora rose, lesser periwinkle, and others and try to find some good in their existence, even in the smallest measurement. It isn't always easy, especially with tick-harboring barberry. But it is nice to stop and smell the roses, so to speak. After all, the multiflora rose smells incredible.

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# THE RETIRED ECOLOGIST

## Scenes from the jungles

Bill Meredith

*"It's a jungle out there." Randy Newman, "Monk Theme Song."  
"He who fights and runs away/ lives to fight another day"... Oliver Goldsmith, who probably pinched it from Tacitus, who was probably paraphrasing Demosthenes....*

If I watch from the kitchen window in the morning or from the porch swing after supper, at some point a rabbit will appear. It is a female, and as rabbits go, she is old; the fur on her sides is turning gray. She has nested in the small jungle that I call my front yard for at least four years, eluding the cats, dogs, foxes, hawks, owls, teen-aged drivers, lawnmowers and blood-sucking parasites that kill most of her kind before they are a year old. Last year she nested in the patch of ferns by my garage; I haven't pinpointed her nest yet this year, but it is somewhere under the juniper shrubs on the bank in front of the house. She comes morning and evening to nurse her litter of five or six babies; the rest of the time, she stays away, to keep from attracting predators to the nest. If luck continues to smile on her, she will produce another four or five litters of young this summer, averaging a half-dozen each.

Using these average numbers, if all of her offspring survived, she would have produced over 100 descendants in the four years I have known her; but of course they didn't. The rabbit population will remain stable if only two survive to replace her and her mate in the next generation; the rest will slip into the anonymity of the food chain that sustains the diversity of the ecosystem. So it is, and always has been. It's a jungle out there.

Ideally, an ecologist should stay impartial and observe the jungle without getting involved in it personally, but sometimes that's hard to do. I was standing in the yard one morning a month or so ago, contemplating the first blossoms on our rhododendron bush, when a large yellow and black insect buzzed by. My eyes aren't as quick as they used to be, and at first I thought it was a bumblebee; but when it stopped and faced me, hovering in mid-air, I saw that it was a carpenter bee.

My first instinct was to head for the garage and start rummaging for a can of Raid, but I had a cup of coffee in my hand and the sun felt good on my back, so I just stood there and watched.

The bee began darting back and forth above the bushes, stopping to hover here and there, and occasionally darting down into a flower; but it was not after nectar. It is a predator, relentless as any hawk or wolf, and while I watched it captured several flies and other small insects and ate them on the wing. It was storing up energy for egg-laying, and I knew that within a few days it would be boring holes in the wood above my garage door where it will make its nest. I can't just stand by and let that happen. I live in this jungle too, and I have to defend my territory.

In the mid-1700s the Swedish biologist, Karl von Linne (aka. Linnaeus), set out to classify all plants and animals, and collectors were encouraged to send him specimens from all over the world. Someone in South Carolina sent him the skeleton and skin of chipmunk, and he gave it the Latinized name, *Tamias striatus*. The species name, *striatus*, was obvious enough... it means "striped" in Latin... but the genus name, *Tamias*, requires an explanation. Apparently the original collector included some sketchy notes that said the little creature dug tunnels and filled them with seeds, on which it lived in the winter; and for that reason, Linnaeus selected the Greek word, *Tamias*, which means "steward" or "housekeeper." It was a good choice, for it describes exactly what has been going on in my yard.

A chipmunk appeared at my bird feeder last fall, and until bad

weather arrived it entertained me each morning by stealing sunflower seeds. It would cram seeds into its cheek pouches until it looked like a bad case of mumps, and then dash off to the tunnel it had dug under the front walk. Evidently it filled the available space in that tunnel, for as weeks went by it proceeded to dig at least five more, scattered strategically around the yard and driveway. It stayed in the one under the walk all winter; it plugged the entrance with dead leaves, and slept comfortably there for weeks at a time when the area was covered with snow. Between snowstorms, when the snow melted I would sometimes find the dead leaves pushed aside where it had come out to look around, and in one case it left tracks in a light snow; but mostly it stayed indoors, probably with its mate.

When the last snow finally melted, the chipmunk(s) moved from the hole under the walk to another one in the flowerbed by the driveway, where they probably have started a family by now. For the past month, while I watched from the breakfast table, it has scurried busily about, sometimes picking up sunflower seeds, or on other errands; but one day last week its behavior changed. It was in the middle of the driveway, and it would sit still for a minute, then dart forward toward the flowerbed, then leap sideways and back away. I had a pretty good idea of what was going on, so I got my cane and went out to the rescue.

Sure enough, there in the flowerbed was a blacksnake; the chipmunk had been trying to distract its attention from the nearby tunnel, and he darted away as I approached. A light



Swedish biologist, Karl von Linne (aka. Linnaeus)

rain was falling and it was chilly, so the snake made no resistance when I pinned its head down with the cane and picked it up. In a friendly manner, it wrapped around my arm, snuggling close to warm itself. I wanted to offer it the hospitality of our warm kitchen until the rain stopped, but my wife demurred, so I took it down in the woods behind the house and set it free.

It is hard to avoid being anthropomorphic about things like that. The children of my generation heard "The Tales of Peter Rabbit" and "The Wind in the Willows" at bedtime; today's parents can choose from "Chester Chipmunk's first day at school" or hundreds of other titles advertised on the internet. Such stories have value; most of them have a moral to tell, and they got me interested in reading early on. I don't think it hurt me to believe animals talked to each other and shared human values when I

was three, and when small friends come to visit I will show them the chipmunks home and tell them its name is "Tammy." But if I had continued to believe things like that after I grew up, I never would have understood the real inhabitants of the natural world.

The brave chipmunk valiantly defending his home and family makes a nice image in the mind, but the real jungle is not like that. The chipmunk was not reciting Oliver Goldsmith's verse as he faced the blacksnake; he was doing by instinct what his ancestors had learned when facing snakes 60 million years ago. It was one of the principles of survival of the fittest long before Demosthenes first quoted it. And here in the jungles of Emmitsburg, it still applies.

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## IN THE COUNTRY

# Preventing raptor road-kill

Tim Iverson

Believe it or not it had been a rather pleasant afternoon commute up 270-N. I had been following the same sedan for some miles now. As any good driver does my eyes made the circuit from looking ahead through the windshield, up to the rearview mirror, over to the side view mirrors, and every now and again to check the time and speed I was going. After one of these rounds I make it back to staring forward, and I catch a glimpse of a hand fling something out of the driver's side window. The yellow and slender skin with arms flailing in the wind made it abundantly clear what they had tossed aside. It couldn't have been anything other than a banana peel. Big deal you might be asking yourself. Well, I am here to tell you that it IS a big deal.

At seven state parks across Maryland there are aviaries housing injured wildlife that will never be able to return to the wild because they can no longer care for themselves as the result of human caused injuries. The closest to our area is located at Cunningham Falls State Park. Within this aviary are animals, most of who have been hit by cars. These accidents could largely be avoidable. Most think of roadside litter as trash bags, empty fast food bags, cups and containers, and other kinds of junk. When presented with the idea of banana peels or apple cores or other natural and biodegradable things they think it's perfectly

natural and fine to toss them aside as they please. However, this is not the case. The raptors living in Maryland Park Service aviaries can provide ample evidence as to why.

Let's meet a Red Tailed Hawk for just a minute. This beautiful bird of prey is the largest hawk that lives in Maryland. This bird prefers wide open spaces, primarily fields. In fact, if we're being honest this is probably one species that has benefited from deforestation and development. They feast on small mammals like mice, rabbits, squirrels, and smaller birds in their territory. You can often see them sitting on the sides of roadways. They're usually perched upon telephone poles, over head lights, or signs. They are naturally drawn to these areas because of high perch places, and the abundance of prey.

You see rodents are naturally attracted to any type of food trash. It doesn't matter if that fast food bag is empty or not, because it still smells like French fries and burgers. Empty wrappers still retain the scent of whatever food they packaged as well. Banana peels, apple cores, or other food waste will still attract prey like mice to the sides of roadways in search of a quick meal. Red-tailed Hawks, and other birds of prey, know this and will wait for prey to arrive. Then when the moment is right they'll strike. They swoop down from on high to claim their catch. Often times though it's not that simple. They are competing with the tumult of traffic which can be chaos to process for wildlife. Raptors fre-



Raptors frequently are struck by cars in the process of hunting. In most cases these birds are killed on impact. A lucky few who do survive and make it to medical assistance in time may be able to fully recover and be rereleased to the wild. However, the majority of those who are hit and survive will not be able to go back into the wild.

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For those birds that are fortunate enough to survive, but cannot survive on their own will be placed in zoos and aviaries throughout the county. The Maryland Park Service has a program called Scales & Tales which cares for and houses wildlife like this. Scales & Tales is an environmental education program that provides people the opportunity to see these wild animals up close. By relating the "tale"

or story of the animals the Maryland Park Service can reach out to the public and educate them on environmental issues of concern. These issues range from environmental pollution, climate change, habitat and resource loss, invasive species, and more. There are a few ways people can help these animals as well as wildlife.

The first way is by visiting these aviaries, parks, and wild spaces in general. By raising your awareness you are likely to make lasting lifestyle changes and be able to spread the message to others. Scales & Tales also has an adoption program that allows you to symbolically "adopt" these animals, and the money goes towards their care and well being. The best way to help them is to help prevent unnecessary injuries from happening in the first place. Practicing Leave No Trace is a great way to start.

Leave No Trace is a non-profit organization and a set of principles or ethics regarding how we use and treat the great outdoors. These seven

ideas are easy to follow and very reasonable. They are:

**Plan Ahead & Prepare** – Make sure you pack all necessary food, gear, etc. Know your way so you don't get lost. Most importantly, plan for how to pack your waste and bring it back with you

**Travel/Camp on Durable Surfaces** – When you hike or camp off of specific or regulated areas you destroy vegetation that prevents rain runoff and destroy habitat by expanding human impact

**Dispose of Waste Properly** – If you brought it there, then make sure you bring it back.

**Leave What You Find** – This way another passerby can experience what you did

**Minimize Campfire Impacts** – If there are existing fire rings then use them! Otherwise the woods will be pockmarked with blackened scorched earth

**Respect Wildlife** – Respect all wildlife, but remember some wildlife can be venomous or dangerous so if you don't respect them they will not respect you.

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors** – You'd hate it if you were soaking up the beauty of the outdoors and someone was being loud, rude, and disruptive. Don't do it to someone else.

**Leave No Trace** can usually be summed up by the adage, "Take only pictures, leave only footprints." By practicing these principles in all of our outdoor affairs we can assure that every one of us can always enjoy what the wild lands have to offer. Just like you try to take care of your personal stuff, we need to take care of our collective stuff. Throwing the banana peel out instead of waiting to find a trash can is reckless. It endangers wildlife by setting them up for disaster. When this happens often enough the scavengers eating it become accustomed to the food source, and may starve when or if it is no longer available. The simple act of just waiting a few more minutes is well worth the investment to preserve the independent and natural order of things. I once saw a road sign while working for the National Park Service in Big Bend Texas that I think I'd like to leave you with – Litterin' is unAW-FUL! Make sure the impact you leave behind is a positive one.

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# SCIENCE MATTERS

## Creating “life” in the laboratory

Boyce Rensberger

On November 26, 1899 The Boston Herald published this headline: “Creation of Life. Startling Discovery of Prof. Loeb. Lower Animals Produced by Chemical Means.”

The story that followed talked about experiments done at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

The headline was a bit overblown. The Chicago Tribune followed with a somewhat more accurate account: “Science Nears the Secret of Life.” The sub-heading said “a Long Step Towards Realizing the Dream of Biologists, to Create Life in a Test Tube.”

So, what actually happened? Why is this episode, largely forgotten today, worth reading about? I believe it tells us a lot about how the attitudes of Americans have changed since then.

When this story broke in 1899, the general public welcomed it as another of the astonishing advances of an era that was still getting used to such inventions as automobiles and electric lights, movies and the phonograph, X-rays and aspirin. It didn't seem so surprising that the wizards of science and engineering could create living animals.

In the following years, the scientist who did the experiments, Jacques Loeb, carried out more experiments that garnered wide publicity, often landing him on the covers of national magazines. In his day, Loeb, a German immigrant, was probably the most famous scientist in America. (His only rival for similar attention was Thomas Edison, an inventor and not a scientist.) One of the great literary figures of the period, Sinclair Lewis, modeled the hero of his Pulitzer Prize-winning 1925 novel, Arrowsmith, on Jacques Loeb. The book was even made into a movie.

Within one generation of the scientist's death in 1924, biology would be revolutionized. Before Loeb, biologists were mostly describing the world's natural history. After Loeb, biology became

an experimental science on a par with chemistry and physics.

Loeb's belief that living things could be taken apart and tinkered with laid the foundation of a science in which America would become a world leader. Following what Loeb called “the mechanistic conception of life,” American biological science would attain a pre-eminence that it holds to this day.

And yet, for all the hoopla, Loeb came nowhere close to creating life.

In that summer of 1899 Loeb was working in a simple, wooden laboratory just yards from the sea, measuring out chemicals that he stirred into bowls of seawater. In the bowls were one-celled eggs from female sea urchins. Loeb imagined that he could find a recipe to substitute for sperm from a male sea urchin.

He hit on the right formula—a simple pinch of magnesium chloride. Each one-celled ovum began dividing, again and again, the ball of cells becoming a fully functioning organism, complete with a skeleton, nerves, and a digestive system. It could even swim. In the wild, this larval sea urchin would eventually settle down and metamorphose into the bottom-dwelling pincushion shape.

Loeb reported his achievement in the American Journal of Physiology. He called his feat artificial parthenogenesis (from the Greek for virgin birth). He did not shy from speculating that it might be possible to achieve the same result in mammals.

“The idea is now hovering before me,” Loeb had written nine years earlier to his friend Ernst Mach, the great Austrian physicist (the speed of sound was named for him), “that man himself can act as a creator, even in living Nature, forming it eventually according to his will.”

Loeb told Mach that he believed scientists could one day create life through “a technology of living substance.” To Loeb the experiment addressed a deeper issue, the

fundamental nature of life itself. He believed that life was not the product of a supernatural “vital force.” He argued that atoms and molecules behaving naturally could explain all of life's processes. Many of Loeb's colleagues agreed and nominated him for the Nobel Prize. Others disagreed, believing that life was too complex to be explained by anything less than the workings of a divine creator or, at the very least, a mystical, supernatural phenomenon, a “vital force” that inhabited living things. Loeb became a Nobel finalist, but he did not get the prize.

If the egg contains the plan for development of the embryo, Loeb wrote, “we can imagine the Mendelian factors [as genes were then called] giving rise to specific substances which go into circulation and start or accelerate different chemical reactions in different parts of the embryo, and thereby call forth the finer details characteristic of the variety [species] and the individual.” Over an ensuing half century of research, geneticists would confirm that Loeb's speculation was exactly right.

Today the frontiers of biology are almost entirely devoted to understanding the physical and chemical machinery that is life itself. The old concept of a supernatural vital force is dead in science, though, of course, versions of it survive in some religions.

Soon Loeb was being profiled in national magazines. In the popular McClure's Magazine, for example, he was quoted in 1902 as saying: “I wanted to take life in my hands and play with it. I wanted to handle it in my laboratory as I would any other chemical reaction—to start it, stop it, vary it, study it under every condition, to direct it at my will!”

In the years that followed, Loeb produced a succession of remarkable discoveries, many of which were covered by newspapers and magazines, creating



AMERICANS OF TO-MORROW

Jacques Loeb

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Wilhelm Ostwald (1909 Nobel Prize in chemistry) wrote: “There is practically no limit to what man can do in this direction. Of course, at first, he will be able to produce only a piece of protoplasm, something like the water hydra or the resemblance of the sea urchin that Professor Loeb has evolved, but it will be instilled with real life.”

Of course, nothing like that has happened. Still the optimism generated by Loeb's work, though the man himself is largely forgotten, has devel-

oped into a huge scientific enterprise aimed predominantly at the conquest of disease and human suffering.

Next month: How the public reacted to Loeb's experiments.

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Earthfest 2024

**Theresa Furnari, Frederick County Master Gardener**

Summer garden season is here. You can get ideas for your garden in a beautiful Demonstration Garden, meet Master Gardeners and engage in fun activities, including a scavenger hunt for kids, at the third annual Frederick County EarthFest, hosted by the Master Gardeners of Frederick County.

This free open house takes place on June 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland Extension Office at 330 Montevue Avenue in Frederick.

To preview what you can see and learn, here is a virtual walk-through of some of the displays and tables spread across the grounds and through the first floor of the Extension Office:

Donning red shirts, Master Gardeners will be roaming the grounds

to be of assistance but will be most present in the Demonstration Garden. There you can tour a beautiful display of native plants, spread among herbs, such as basil, marjoram, sage, rosemary, spearmint, thyme, and parsley. You'll also find tomato plants, rhubarb, and chives. For fruit lovers, there are strawberry, fig and blueberry plants. While in the garden you will see a compost bin and bee houses, and you may see bees, butterflies, and birds. The co-evolution between plants and wildlife pollinators is on display, defining a healthy ecological system.

The successful co-evolution observed in the garden is attained by native plants, defined by the National Wildlife Federation as having occurred naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, or habitat without human introduction. Although non-native plants do not always pose a threat to



One way to attract bees to your garden is to provide a safe habitat for them to lay their eggs. Here, long wooden tubes are stacked in a bee house. Solitary bees will crawl into the tubes and lay eggs, which will wait for spring to hatch. Bees are the only insect in the world that produces food that humans eat. There are more than 400 species of bees in Maryland alone, and a bee will fly as far as six miles to obtain the nectar it needs to make honey.

native plants, they may not support ecosystem health as well as native plants do. Earthfest 2024 will teach you how to avoid invasive, non-native plants, since they quickly reproduce and spread, killing or otherwise crowding out native plants.

On one side of the Demonstration Garden, young attendees can participate in story time in the Children's Garden, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. The Children's Garden is a magical spot, with brightly colored plants, places to sit to enjoy the space and nooks and crannies to explore.

On another side of the Demonstration Garden, through the Woodland Edge, you will see a variety of shade plants, such as ferns and shrubs. There are bird houses hanging on the branches of native trees. The native Pawpaw tree has its own location, perhaps due to the fact that it produces the largest native edible fruit.

Like native plants, the benefit of native trees in the right location is immeasurable. Not only do trees provide shade, but they also absorb carbon, which reduces carbon dioxide in the air while releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. The tree roots

absorb stormwater to decrease erosion. The trunk, branches, leaves, fruit, and nuts of trees provide habitat for birds, squirrels, and deer, as well as insects. Entomologist Dr. Doug Tallamy has shown that native oak trees support over 500 species of caterpillars, whereas ginkgos, a tree from Asia, host only five or fewer species of caterpillars. Because 96 percent of terrestrial songbirds rely on caterpillars to feed their babies, caterpillars are important for a healthy ecosystem.

Leaving the garden, you can visit an extensive insect collection by 4-H members or peruse additional reading from the Frederick County Public Libraries. At another table you can learn about bees from the Frederick County Beekeepers Association and birds from the Audubon Habitat Advisors or Frederick Bird Club. Another display teaches you how to design a successful pollinator garden. In addition, you can participate in rock painting or make bee and butterfly baths.

To learn about the Potomac River, you may want to visit the table of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. There you will learn about the significance and health of the Potomac River, whose watershed is the second largest in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. At this table, you can learn how stormwater and salt can affect the health of our waterways. Because we are experiencing more intense and frequent storms, the amount of stormwater has increased. Although stormwater generally drains into the soil, when it cannot, it may run along streets and parking lots, picking up trash, oil, salt, and other pollutants. The runoff flows into our rivers and streams and affects drinking water, fish, plants, and other aquatic species. Visiting another display hosted by Master Gardeners, you can acquire information for creating a landscape that helps keep stormwater draining into the soil.

A visit to a display by the Master Naturalist will teach you about wildlife and natural resource management. The Sierra Club Catocin Group display can share

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"Pollinators at Rest" signage at the University of Maryland Extension Building encourages people to protect overwintering pollinators by leaving leaves and other plant debris undisturbed until late in the spring. Many insects burrow under the garden debris for protection from winter weather and foraging birds.

## Small Town Gardener

The rough & smooth of Mid-Atlantic gardening

Marianne Willburn

I can't remember which of the many gardening books I was reading the day I jubilantly came across the sentence, "If you can garden in the Mid-Atlantic you can garden anywhere." I have since seen the same statement applied to the Upper Midwest, The Plains, The Southwest...well, you get the picture. What gardener doesn't insist that they have it worst of all?

In many ways of course, we are blessed. We have a long growing season, and when friends in Denver are brushing the snow off the greenhouse door, we are well into the joys of spring's bounty. When our cousins in North Dakota have stocked and shut the root cellar for the season, we are still doing magical things with tomatoes. For your average gardener, the season lasts from April to October, and for triple A personalities with greenhouses and creativity, it can last longer than that.

Our blessings continue with average annual precipitation levels hovering around the 40-inch mark, and decent soil composition making up much of the region – a region which technically runs from as far north as New York state to just south of Norfolk, VA.

Yes, on the face of it, life should be made in the shade for a Mid-Atlantic gardener with a pocketful of seeds, a trowel, and a dream. But of course, that's not the whole, deceptive, story.

I admit I fell for the bait and switch. As a West Coast transplant with much time spent in the UK, I was lured in by summer thunderstorms, Kew Garden-esque springs, green hedgerows, firefly summers, stone houses, and of course, a burgeoning wine industry.

From the outset, it looked like we had settled into the best of both my worlds. We could enjoy a sunny summer's day, experience a brief summer downpour, then finish enjoying the rest of the day knowing our rain barrels were filled and our BBQ wasn't ruined.

We could revel in the glory of deciduous spring in a way that those from our childhood homes in the Sierra Nevada mountains could not – experiencing full winter devastation to glorious spring awakening in two weeks flat.

And it was that last bit – as a gardener – that would fool me. The winter would erase any memory of the previous season's punishing heat, flying insects and dreaded humidity; and the frosted hedgerows and fields would make it clear that, wherever I was, it wasn't California. I started each season feeling I was back in a sweetly unfolding English spring. Nope.

It took me a long time to realize that the USDA Zone map only concerned itself with just how bad winter was going to get in a neighborhood near me; NOT how winter hardy plants were going to survive Dante's Inferno in what passed for August in the Mid-Atlantic.

Year after year, I would begin the season with Delphinium and end it bitterly with crispy pots of lobelia, always certain that

this particular season had been unusual...that this particular season had suffered from some sort of neglect on my part...that this particular season would be greatly improved next year.

A turning point for me came several years ago, when I became friends with the [now late] garden author Pamela Harper – a British ex-pat gardener who lived and gardened on the coastal plains of Virginia for more than fifty years. One of her books, *Time-Tested Plants* (Timber Press, 2000), was a revelation to me, and helped me to start gardening for the climate I was experiencing, not the one that was being promised in the first two weeks of May.

Harper's vision matched my own. She wanted to grow the same plants I wanted to grow – but either had to substitute other, better suited species, or adapt via different cultivars. And she had fifty years of experience doing just that.

When it came to old English favorites like delphiniums, she contented herself with spire-like perennials such as *Erythrina herbacea* (Coral Bean) or enjoyed annual larkspur. Instead of watching traditional campanulas falter under intense heat, she grew *C. garganica* instead and enjoyed a carpet of bloom in May and June.

Through her numerous examples, I slowly came to garden for a Mid-Atlantic climate. Which, while not without intense challenges and fluctuating seasons, is exceptionally satisfying when you're trying to grow your skills as a gardener.

Certainly I could do without the gnats, and if global weather patterns suddenly erased the humidity, I would not shed a single tear; but I have come to appreciate the wealth of water...the sunny skies...the hot summers that make roadside mullein come to life. I adore the many shades of green, and conversely enjoy the many shades of brown come winter. And autumn? Well autumn is a book unto itself around here, and is quite rightly envied in other parts of the world.

When you move, it takes time to establish what your new normal is. 23 years later, I think that the most interesting thing about the Mid-Atlantic is, there isn't one. That's the challenge. That's the fun.

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why you should reduce plastic use and actions you can take in your daily activities to respond to climate change. This is especially relevant as the climate continues to warm. A warming climate crowds out native plants and animals that have evolved together, harming our regional heritage, biodiversity and introducing invasive species that do not sup-

port a healthy ecosystem.

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# PETS

## My baby Loki has cancer

Jennifer Vanderau

You have no idea how difficult it was for me to type those five words.

Loki is my 7-year-old black cat who came to me when he was a kitten and he was so scared he hid in the basement for the longest time. I'll never forget the afternoon that I laid on the kitchen floor and waited for him to come to me while the Empire Strikes Back played in the other room. It took me two hours, but eventually, he poked his little head above the top step and hesitantly walked to me. Once he rubbed my chin, he just started purring.

He's my boy.

Well, a few weeks ago I noticed he was limping. I figured he must have done something stupid because of the way he runs around the house like a doofus. However, when I took a look at the leg he wasn't putting much of his weight on, I found a golf ball sized lump on his knee.

That's when the worry truly took root in my heart.

I got him to the vet and they x-rayed his leg and aspirated the lump and it was cancer.

I can't tell you how much I have cried

in the last few weeks. I've been sick to my stomach and haven't been sleeping much and it's been so rough.

The vet said amputation would be what she recommended, but he was apparently a holy terror in the x-ray room and because of that, they were unable to get an x-ray of his chest to see if the cancer had spread anywhere else.

The vet scheduled him to come back two days later for the amputation, when they said they would do the chest x-ray. If the x-ray showed cancer, the vet said euthanasia was really the better option.

You guys, I can't tell you what that did to me. I was in the shower the day after that and I just ugly cried. I mean really, really ugly.

He had just been running around and climbing chairs and acting like his idiotic self just days before they told me this. How in the world would I be able to euthanize him?

Again, ugly crying. I mean from deep in my gut ugly crying.

It turns out, thank all the deities from every religion, that the x-rays were clear. His bloodwork was good and his heart and lungs also sounded good, so his back,

left leg was amputated.

He came home the same day and I've been trying to help him through the recovery.

I second guess myself almost every minute of the day. I just don't want him to be in pain, but I don't want to overdose him either. He's a very proud cat – not one to be picked up and cuddled. He's very loving, but it's got to be on his terms.

I still haven't slept very well and my appetite is hit or miss.

Loki stays in my bedroom with me at night – I shut out the other cats because I don't want anything to happen to him – and every move he makes wakes me up and I have to check on him.

It's been such a roller coaster.

It dawned on me over the last few days that it's probably a good thing – for a number of reasons – that I never had a human child. I know after this experience I probably would have been in a locked ward before the child was out of diapers.

To the parents out there: I seriously don't know how you do it.

Overall, when I'm not locked in a constant swirl of worry and fear and grief and I can allow logic out for a second or two, I'm able to admit Loki has done remarkably well. His stitches came out last week and he's trying to jump on things he shouldn't, but he's always been a bit of a jerk, so that's not terribly surprising.

I've kind of renamed him Hop-Along because I can hear him coming when he walks around the house.

I still worry, though, because that's apparently my lifetime default, but I'm starting to feel a little better.

I'm also trying to work through the purpose of all this. Sometimes the bigger picture is a whole lot easier to see when you're not right in the middle of the tough times, but I'm going to put this in writing now because I think I need to own it. I don't have a significant other. I'm not married. I don't have children. There are days in my life when I speak to very few people.

My cats are the creatures who I see and speak to and touch every day in some fashion. Every, single day. They are a literal part of my daily existence and I have always known how much I love them, but I think this experience may have shown me how much I actually need them.

Because the thought of not having Loki in my life nearly stopped me in my tracks.

I'm not a total idiot – despite a whole lot of evidence in my life to the contrary – I know that the cancer could come back. I know that I may not be as lucky the next time around. I know that my cats won't be with me forever, but for now, Loki's still here and I plan on appreciating every, single second I have with him.

I do believe life is about gratitude and living in the moment and being happy with what you have.

And each second that I have with my new Hop-Along I will treasure with every beat of his and my heart.

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Poncho is a happy guy who is true to his breed and has a great nose! Knowledge of the Coonhound breed is a plus for potential adopters. Poncho is about 2 years old and came into the shelter as a stray. He enjoys going on walks and heading out to the play yard for his "sniff time." Poncho does get over excited at times and will jump up on people. He is working on this habit, but he may be too much for small children due to this. An age restriction for children in the home may apply, please discuss this with shelter staff. Poncho is also pretty vocal so close neighbors or apartment living would not be ideal. Do you have the right spot for Poncho? CVAS, 5051 Letterkenny Road West, Chambersburg.



When Floki arrived, he was emaciated, and in very poor shape because he came into the shelter as a stray. We've been able to get weight on him as well as a healthy shine to his fur. Floki is a big boy that doesn't quite know how big he really is! He is a 2-year-old Rottweiler who really is a good looking boy. Floki would love to go to a loving forever home that has Rottweiler experience. He knows sit and does so quite handsomely we must say! He can be aloof with strangers at first but does warm up to new people well. Floki can be dog selective here at the shelter but seems to do better with females. He would do best in a home with older children. Can you give Floki a second chance at a forever home?



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Copper was surrendered to the shelter when his owner could no longer care for him. He is a 3-year-old, Redbone coonhound who is incredibly handsome, but very energetic. Copper has never lived inside a house; with his previous family he lived in the barn with a kennel run. He will need someone that understands that he will need to learn what living in a home is all about. Copper does jump up when he's excited. He's also never been around children and may be too much for small ones, so an age restriction for children in the home may apply. Please discuss this with shelter staff. A knowledge of hounds would be best for his future family. Are you the right fit for Copper?



Rustic came into the shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He is a 4-year-old fellow who is super sweet, but can be shy. Rustic does eventually warm up to people, but it might take a little time. He would love to have his second chance soon. Could that be with you?

For more information about Poncho, Floki, Copper, and Rustic call the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter at 717-263-5791, or visit them online at [www.cvaspets.org](http://www.cvaspets.org) or better yet, visit them in person at the shelter.



# Meet Angel

Bethany Davidson  
FCAC Humane Educator

Right now at Frederick County Animal Control we have eight dogs who have been with us for approximately 100 days making them all longtime residents. While some need very specific types of homes and families which can make finding a forever home take a little bit longer, one dog many staff and volunteers are surprised to see on this list is Angel.

Angel is our friendly and fun-loving senior lab mix. It's not easy being the dog in the first kennel especially if you're not particularly fond of other dogs, but Angel does a great job as our greeter. She's calm and quiet and is a wonderful example of what a shelter dog can be. While Angel may seem like a couch potato in her kennel, this senior still loves to tear it up. Yes, cuddles are fun, but she's playful and loves to get her zoomie on too.

Angel is our go to dog for introducing new volunteers and day trip fosters to our program. Not



Angel

only is she comfortable with most strangers, but she is also fairly well mannered. She walks nicely on leash, knows sit and down, and takes treats pretty gently. Angel does have one area of good manners where she struggles though.

It's those pesky polite greetings. She just gets so excited to see people that she can't keep those paws on the ground. We have been working with Angel on this and will go over how to help her stay grounded with her new family.

Now you may be asking yourself how did a dog this awesome end up at FCAC. Well, Angel's family needed to move and their new home didn't allow pets so after having her for nearly her entire life they made the painful decision to let us find her a new family. Her former family reports that she rides well in the car and is used to vet care. She did well living in a home with children as young as four years old and while she isn't always a huge fan of other dogs, she didn't have a problem with their resident cat.

Angel does get regular ear cleanings to prevent ear infections and is allergic to poultry, but otherwise appears to be in good health.

Whether you're first-time dog owner or a seasoned dog mom or dad, Angel will certainly be a great addition to most any family. If you'd like to find out more about Angel and set up a time to meet her, please go to [www.visitfcac.as.me](http://www.visitfcac.as.me) to book an appointment.



Adopted from the shelter in 2015, Tank was returned due to his owner's health. He was nervous when he first arrived, but who could blame him after living with the same person for nine years. Once comfortable, Tank becomes more confident and is a sweet, laidback guy. He shared his previous home with a dog and shelter staff recommend him for families with kids of any age.



Quince is a confident, easy-going guy. In fact, he is in our greeter cage on the cat adoption floor. He curiously watches everyone that enters the room and hopes someone will stop by to pet him. Quince was found as a stray in Points of Rocks, but no one stopped by the shelter to reclaim him. Since arriving at the shelter he has been neutered, microchipped and brought up to date on routine vaccinations.



Zuel is a handsome, friendly fellow. At one and half years old, he is fully grown but small (46lbs) for a Siberian Husky. He enjoys playing fetch and is very athletic. In fact, he can scale fences, so his new owner will need to be able to keep him safely at home. Unfortunately, his owner left him with a friend and never returned. After six months, the friend could no longer care for Zuel, so he was turned into the shelter.



True to his breed, Odin exhibits many of the characteristics of a Coon Hound. He is energetic, vocal and enjoys tracking a scent. In fact, he was likely following his nose when he was found as a stray on Longmeadow Dr. in Frederick. Odin does know a few basic commands but could use some help on manners. His ideal family will have past dog experience and time to provide him daily exercise.

For more information about Tank, Quince, Zuel, or Odin call the Frederick County Animal Shelter at 301-600-1319 or visit them online at [www.frederickcountymd.gov/fcac](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/fcac).

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- 2. Our Economy** - We must make sure Western Maryland has a strong voice on Capitol Hill so we can deliver funds to invest in our infrastructure, create jobs, and provide economic justice for our families. I've been proud to serve on the Appropriations Committee, securing tens of millions of dollars to fund roads, bridges, community centers, and more in every county in the 6th District.
- 3. Mental Health Care** - We must also continue to work to expand access to mental health care. Too many people are suffering in the shadows. Too many fall victim to the stigma and are fearful to admit that they're not okay. It breaks my heart, and it ignites a fire in me to make a difference — because this is personal to my family.

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I've been incredibly proud to represent you in Congress for the last six years. Not just because it's a beautiful district with a diverse group of hardworking people (it is). I'm especially proud because I see the potential in every community. I recognize the economic engine that needs a little bit of fine-tuning before it races down the road. It's been an honor to play a small role in making that vision a reality.



# Woodsboro-Walkersville NEWS-JOURNAL

SECTION 2

## Judicial Soup

Claire Doll & Dolores Hans  
MSMU Classes of 2024 & 2025

Shannon Bohrer, long-time contributor to the Emmitsburg News-Journal, recently wrote and published a debut novel, *Judicial Soup*. This novel is inspired by a career in law enforcement and an interest in criminal justice reform. The book examines several stories in which the innocent have been incarcerated.

The novel follows protagonist Heath Patrick Thomas, police officer in Georgetown, Washington D.C., in August 2010 and how he was wrongly accused of drunkenly and forcefully drawing his weapon. What follows is the judicial system failing to consider proper evidence in the case, resulting in a wrongful conviction of a crime that remains on his record to this day. Heath's reputation and credentials in law enforcement were greatly affected, and his career and the trajectory of his life was changed.

"Due to a series of mistakes, conflicts, and false information that melded together like ingredients in a soup, he was found guilty and lost his career," Shannon writes about the book. "What I saw unfold...was unlike anything I had experienced before."

Shannon Bohrer has over four decades of experience in law enforcement and has written countless articles in his field. Upon his retirement from the Maryland State Police, Shannon worked as an instructor for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an administrator for the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. Shannon has published dozens of articles, featured in publications such as *F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin* and *Police Marksman*, and he writes for

the monthly column, "Words From Winterbilt" in the Emmitsburg News-Journal.

"I knew there was bad police officers, I knew there were corrupt things. I never expected the court to be this bad," says Shannon when reflecting on Heath's story. When he got permission to write the book, Shannon gathered the files from the attorney and began the process of synthesizing facts and sources to defend Heath's dignity. As the novel's draft progressed, similar cases in the news began to surface, including the wrongful killing of George Floyd in police custody; these instances only urged Shannon to publish *Judicial Soup* even more.

"I've learned so much while writing this book," says Shannon, "not just about the cop, but about the publishing process." A member of the Maryland Writer's Club, Shannon pitched his proposal for *Judicial Soup* and worked with an agent to publish the book. "I'm extremely lucky," he reflects. He explains that for most people, even those with amazing proposals, do not make it past the pitching stage for quite some time, maybe years upon years. This goes to show the vitality of this novel at this moment in our society.

Along with following protagonist Heath Patrick Thomas's journey, *Judicial Soup* also features chapters that summarize cases in which an innocent person has been found guilty of a crime and later exonerated. These true cases bring to light the life- and career-damaging instances where witness misidentification and prosecutorial misconduct occur too often. "Researching these cases of wrongful conviction was a learning experience in and of itself," Shannon writes regarding his book. "It was not hard; in fact, it was easy—too easy—to find cases

of individuals who had been guilty of crimes they did not commit and then spent years incarcerated."

Shannon says that he anticipates possible reforms related to the book's message. "There's a lot of pressure to not report things," he says, recounting a story in *Judicial Soup* about a man who was wrongfully accused of murdering his wife and served 25 years in prison. Nearly three decades later, new evidence that was withheld was brought to light, revealing that the husband was not the killer, and instead reporting that similar murders had happened relating to this case. Shannon's decision to put a case following every chapter is rather prudent towards his readers' understanding of how urgent a cause this is. "When you read the book, my intent is that at first, you're a little confused. After a while, you're annoyed. And when you're about two-thirds through the book, you're mad," he explains. "This could happen to anyone."

*Judicial Soup* has received preliminary reviews prior to its publication. One reader from Houston, Texas says, "I found myself constantly reading, anticipating the next revelation in the history of the case. I read the entire book in three days. It draws you into the story and makes it impossible to put down." Another reviewer, more local to the area from Frederick, Maryland, says the novel is "a truly insightful look at a serious miscarriage in justice, backed up with relevant anecdotes and terrific historical quotes providing food for thought." Another reader says, "I never learned so



Shannon Bohrer, a retired State Police Officer and *Words from Winterbilt* commentary columnist, is now a published author!

much about the judicial system from one source. If you believe in the system, or even if you don't, you should read this book."

"I don't know if I would have done this if you told me it took ten years," says Shannon, reflecting on the process. Shannon ultimately embraced the difficulty of writing and publishing a novel, describing it as "challenging, but doable." By addressing the crack in foundation and how the judicial system is failing, Shannon defends the lives of the innocent affected by this crisis.

Shannon has been married to his wife Susanne for 51 years and resides

in Frederick, Maryland. In addition to writing, he enjoys spending time with his wife and horses, as well as pursuing hobbies such as reading, traveling, and continuing education.

*Judicial Soup* was released on May 7th and is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other fine bookstores. It is Shannon Bohrer's debut novel following an entire career in law enforcement and investigation. This novel comes highly recommended, as both an intriguing story you can't put down, and a collection of vital and disconcerting information that will make you think.



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# HISTORY

## The Wood family of Woodsboro

**Dahl Drenning**  
Fifth great-grandson of Colonel Joseph Wood, 2024

### The First Generation in America

It was in 1683, fifty-eight years before Joseph Wood leased lot 56 on Monocacy Manor in what would become Frederick County then the western frontier of the Maryland Colony that his great grandfather William Wood arrived in the Pennsylvania colony. William Wood (1624-1685) a Quaker merchant with his wife Susanna Stubbins Markel (1650-1689) and children Joseph, John, Jonathan, Stephen, Benjamin and Susanna emigrated from Nottingham in England and settled in the Philadelphia area near Darby in Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the intersection of Cobbs and Darby Creek.

William Wood an associate of William Penn and a shareholder in Penn's Free Society of Traders owned all or part of five thousand acres in the area. Before his untimely death in 1685 William Wood began a family tradition of entrepreneurial activity and local leadership serving as Justice of the Peace, Provincial Court Judge and Provincial Counselor. It appears also that he and his son Joseph built and operated for a time fulling and grist-

mills in the Darby area.

### The Second Generation

Emigrating with his father, William Wood's son Joseph (1666-1721) about nineteen years old at the time of his father's death soon became involved in business and governmental affairs in both Pennsylvania and Delaware. He held land in Philadelphia and Chester counties and in the 1690s served as Sheriff in Chester County and later became Sheriff in New Castle, Delaware serving also as a Supreme Court Justice and an Assemblyman. In 1701 Joseph Wood served as a witness and signatory to the last will and testament of William Penn.

It appears that Joseph Wood did not share his father's religious convictions and chose instead to affiliate with the Anglican Church reverting to a faith tradition held previously by the Wood family in Nottingham. Joseph Wood married Francina Herman (1662-1749) the daughter of colonial mapmaker and Czech native Augustine Herman (1621-1686) and Jannetje Varleth (1674) of Dutch ancestry. Augustine Herman as a reward for drafting the "Map of Virginia and Maryland, 1670" one of the earliest maps of the Ches-

apeake Bay area received from Lord Baltimore a sizeable parcel of land in Cecil County Maryland which he named "Bohemia Manor" a portion of which he set apart as "Three Bohemia Sisters" and passed to his daughters including Francina and her husband Joseph Wood.

A son Joseph (1691-1738) and a daughter Jenneken (1693-?) were the only children of Joseph and Francina. Joseph and Francina are buried in the cemetery of Emanuel Church in New Castle Delaware.

### The Third generation

Joseph, the son of Joseph the immigrant and Francina, lived his entire life in Cecil County Maryland. He and his wife Martha had two sons and three daughters. Joseph was a slave owning planter in Cecil County possessing at one time over twelve hundred acres. He was affiliated with the Anglican Church with his wife Martha being a member of the Religious Society of Friends. Following the pattern of service established by his predecessors Joseph was a member of the lower house of the Maryland legislature from 1732 until 1737 and was a vestryman in the North Sassafras (Anglican) Parish. Joseph and Martha named one of their two sons Joseph,



Memorial marker honoring Joseph Wood located adjacent to the Woodsboro Veterans Memorial.

being now the third in the Wood family line in America to bear the same name.

### The Fourth Generation

It was this Joseph Wood (1709-1782) the son of the Cecil County Legislator who married Sarah Hodgson (1708 -1747) in 1734/5 in Cecil County and relocated to the western frontier of Maryland in or about 1741 to become the second lessee on Monocacy Manor taking up tenancy on lot # 56.

[John Wood (Nov. 29, 1754-Nov. 11 or 14, 1832) served as an Ensign in the 37th Battalion of the Maryland Militia (April 27, 1779) originally commanded by Colonel James Johnson and in which his half/brother Joseph Wood was the Lt. Colonel. Joseph would have been about thir-

ty-six years old and John would have been about Twenty-five. In the spring of 1783 John Wood moved to Berkeley County, Virginia returning for a time to Maryland before moving to Kentucky then to permanently locate in Wabash County, Illinois. His first child Susanna was born in Frederick County, Maryland in January of 1783 with the remainder of his children being born in Virginia and Kentucky. It was likely that John Wood and Joseph, his older half/brother were born on Lot 56 of Monocacy Manor.]

Soon after taking up residence on the Manor, he assumed a leadership role in the affairs of All Saints Parish and in the civil jurisdiction that would become in 1748 Frederick County. As a new resident on the Manor Joseph Wood began to identify himself as Joseph Wood of Israel's Creek

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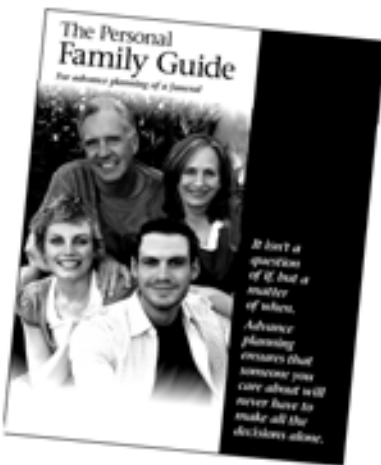
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reflecting upon the stream which ran through his Manor lot in order that he not be confused with another local pioneer Joseph Wood of Linganore.

In the time between his arrival on the Manor in the early 1740s and his death in 1782 Joseph Wood of Israel's Creek served the public interest as a road overseer, jurist, registrar for All Saints Parish, member of committees responsible for the construction of a school and a jail in Fredericktown and as an officer (Captain, Major) in the Maryland Militia at the time of the French and Indian War.

Joseph Wood was included on a list of militia commissions (Captaincies) delivered by Thomas Cresap to John Ross in Annapolis, August 20, 1749. He was also a signatory to the 1777 "Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity" at the beginning of the Revolutionary War as well as a financial contributor to the independence effort loaning two thousand dollars to the State of Maryland. In July 1747 Sarah Hodgson Wood died leaving four children including the next generation Joseph Wood (1743-1793) who was then just four years old. Joseph Wood of Israel's Creek known variously as Judge, Major and Joseph Wood Sr. married widow Catherine Julian three months later with whom he had six more children and continued for years to exercise his civic responsibility as an active leader in the developing Frederick County community.

The children of Joseph Wood and Sarah Hodgson:

Robert, born August 12, 1736, and married Oct. 13, 1763 Catherine Dorsey.

Sarah, born Jan. 10, 1739, married Nathaniel Wickam, died July 11, 1777.

Joseph (Colonel) born September 17, 1743. May have been born in Frederick County.

Mary, born Aug. 7, 1746, married Moses Hedges.

Catherine, born April 9, 1749  
 The children of Joseph Wood and Catherine Julian, (married Sept. 11, 1749)  
 Elizabeth, born Feb. 5, 1750, married Aug. 6, 1769 Thomas Wilson  
 Abraham, born Feb. 7, 1753  
 John, born Nov. 29, 1754, married Martha Ogle (1761-1820)  
 Rachel, born Feb. 5, 1757, married Benjamin Barnhart.  
 Rebecca, born Sept. 12, 1759, married Thomas Reynolds.  
 Ruth, born Nov. 24, 1761.

### The Fifth Generation

Joseph Wood the son of Joseph Sr. and Sarah lived and died in Frederick County. Born (1743-1793) a year before Frederick County was separated from Prince Georges County, Joseph Wood Jr. the great, great grandson of William Wood the immigrant associate of William Penn, became imbued with and inspired by the possibilities and responsibilities that were present and available to the growing tide of settlers streaming into the area. His experience, not unlike that of preceding generations of the Wood family would be one of opportunity, risk, success, and failure. Though his memory is forever

associated with the community that bears his name, the founding of Woodsboro by Colonel Joseph Wood in 1786 might have been the pinnacle of achievement for the Wood family in Frederick County and at least partially responsible for their undoing and fall from prominence.

For many years the best if not the only available genealogical and historical information regarding the Wood family was found in the pages of Thomas Scharf's subscription history, "The History of Western Maryland" (published in 1882), in the section about the district and town of Woodsboro. The major error in this section is the claim that the father of Colonel Joseph Wood, Joseph Wood Sr. of Israel's Creek, was an immigrant from Gloucester, England and thereby the first generation of the family in America. Joseph Wood of Israel's Creek was in fact the fourth generation of the family in America that had originated not in Gloucester but in Nottingham settling first in Pennsylvania and then in Cecil County, Maryland. A possible explanation for this error is those who Scharf interviewed while travelling

### Patriot Grave Marking Service



**The Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Walkersville Historical Society will hold a patriot grave marking service, Saturday, June 8 at 1 in the afternoon at the Glade Cemetery to honor five Revolutionary War patriots - Jacob Barrick, John Cramer, Michael Grinder, Jacob Holtz, & Peter Stimmel. Please join them in honoring those who helped this country win its freedom.**

through the countryside and villages in Western Maryland in the later years of the nineteenth century simply knew very little about the

family history outside of Frederick County let alone their time in Cecil County and Philadelphia.

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## June 6

### Decoration Day Services

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No Decoration Day services were held in Uniontown this year, but thanks to the kindness of the American Legion, flags were furnished, and each of the thirty-three veterans resting in the town's cemeteries were remembered by the U.S. colors being placed on their graves.

### War College Camps In Full Action

The presence of the War College camp was enlivened this week by the presence in the air, of many airplanes, humming busily in almost all directions, said to number from 15 to 18, and operating largely between Walkersville and Gettysburg.

There are 12 camps between Gettysburg and Washington, and the work is being done by perhaps 300 officers, ranking from lieutenant to colonel. The whole scheme represents a make-believe battlefield, perhaps selected because its similarity in typography too to possibly an actual scene of war in the future.

The work includes Signal Corps communication, and theoretical maneuvering into positions determine upon by staff officers from headquarters in Gettysburg, immediately opposite the entrance to the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

The Signal Corps has stretched miles of field, telephone wire, and First Army headquarters, Walkersville, has been kept in touch with the movements of the troops. Couriers make use of airplanes, motorcycles, and automobiles. About 25 airplanes are scattered over eight bases. The main aviation field is near Walkersville, where 20 Plains are in use.

The camps have been quite attractive for visitors, who, however, do not gain a great deal of information, except in a very general way, there has not been much to see, as the whole plan represents a school for students, and not a spectacular display for the benefit of the public. It is not a drill proposition, but one of actual inside schoolwork, largely of a private character.

The maneuvering is to educate officers in men in the management and movement of troops in time of war. Orders are sent by telephone, radio and courier to the different bodies of men, and reports are received and tabulated daily by umpires, who decide whether the army has advanced or been driven back. The entire "front" extends from north of Emmitsburg and Gettysburg, to Hanover, to Aberdeen, to Havre de Grace. The maneuvering, which will last through tomorrow and will conclude with a critique in which all the officers will participate.

### Didn't Get Enough To Drink

William Whitmore, about 28 years old, of near Walkersville was arrested, Sunday afternoon, charge with operating and automobile, while under the influence of liquor, and reckless driving. At a hearing before the Justice of the Peace, he was fined \$125 and cost on the liquor charge, and \$10 for reckless driving. Unable to pay he was committed to jail for 135 days.

According to the charges, Whitmore crowded nine automobiles off the road, several of which ran into ditches along the side of the highway to escape being struck. Observing his condition, one of the drivers, forced to one side of the road, notified the police, who started after the reckless driver and halted him near New Midway. Seeing the officer, a companion of Whitmore jumped from the machine and disappeared into an adjoining orchard. According to the officer, Whitmore was very much under the influence of liquor.

### Wife Asks To Whip Husband

That she be permitted to perform for the Sheriff the duty of applying the lash to the back of her husband, Louis Longebeam, upon whom Justice

Bower Monday, imposed a sentence of 15 lashes, was the request made by Mary Longebeam.

"Please let me whip him; I'll stand on my toes and cut the blood out of his back," Mrs. Longebeam told Justice Bower, as she begged to be allowed to wield the cat-o-nine tails Monday afternoon.

Unless Longebeam appeals the decision of Justice Bower or some unforeseen incident arises, the Sheriff will inflict the punishment sometime today. Person sentence to undergo this form of punishment are first examined by the jail physician. They are then cuffed to bars at the jail and strip to the waist. The lash is then applied.

Longebeam was arrested Sunday evening after his wife said that he had beaten her. Yesterday morning, Mrs. Longebeam testified that her husband struck her in the eye, inflicting a painful cut and breaking her eyeglasses.

### Father Sees Son Killed In Mishap

Robert Holt, aged 25, of Lewistown, was killed Wednesday evening at Creagerstown when a freight train on the Western Maryland Railroad backed into the car in which he was working unloading stones. The impact sent the car Holt was working in back a short distance. Young Holt immediately caught hold of the break wire of the car, but lost his grip and he fell into the pocket of the car and was buried under a load of stones.

He was pulled from under the load and rushed to the Frederick hospital, but died in route from the internal injuries. The accident was witnessed by his father, and one of his brothers, who were also unloading stone from the same car into a truck. Another employee on the car at the time escaped unhurt.

## June 13

### Flying Squadron Brakes Camp

All vestiges of military operations located in the vicinity of Woodsboro and Walkersville for the past 12 days was removed Thursday morning when the air service unit station near Woodsboro broke camp and left for

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For the past 10 days local persons were given an opportunity to witness all sorts of aerial stunts by the army flyers. Mimic battles were fought in the clouds, and during the course of the maneuvers Frederick was "bombed" late one night, and the enemy was routed.

### A Great Radio Demonstration

The greatest of radio performances was given its first big demonstration this week, in carrying the proceedings of the Republican National Convention, at Cleveland. The proceedings were sent out by 14 broadcasting sta-

tions, covering every section of the United States so that listeners in almost every part of the country could hear, word-by-word, the detailed proceedings of the convention, and the noise of the applause and many of the individual voices participating in remarks and expressions.

It was a wonderful boost for radio. In hundreds of newspaper offices, stenographic notes were taken from radios, instead of from telegraph reports. Thereby placing the small papers on equal footing with larger ones who could maintain special correspondents at the convention who could report on private wires at great cost.

In addition, hundreds owning strong radio sets were connected by the use of open telephone lines to thousands of homes not owning radios. The loud-speaking horns making the sounds as audible almost as though spoken directly into the transmitter of the phones.

Richard Nusbaum of Uniontown broadcast portions of the Republican convention proceedings from his radio, for the benefit of local party line subscribers, and the service was excellent.

It was a wonderful demonstration never heretofore equaled in any country in the world.

### Accidents

A foreigner named, Luiz Decicchi was killed instantly, Thursday, while at work in the Union Bridge quarries. The unfortunate man was prepared to set off a blast, when a bank of rock gave away, carrying him with it. A large stone fell on top of him and crushed him. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children.

### Husband Charges Wife

**Ate Too Much**  
Charging her husband put iodine in her medicine in an attempt to end her life; that he was cruel and threatened violence and abandonment, Mrs. Ida Boone filed a bill of complaint against her husband, Earnest Boone, 60, of Johnsville, asking permanent alimony, custody of her 16 year old son, and half interest in their property.



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# 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Mrs. Boone states that the defendant has a farm of 175 acres, another 45 acres to which mortgage is attached, and other valuable property. Besides an income from this, the defendant also has an income of about \$200 a month from milk shipments. The plaintiff states that are only income for years was derive from the sale of chickens.

In a bill of complaint, Mrs. Boone, age 50, charged abandonment because she and her son were ordered from the home occupied by them jointly with the defendant. She charged cruelty and threats of violence. On one occasion, the defendant is alleged to have put iodine in the medicine of the plaintiff with the intent to kill her.

It is also said that the defendant said the plaintiff and her son take so much time to eat, and that he, the defender, intended to stop eating, as it was too expensive, and took too much time.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone were married in 1893 and have three children, the youngest would still live with them.

## June 20

### Is Advertising Killing Newspapers?

We read a lengthy article the other day about advertising killing local newspapers – by padding them to overflowing with the most overshadowing form of advertising and taking readers eyes off the written words in articles.

The subject is pertinent to several lines of argument relative to the influence of advertising on the honesty and dependency of the press relative to its influence on public sentiment. The average reader, perhaps, resents bulky newspapers, made so by advertising. The average reader wants to get at the news, in readable shape, without being forced to hunt it out of the many sectioned 'poster pages', and is ready with the opinion that there is "nothing in" the papers anymore, but advertising.

But, this objection – aggravating as it may appear – is the least, so far as advertising is concerned. The thing that really counts, is, that newspapers may be influenced, in what we call their editorial policy, by advertising patronage – the rev-

enue from it – not only as relates to the daily opinion, formulated in the editorials, but in the selection and prominence, given to news articles, and how the current news of the day is presented.

It is as much an editorial policy to feature – for instance – the failure of prohibition, and minimize the benefits of it, as though openly wet editorials are written. Readers are influenced, perhaps more by "the news", then by carefully stated editorial opinions. What happens impresses itself more on the average mind, then on some writer's opinion. So, we must look into the make-up of a paper, more than to its editorial page, to find out the influence the paper is emphasizing.

Perhaps, after all, not withstanding the cost of advertising, it is still too cheap. It might result in more readers, and more popular newspapers – if the cost of advertising space was doubled or tripled in order to cut it down, on account of the high cost. Smaller and better newspapers are demanded by readers, pretty generally, and perhaps advertisers would be fully well off by using less space.

### Violent Storms Strike Area

The fine weather the first part of this week was spoiled by a heavy down-pour on Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by violent thunder and lightning. Farm work received another unfortunate set back.

The storms on Wednesday at noon were general in the County, but heaviest in the vicinity of Woodsboro, Taneytown and Union Bridge. About 100 trees were uprooted along the state road from Woodsboro to Taneytown.

Damages to trees were reported in Taneytown and Union Bridge, and to freshly planted cornfields. In Uniontown, the barn of Maurice Dutton had the metal roof damage and the barn of Roy Poole was blown over and wrecked.

Several cows were killed by lightning, and hail that fell with the gust striped, hundreds of bushels of peaches from trees. Freshly cultivated fields everywhere suffered generally, and many last efforts at corn planting have been postponed for the year

The telephone company again had considerable losses, over 3,500 poles being reported out of service.

The gust knocked out the electric lights of Taneytown just as the large audience attending a sermon in the Lutheran Church had commenced to leave the church. Quick work on the part of the sextons produced lamps, and parishioners could exit with little confusion. The town was without lights for about an hour.

The condition of Catherine Eyer, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs., William Eyer, of near Woodsboro, who has been suffering from the effects of shock from lightning, since Wednesday, continues to be serious, according to reports from the home.

Catherine was sitting close to the kitchen stove during the storm, when a bolt of lightning struck a tree near the house. Catherine was knocked from her chair. She recovered, and was not believed to have been seriously injured. But while attending rehearsal of the Woodsboro Lutheran choir, Thursday evening, she was taking seriously ill and removed to her home.

### Taneytown Carnival Well Attended

The Taneytown Fireman's Carnival has attracted reasonably large crowds all week and will close on Saturday night. The Emmitsburg and Westminster fire trucks, with visitors from both places, attended the carnival on Thursday night.

## June 27

### Killed As He Worked On Church Repairs

Crushed against the wall of the Church of the Brethren in Union Bridge, Thomas Metz, 60, Saturday morning, was so badly injured that he died Saturday evening at his Union Bridge home, where he was removed following the accident. Metz was assisting in the remodeling of the church and was trapped between a wall and a truck. His spine was fractured. He was removed to his home helpless.

Until a few months ago, Metz was a farmer in the Johnsville district. He retired in the spring and moved to Union Bridge. He was a deacon of the Church of the Brethren at Beaver Dam, of which he was a lifelong member.

### Telephone Rates To Increase

The C&P Telephone Co. has issued a detailed statement in which is covered the reasons for the increase in rates to subscribers, the first part of which relates to the total investment of the company in equipment, with gross revenues and expenses covered the past five years, showing a rate of return of 5% on an investment of \$27,587,000.

The average investment in each telephone in Maryland is given as \$202, an increase in five years from

\$151; and the increase in cost of construction and materials as almost 100% more than in 1918.

The item of taxes is covered, showing that in 1914 the company paid \$274,000 and for the present year, about \$1 million; or for each telephone in 1919 the company paid \$3.33 in taxes and a 1924, approximately six dollars in taxes.

Charges to subscribers are based on the number of telephones in the community. In general, the rates will be increased as follows:

For Business – the monthly cost of an individual line will increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75. The cost of a four-party line will increase from \$2.50 to \$3.

For residences - the monthly cost of an individual line will increase from \$2.75 to \$3. The cost of a four-party line will increase from \$1.75 to \$2.

The cost for rural party lines will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75/month.

There are other charges that apply to auxiliary lines and private branches, and to certain service, not commonly used. There are also increases in toll rates, not possible for us to give in this small space. It is proposed that these rates shall go into effect on November 1, depending on the action of the public service commission.

To read other articles related to 100 Years Ago this Month, visit the History section of Walkersville.net.



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# LIBRARY NEWS

## June at the Walkersville library

Kickoff summer with a challenge the whole family can enjoy! June 1 is the official start of the Summer Reading Challenge. Stop by any Frederick County Public Library to sign up and track your reading or use the Beanstack App. Either way you'll earn ice cream and a book when you read just 20 days between June 1 and August 15. Earn tickets for prize raffles by reading all summer long; there are great prizes for all ages. Come out to the Walkersville Branch Library at 11 a.m. on June 14 to celebrate reading with all kinds of fun, including a visit from Mario!

Please note that all Frederick County Public Libraries will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. Learn about the history of

Juneteenth with Barbara Thompson from African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH) on Sunday, June 9 from 1:30 to 2:30pm at the Walkersville Branch Library.

If you're looking for something to do on Father's Day, June 16th, come to the library for a presentation on the Civil War at 1pm. Public historian Jake Wynn will discuss how the Civil War and Reconstruction reshaped Frederick County's history. Wynn will discuss not only the battles that ravaged the region from 1861 to 1865, but also stories of the tectonic political, economic, and societal shifts that accompanied civil war and its aftermath. Stories of local residents, enslaved and free, document

how the conflict impacted the region and its people. The program will also highlight the importance of Reconstruction across Maryland and its role in Frederick County's history.

Two special guests will join us at the library for exciting entertainment this month! Awesome Animal Ambassadors on June 21 and Magician Anthony Ware on June 28, both programs start at 11 a.m.

A unique mobile 'escape room' will be on site at the Walkersville Branch Library on Sunday, June 23 from 1:00-3:00pm. Use your collective wits and skills, search for clues, solve puzzles, crack codes, and unravel riddles to conquer a mobile escape room's mission before time runs out. This is a great experience for older kids and adults!

On Wednesdays at 10am in June, programs designed specifically for adults with intellectual disabilities and their caregivers take place at the Walkersville Branch Library. Enjoy the fresh air and play some lawn games on June 5, get moving with a dance class on June 12, and sing your heart out on June 26 while doing karaoke.

Senior Café is a great time to meet new friends, have a cup of coffee, and enjoy informational programs at the Walkersville Library. Learn about nutrition and have a tasty snack on June 13 and discover the beautiful art of calligraphy on June 27. Programs on both dates will start at 10 a.m.

Start your week off with a free yoga class on Monday, June 10 and 24 at 6 p.m. Led by instructors from Sol Yoga, this is a great way to wind down and practice self-care on a Monday evening. This class is wonderful for all, even first timers! A Senior Fitness Chair Yoga class will occur on Tuesday, June 4 at 10 a.m.

Do you need help expunging your record from a past conviction?



An attorney from Maryland Legal Aid will be at the Walkersville Branch Library on June 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. They will meet with you for free to discuss your options and begin the process.

Take some time and 'Paws 2 Read' with the Go Team Therapy Dogs on Thursday, June 13 from 6:30 to 7:30. Kids (and adults!) of all ages are invited to share their favorite story and make a new four-legged friend at the library. P.S.—reading to a pup counts toward the Summer Reading Challenge!

Our schedule for storytimes is as follows:

Monday: Infants 10am; It Takes a Village (a caregiver-led discussion)

10:30am; Babies 11 a.m.

Tuesday: Toddlers 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Family 6 p.m.

Thursday: Preschool 11 a.m.

A special storytime will be held at Glade Link Farms on Tuesday, June 4 at 11 a.m. Come for the story, and stay to pick your own berries! The rain date for this is Thursday, June 6 at 11 a.m. Glade Link Farms is located at 12270 Woodboro Pike, on Keymar.

Bilingual Storytime will be on Wednesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. This dynamic and engaging storytime is fun for the whole family and will feature songs, rhymes and more in English and other world languages.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Frederick County Public Schools

Jason Johnson  
Frederick County  
Board of Education!

We are excited to celebrate the amazing contributions of all of our staff who dedicate themselves to the success of our students each and every day. Please join us congratulating the following staff members whose efforts were recognized as above and beyond among their amazing peers for the 2023-24 school year.

Ivette Taboas, a Multilingual Education Program Teacher at Urbana Elementary, who has been named the 2024 FCPS Teacher of the Year and will represent FCPS in the 2024 Maryland State Teacher of the Year Award Program!

Taboas, who is also a National Board Certified teacher, has been part of Urbana Elementary since 2020, working closely with classroom teachers, specialists, and interventionists to support student learning and acting as a liaison for multilingual families. Her career includes roles as an itinerant multilingual education teacher. Before joining FCPS, she worked in Miami and Dade County Public Schools in Florida. Taboas holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Alongside Taboas, other support employees were recognized including Transportation Support Employee of the Year - Shelly Fraley, bus driver, serves the Walkersville High, Middle, and Elementary neighborhoods.

Our great thanks to our employees who help us fulfill the mission of "Every Child, Every Day"!

Congratulations to Catocin High and Sabillasville Environmental School who were newly certified in the Maryland Green Schools Program for 2023-24 by the Maryland Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education (MAEOE). Additionally, Urbana High successfully renewed for certification. Renewals for the program take place every four years. FCPS Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Dyson expressed excitement for the FCPS communities involved, emphasizing the system's commitment to environmental stewardship.

With the addition of these schools, the total Maryland Green Schools in FCPS became seven, joining Frederick High, Myersville Elementary, Oakdale High, and Wolfsville Elementary. MAEOE executive director Laura Johnson Collard highlighted the benefits of Green School practices in promoting student engagement and interdisciplinary curriculum standards. At this time, 654 schools in Maryland are part of the Green School program, representing 34 percent of all schools in the state.

In closing, I would like to share my commencement remarks to the class of 2024:

"Greetings Graduates!

It is my distinct pleasure to share in this triumphant moment with you.

Yet for as diligently as you

have all worked to make it to this moment, I am sure you know that you did not accomplish this great feat on your own.

Graduates, please rise and give a well deserved round of applause to thank your family, loved ones, teachers, school staff and supporters!

I came here today to issue a challenge:

Make your life count.

Now, I know this is a tall order, so I will provide you with a few tips.

First Tip: Share.

Whether it be insight, a smile, money, time or talent. Be will-

ing to release what you have. It was wisely said that when you give it will be given back to you: good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over. Giving qualifies you to receive, so that you can give again. It is a cycle that works.

Next Tip: Speak Victory and Expect it.

No team ever breaks their huddle with the phrase: "One, two, three: Maybe!" So often we are told not to "Jinx it" and to evade even the very notion of whispering a desired result. Graduates, in order to make your life count

you must abandon this dangerous mindset because it will limit you. Nurture your dreams and be bold enough to speak them aloud to those who are destined to support you.

Last Tip: Persevere and Endure.

Not every road will be straight and not every sea will be calm but press on.

Mark the life of every hero, every champion and you will find one universal thread in each of

their stories, adversity.

And so, if you are to join the greats, which indeed is what I am challenging you to do today, battles must be fought and victories won. Whether it be in your mind, in your wallet or on an exam I am calling on you to fight that fight and win.

Graduates, it is my hope that you accept this challenge and make your lives count, because this entire world is counting on you."

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<b>38%</b> Full-time Students <b>62%</b> Part-time Students	<b>252</b> ★ High Honors <b>160</b> ★ Honors <b>37</b> ★ Distinction	<b>2</b> Health Sciences
<b>39%</b> Students of Color <b>58%</b> White Students <b>3%</b> Foreign Students <b>Ethnic Diversity</b>	<b>18</b> — <b>66</b> Graduates Age Range <i>Average age is 27</i>	<b>3</b> Social Sciences
<b>44%</b> Male <b>55%</b> Female <b>1%</b> Non-binary	<b>52</b> Graduates Who Are Veterans	<b>4</b> Science
<b>253</b> First-generation College Graduates		<b>5</b> General Studies

*Congratulations graduates!*  
Whether you are headed next into the workforce, a four-year college or university or another post-FCC opportunity, I know your future accomplishments will be many. The impact you make on your community and all those around you will be significant. Congratulations again and remember—you are forever a special member of the FCC community.\*  
— Dr. Annesa Payne Cheek, FCC President

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# FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

*This month, we asked our staff to reflect on their school year and write letters to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, respectively.*

## Sophomore

Dear Freshman

Gracie Smith  
MSMU Class of 2027

No one prepares you for the emotions you will feel as you move into your first college dorm. No one prepares you for the feeling you get walking to your first class as a college student. No one prepares you for the responsibility that rests on your fragile, naive shoulders. Nevertheless, the things you will experience during your freshman year of college will be some of the most important life lessons you will ever have to face.

One thing my mother told me on my move-in day was that everyone was in the same boat as me. None of us knew each other, we were all leaving our families, and we were all in this together. Truer words have never been spoken. That being said, the fear of the unknown slowly began to dissipate.

Going into college, it felt like I only had my mom to lean on. There are so many things I wish I knew to help me get through it more smoothly. This brings me to share some things I wish I knew going into my freshman year of college.

First, and perhaps most importantly, never be afraid to ask for help; the only one you end up hurting is yourself. If there is one thing I've noticed about the Mount community, it is that everyone wants you to succeed. The Mount has so many ways to aid you in your

success during this difficult transition from high school to college. From peer tutors, office hours, the Writing Center, CSES, and even your classmates, the only thing stopping you from achieving your goals is you.

Second, call your loved ones. You aren't the only one going through this transition, and it's important to surround yourself with people who'll love and support you through it all. You'll have your good days, and you'll have your share of bad days, but make sure to communicate how you feel to people you can trust. Keeping it all inside will only hurt you.

Third, go to events held on campus. I know sometimes you won't feel like it, and sometimes your bed just sounds really, really comfortable after a long day, but getting out and having fun is essential for you to be successful. Being able to balance your school life and social life is the most crucial part of college. Besides, going to events on campus is a great way to meet new people and destress from your assignments for a bit.

Fourth, create a routine for yourself. Set an alarm every morning so that you are making the most of your day. Don't fall victim to a bad sleep schedule; it will only create more stress and anxiety. Making sure to incorporate three meals a day into your schedule is important. Luckily for you, your meal plan is for three meals a day during your first semester. Don't be like me and eat one meal and maybe a cosmic brownie a day. Fueling your body and mind is

going to help you make wise decisions and learn better.

Fifth, explore the areas around you. Emmitsburg is a small, small town, but there are so many neat things around you to do on the weekend with your friends. One of my favorite things to do freshman year was visit Gettysburg. Walking the battlefield, visiting museums, eating at unique restaurants, it was such a nice breath of fresh air only ten minutes away from campus. Another common thing people do on weekends is visit Frederick. While I hate driving in Frederick, there are still so many things to do. Plus, it's only 25 minutes from campus. Of course, the Mount also has several sports games on campus that you could attend, sometimes being on campus is easier and more comfortable.

Sixth, don't be afraid to try new things. This one sounds cliché, I know. However, the Mount has so many extracurricular things to be a part of I can guarantee that you'll find something. Don't be afraid to get involved in as many things as you'd like. You might even surprise yourself.

At this point in my letter to you, I'm going to entertain a series of much less "serious" tokens of advice. Some of them might not apply to you, but I will still share them anyway.

Seventh, always get your food to go. You want your food to stay hot for as long as possible, and you never know how much you'll eat. At least this way, you can take your leftovers back to your room to eat later.



Eighth, doing your laundry on weekdays is easier than doing it on the weekends for obvious reasons. The washing machines and dryers are very particular, so make sure you take care while washing your clothes, and be courteous to others. Don't leave your clothes in the machines for more than 10 minutes after they are done.

Ninth, schedule a time once a week to clean your room. Living in a dirty dorm room hurts your productivity and makes you overall less comfortable. Wash your dishes, vacuum your rugs, clean your desk, etc. You will feel so much better afterward.

Tenth, find a place to study that works for you. The Mount has countless places for you to study aside from

your dorm room. I grew quite fond of studying in the Mount Cafe since I tend to be a loud typer and was more comfortable. The library has several tables, quiet areas, classrooms, and couches for you to study. The Knott Academic Center has empty classrooms for you to use, the Honors lounge, and tables and chairs throughout the building. I am positive you will find something that works for you.

All of this being said, I want to leave you with one last tip. Be confident in yourself, you can do this. At the Mount, we are one big community that helps and supports one another. You got this.

*To read other articles by Gracie Smith, visit the Authors section of Walkersville.net.*

## Junior

Letter to incoming sophomores

Devin Owen  
MSMU Class of 2026

Dear class of 2027, Congratulations! You made it through your first year of college—phew! I have learned that there's three typical feelings towards the end of your first year of college: 1. "Oh my God, that was the best year ever! I love college and being free," 2. "Thank God that nonsense is finally over for three months," and 3. indifference. Personally, at the end of my freshman year I fell more into the second category. As you have now ended your first year of college and are entering into your second year here at the Mount, I encourage you to keep an open

mind and be ready for a year both easier and harder simultaneously. As I have just recently finished my sophomore year at the Mount, I'm looking back at it with much more fondness and love than I had for my first year. Sophomore year is the year where you begin to really feel your place at Mount; you're more comfortable with the environment, you have your people, you know where you're going, you've found the places that you enjoy visiting, you've navigated how to drive on Fifteen, and you have made the Mount a 'home away from home.'

This past year has been an absolute whirlwind of emotions. This was the first year that I actually felt at home at the Mount: I managed to find a job waitressing and, of course, writing for the News-Journal; I found a great group of friends—some of whom feel more like siblings than friends—and a dynamic was created in my suite,

with my roommates that made me feel a sense of comfort and joy. It became a place where I felt free. One of my favorite parts about this year was living in a suite compared to a two-person dorm. Instead of there being two of us, there was actually a total of four of us. The first week of classes we spent the entirety of our nights bingeing the 'Twilight Saga' film collection—one of our roommates had never seen it, so we deemed it a 'rite of passage.' This is what we refer to as our "honeymoon phase," which ended as soon as we got situated with our new routine, and then the arguments commenced. It's only normal though; all people tend to have disagreements and the four of us were no exception. Having roommates is much easier after your freshman year because you've become accustomed to living with another person after your first year at college—my roommates and I found it significantly easier because we all grew up with siblings.

I spent a very large portion of my sophomore year drowning myself in work, both schoolwork and my job off campus. I left very little time for myself to enjoy what college has to offer. That would probably be my one regret about this past year, I could have experienced a lot more if I gave myself the time. I even had to work on my anniversary with my boyfriend, so we didn't get to celebrate together that day! That is not to say though that I regret working hard and making

money entirely; I just wish I had given myself some time to have fun as well. There were a few times I got to go enjoy the things that typical college students at the Mount could enjoy though, usually because my boyfriend would drag me out of bed on a Saturday night and tell me that we're going to socialize with our friends. My work schedule allowed me one night on the whole weekend to go hangout with friends and colleagues; however, I was always either completely exhausted from work the night prior or wanting to be well rested for work the next day. That being said, it took A LOT of convincing to get me out of the comfortable confinements of my suite on a Saturday night. I can recall though a few times that I felt absolutely thrilled that he managed to get me up though—one of which was when we went to an Artic Monkeys concert with some friends in early September. It was an experience so wonderful that I cannot even put it into words. We found out a few days afterwards that this tour was their last as the band was retiring, so it became something I am thrilled to be able to say that I experienced.

One of my favorite things about sophomore year was making such a close circle of friends. My roommate Abby and I didn't do any sports, but both of our significant others were on a sports team at Mount, which meant that their friends ended up becoming our

friends because we were always around. These were the people who were always there to pick me up when I was down, from picking me up from the doctors during my (numerous) concussion check-ups, to lying on the floor with me during finals week while I cried because I was just so over it. These people became the main reasons I loved this year so much, and by the end of it we were all sad to have to say, "see you later." Abby and I were almost entirely glued to each other's hips this year, and both of us being English majors led us to having a lot in common, including the classes we took each semester. It feels so good to have someone who you can get along with so well and look to for help when it's needed; I hope everyone gets to find their own Abby here at the Mount.

With all of this in mind, I hope that all of you upcoming sophomores get to have a year filled with ups and downs, moments of joy, sadness, challenges, lots of laughter, and a year full of experiences to look back on for the rest of your lives. The world is only what you make it; and while you don't know everything, nor will you ever, don't let that deter you from experiencing the world with all it has to offer.

Good luck on your sophomore year! You got this!

-Devin Owen.

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# ADVICE TO THE CLASS STEPPING INTO OUR SHOES

## Senior

Dear junior

**Dolores Hans**  
MSMU Class of 2025

Dear Junior,  
This year has been one of the hardest and simultaneously most joyful of my life. The low parts of this year hit like a ton of bricks, but the joy I found, my surrounding friends, and the person I've become made it worth it. The beginning of junior year feels like you are losing something good and gaining something challenging at the same time. It's a heavy burden to carry, to be losing the comfort of your past and be handed more responsibility and big questions. But I have faith in you.

I had no expectations for my junior year of college, other than what I had seen in one of my favorite shows, "Gilmore Girls," which retrospectively, was a lot like mine. Main character Rory Gilmore is given an opportunity for a summer internship in a newspaper company. As the summer ends, she is told by someone above her that she doesn't have what it takes to make it in this career.

Because of this, she becomes discouraged and even though she has known her entire life that she wanted to be a journalist, after one person puts her down, she begins to question everything. She decides to take some time off from school and her first semester of her junior year is spent losing sight of who she is and what she wants. It's not until a friend of hers really asks her what she is doing and why she is doing it, and reminds her that she is capable, that she decides it's time to get back to school and continue to pursue the career she loves.

The summer before my junior year, I was stressed about finances, roommates, feeling lonely, not knowing if I was on the right path, and dreading the semester to come. Through my tears one night, my dad told me I didn't have to go back, and I heavily considered taking time off. Although I ended up going to school anyway, it was not easy. I started off with a lot of hope, then lost some. I felt lonely, with my good friend and my boyfriend both studying abroad, 3,000 miles away with a five-hour time difference. But I made lots of friends too. We were preparing for an internship in my education classes, and it was very hard to see the fruit

of what I was learning. I felt unsure.

Spring semester I began my teaching internship, and I had someone tell me that I didn't have what it takes. I was so discouraged I began to question again if I was on the right path. Like Rory Gilmore, I have always known I wanted to be a teacher. I have been in teaching roles since middle school. I have been caring for kids since I was a kid myself. This is my path. But it didn't take much for it to all come crumbling into a disorganized and very sad mess of a plan. I had to find my courage.

This year, you will discover what it means to take courage. When you are facing defeat, you are beaten down and discouraged, hold your ground. Remember why you are doing what you are doing. Remind yourself that you are capable.

In the end, you will learn what is most important. I may have struggled with my future, but I knew who my friends were. In the present moment, everything was just as it should be. I went on adventures, developed healthy habits, made friendships stronger, practiced patience and graciousness, and fell in love with the present moment. Enjoy today. Be courageous.

In your junior year, you'll feel the pressure. You'll be looking back on what your life once was, grieving for the life you used to know, and you'll be looking ahead at what's to come, frightened of the uncertainty. But through your grief of your past, you'll find a secure foundation. And through your fear of the future, you'll find passion.

My hope for you is that you will bounce back. When you take hits and go through hard times, you'll learn lessons and emerge stronger than ever. In your life, hold onto goodness and the purist moments, and let go of that feeling of dread. There is nothing coming your way that you can't survive. There is nothing you'll go through that will be solved by quitting or losing yourself. You can do this. You can persevere.

As this year comes to its end and I contemplate what my senior year may be like, I plan to keep the strength I developed from junior year and carry it over into my last year at the Mount. I know now more than ever that my friends and family are my rock. They are the ones who know me best and will help me stay on my path. I also plan to devote more time to prayer. A lot of the hopelessness and loss I felt

this past year was because my faith wavered as I tried to take control of my future rather than hand it to God. If I stay close to Him, I am in good hands. Remember, God won't give you any challenge or any cross that you can't bear. When you come to face something difficult, ask for the grace to overcome it and God will be there by your side.

My last bit of advice to you: make this time count. Don't waste your energy and time on meaningless things like overdrinking and drama. When you look back at your junior year, as I am now looking back on mine, I won't remember the things that caused me pain or the things I thought brought me joy but truly didn't; I'll remember all the good that occurred instead, but I will never get that time back. Don't spend what little time you have to be taking opportunities for your future or to be developing relationships or to be improving yourself on the meaningless and fruitless. Take advantage of the chances given to you and aim to be great. You can do it!

*To read other articles by Dolores Hans, visit the Authors section of Walkersville.net.*

## Graduate

A letter to incoming seniors

**Claire Doll**  
MSMU Class of 2024

Dear Mount Class of 2025,  
I write this to you a week after my graduation. It feels surreal to say that I am officially a Mount St. Mary's University Alumna, that I am no longer a college student; that the past four years have come to an end, an end I never imagined, but simultaneously one that I have been awaiting. The irony is illuminating.

The week immediately following my graduation, I travelled to one of my favorite places: Shenandoah National Park. I planned a graduation trip that doubled as a getaway, and I spent the next five days with little to no cell service. In fact, I deleted Instagram and Facebook simply to disconnect. I filled my days with gorgeous waterfall hikes, wineries in the middle of nowhere, and plenty of mountains. It was a wonderful way to celebrate graduation, and because I had no social media to check, it allowed me to truly reflect on the last four years.

Sylvia Plath says it best in her novel, *The Bell Jar*. As protagonist Esther Greenwood spends a college summer in New York City, she says: "All the little successes I'd totted up so happily at college fizzled to nothing outside the slick marble and plate-glass fronts along Madison Avenue."

It's true. It's so overwhelmingly true, how everything you once obsessed over simply fizzles away in the shadows of the real world.

I spent years maintaining a 4.0 in college (only to lose it to an A-). I stressed over publishing my creative writing, I cried over essays, and I celebrated academic awards for a moment before marking them on my resume and never thinking of them again. College in general creates a rigorous, competitive culture that rarely prepares you for the real world.

In fact, you must go out of your way to prepare yourself for these experiences.

It wasn't until I flew to London, wrote for the News-Journal, or began student teaching that I truly understood how the real world worked—how to travel, how to communicate with others, how to have a job. When I reflect on my favorite semester of college, I think about the four months I spent with my middle school students: waking up before the sun, teaching lessons, and building a life beyond college. I cherished my student teaching semester more than any other.

This is not to say that the academic experience in college doesn't matter. In fact, the Mount's curriculum allowed me to grow as a critical and creative thinker. I have loved my professors, my courses, and my learning.

I just want any incoming senior to know that this time you have at the Mount, or at any college, is precious. You'll graduate, and you'll get the job, so long as you work hard. Living with your best friends, going to Ott's on a Saturday night, driving to Gettysburg in the middle of the week for a coffee—it goes away. Remember these moments, and keep them close to your heart, for these are the memories that last longer than any exam or essay will.

But I also want incoming seniors to know that the year before you graduate is a fragile time. It's filled with choices and questions, late nights of job-searching and conversations you frankly don't want to have. It doesn't matter if you decide to start working, or go to graduate school, or

take a gap year: you will be judged.

My decision to begin teaching this fall was one that raised eyebrows. I heard the following from several people: "I taught for five years, and it was terrible. I couldn't do it." Or "You're too nice to be a teacher." Or "My husband teaches, and he hates it." I also heard from professors that they imagined me flourishing elsewhere. It was rare that I received an honest congratulations for my decision to teach, and it was often that I cried over my ability to follow an ages-old dream.

And when you are judged, you tend to compare. I admit to spending countless nights on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn, scrolling through accounts of people I hardly know, thinking to myself, "If I had just done this..."

College is a breeding ground for comparison. I promise that when you step out into the world, you'll find yourself so far from your fellow graduates. Your peers, your professors—they all become people, normal people. You have the choice to constantly worry about what they're thinking and doing, or you can grow excited about your own unique, fruitful journey.

Spending a week in the mountains was the perfect post-graduation trip. My mind is clearer, my thoughts collected. While I am eternally thankful for the Mount, I am also relieved that my college chapter is complete. Senior year is difficult. You spend years building a life here, only to leave. You think your first job will be your only job, or you panic over having no job, and the eyes of every peer and

professor are on you, watching.

As one of the newest graduates of Mount St. Mary's University, I urge you to discern what matters most to you, and then follow this with all your heart. Do not let anyone irrelevant weigh his or her opinion. Apply to all the jobs, then pray. Delete social media; learn that you're peering through rose-painted glass. Stay up all night with your roommates. Drive down Annandale Road with open windows on a starry night. Pop champagne in front of Bradley Hall. Frame your degree, because you deserve it, and it was worth everything you endured. Go on that post-grad trip. But most importantly: Thank everyone who led you to this moment.

And congratulations, from me, for getting to this point. I know how tough it feels, but I also know how rewarding it is. I want to especially recognize Assistant Managing Editor Dolores Hans for embarking on her senior year. By the end of summer, she will begin leading the News-Journal, and I can't think of anyone more worthy for the role. Like all incoming seniors, Dori is blazing her own path, and I am so excited for her journey; I know she'll live significantly in her unique, amazing way, just like all Mount graduates do.

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## ARTS

## Tootsie continues WOB's 30th anniversary season

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre continues its blockbuster 30th Anniversary Season this summer with the new comedy musical Tootsie, opening June 21st.

Tootsie is the hilarious award-winning musical based on one of the funniest comedic films of all time, in which Michael Dorsey is a skilled actor with a talent for not keeping a job. Desperate and out-of-work, he makes a last-ditch effort at making his dreams come true...by disguising himself as actress Dorothy Michaels. In a meteoric rise to Broadway stardom, Dorothy soon

has audiences falling at her feet while Michael (disguised as Dorothy) is falling for his co-star.

The musical is a stage adaptation of the 1982 Columbia Pictures film starring Dustin Hoffman, Jessica Lange, Teri Garr, and Dabney Coleman. It was an instant box office success, becoming the second highest grossing film of the year (behind E.T. the Extra Terrestrial), as well as garnering countless awards and nominations.

Even with the popularity of the film, and the growing penchant to turn hit movies into musicals, Tootsie did not arrive on the stage until it premiered in Chicago in

the fall of 2018, almost forty years after the movie's release. The production then headed to Broadway where it began previews on March 29, 2019 at the Marquis Theatre, officially opening April 23rd. Both the Chicago try-out and Broadway production starred Santino Fontana as Michael Dorsey/Dorothy Michaels.

As did the movie, the stage show went on to receive numerous award nominations including 11 Tony nominations (2 wins), 10 Outer Critics Circle nominations (2 wins), and 11 Drama Desk nominations (4 wins). Fontana took home all three awards

for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical.

When Tootsie finally closed on Broadway in 2020, it had played 25 previews and nearly 300 regular performances. Following its New York run, a national tour was launched, as well as announcements of a number of international productions.

"Our goal for Way Off Broadway's 30th Anniversary Season," says Justin M. Kiska, the theatre's Managing Director, "was to put together a line-up of shows that included some of the newest and biggest name shows to hit Broadway in recent seasons, and that's exactly what we were

able to do. Diana, Tootsie, and Anastasia are three of the newest shows to be licensed to regional theatres. And we're thrilled they are a part of our anniversary season."

The show will run throughout the summer from June 21st until August 24th, with performances every Friday and Saturday evening, and matinees on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office at 301-662-6600.

To learn more about Tootsie, or any of Way off Broadway's upcoming shows visit the theatre's website at [www.wayoffbroadway.com](http://www.wayoffbroadway.com)

## ESPtheatre's Frederick Shakespeare Festival

The Endangered Species theatre Project (ESPtheatre) will present its 6th annual Frederick Shakespeare Festival, opening June 29th with A Midsummer Night's Dream -- a captivating and enchanting 90-minute rendition of William Shakespeare's beloved comedy, with a magical twist that will delight audiences of all ages.

In this innovative adaptation, with

a twist, the mischievous fairy queen Titania (played by multi-Award-winning actor of the stage and screen Susan Angelo) takes center stage as she flips the spell onto Oberon, her mischievous counterpart. Set in the mystical Athenian Forest, where love and tomfoolery collide, audiences will be transported into a world where the boundaries between reality and fan-

tasy blur. ESPtheatre's production promises to captivate audiences with its whimsical charm and spellbinding performances.

Directed by ESPtheatre's Artistic Director Christine Mosere, she states, "We are so excited to present a main-stage production of Midsummer as part of this year's festival," and she adds "This reimagining of A Midsummer Night's Dream, offers an interesting perspective to this classic story with Titania overhearing Oberon's talk about his 'spell' thus turning the tide on him.

Susan Angelo is an LA-based actor who has performed leading roles in well over 100 Shakespeare, classical, and contemporary plays throughout the country, including in New York and Los Angeles. In film and television, she has worked with actors such as Viola Davis, Amy Aquino, Holly Hunter, Forest Whitaker, and many more. She has been honored with LA Drama Critics Circle, LA Drama-Logue, LA Weekly, and Scenic Awards along with Ovation nominations.

"We are thrilled Susan Angelo

agreed to join us all the way from LA to star as our Titania," Mosere added, "I agree with the LA Times when they called her 'a Comic Genius!' and I just could not believe our luck when, after writing her to get feedback on my adaptation (which required my writing two short scenes in iambic pentameter to make it work!) that she not only loved the adaptation but agreed to come to Frederick to perform this iconic role."

Alongside Susan Angelo, Midsummer features an ensemble cast of talented MD/DC/VA actors and designers including the talents of Maureen O'Neill as Puck, Steven Cairns as Oberon, the star-crossed romances of Kayla Swain as Hermia and Isaac Loyal as Lysander, Liah Westlyn as Helena, and Matt Baughman as Demetrius. Isaac Loyal also plays Starveling and Matt Baughman also plays Frances Flute. The rest of the Mechanicals and Fairies are played by Dan Franko (Bottom), Irene Silbert\* (Peter Quince), Sasha Carrera\* (Snug), and Brynn Krasney (Snout).

Nestled in the heart of Frederick's historic city, our festival celebrates the enduring legacy of William Shakespeare with a captivating lineup of performances, workshops, and events.

Join us for an unforgettable journey (with a Tania's Twist) into the heart of Shakespeare's magical world!

Tickets on a "pay-what-you-can" basis are available online beginning at \$0 or you can donate at the door. For more information on ESPtheatre visit [www.esptheatre.org](http://www.esptheatre.org) or call 301-305-1405

The Frederick Shakespeare Festival was founded by Christine Mosere and Aaron Angello, in 2018 with a commitment to showcasing innovative and diverse theatrical works while increasing representation of women over 45. The festival added d/Deaf/hearing integration in 2021 with Romeo & Juliet starring Tony Nominated Deaf actor Joshua Castille as Romeo with Surasree Das as our Juliet. In the summer of 2024, we will perform four shows in four venues at Hood College, Sky Stage and ESPloft in downtown Frederick, and Hidden Hills Winery in Frederick County--showing that Shakespeare theater can happen anywhere!



# June is time for berries

Sonya Verlaque  
FCC Culinary Program

It's June, which means Juneberries, or serviceberries, or saskatoon berries, are in season. My middle son is amazed with growing food that a small seed could turn into a carrot or a whole pumpkin - like magic. And there is something magical about it, he also finds the idea of foraging very exciting. But I am not brave enough to chance it, so we planted a Juneberry tree of our own. Juneberry trees are native to North America and ubiquitous. They are actually in the rose family and not related to blueberries, although they look like them and can be substituted where you use blueberries (think muffins or pancakes). They are juicy and delicious on their own, but in this recipe we will make a summer Juneberry ice cream.

### Juneberry Ice Cream

#### Ingredient

- 4 cups Juneberries, fresh
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tbs water
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks, beaten
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- 1 cup half and half

Preparation Directions: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, Cook the berries, 1/4 cup sugar, and water until berries start breaking up and are soft. You can squish the berries around as you stir. Once cooked, transfer the puree to a blender and process until smooth. Strain the mixture through a fine, mesh strainer. This should yield you about 1 and 1/2 to 2

cups of puree. Set it aside.

In the saucepan, heat the whipping cream and sugar until steaming, stirring the whole time. In a small bowl, whisk the egg yolks and salt. When the cream is steaming, slowly whisk it into the egg yolk - whisking the entire time. Be sure to do this slowly so as not to scramble the eggs. Pour the egg/cream mixture back into the pan and place back over medium-low heat. Cook and stir, until mixture thickens to coat the back of a spoon. Place the lemon juice and half and half in a bowl. Stir 1 and 1/2 cups of the Juneberry puree.

Place the strainer over this and pour the hot egg/cream mixture through the strainer to get out any cooked egg bits. Stir well to combine. Chill ice cream base for at least 3 hours. When thoroughly chilled, place in ice cream maker and process according to manufacturer's directions. I don't have an ice cream maker, so I usually mix it up again to make it "fluffy" in a mixer or our ninjacreami and then place it back in the freezer to fully set.

I took few pasta making classes because I wanted to really be able to make a good carbonara, but then I ended up with a decent amount of semolina flour left over. This Italian butter cake uses semolina and AP or cake flour, and is a lighter version of a pound cake. It goes great with all of the fresh berries that are available now around the local farms.

### Italian Warm Butter Cake

#### Ingredients for the cake

- 1 cup (136g) flour, spooned then leveled
- 1/2 cup (88g) fine semolina flour
- 1/2 tps (2g) baking powder
- 1/4 tsp (2g) sea salt

- 1/2 cup (112g) light oil (avocado, grape seed, canola, etc.)
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/2 tbs (7g) pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (120g) whole milk, room temperature
- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar

#### Ingredients for the warm butter soak:

- 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (113g) salted butter
- 1/3 cup (80g) water
- 1/4 tsp (2g) almond extract (optional)
- 1 tsp (4g) pure vanilla extract

Preparation Directions: Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly butter and flour (or spray with baking spray) the wells of a regular cupcake pan. You may need to use a few wells of a second pan, depending on the size. In a medium mixing bowl, use a large fine mesh sieve to sift then whisk together flour, semolina flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In another medium to large bowl, whisk together the oil, eggs, vanilla, milk, and sugar. Whisk well for about one minute, until well blended and the sugar is mostly dissolved.

Gently whisk in the flour mixture until combined and no streaks of flour remain. Pour into your prepared cupcake pan, filling about 2/3 full. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle cupcake comes out clean. Let cakes cool in the pan 5-10 minutes while you make the warm butter sauce. If not serving right away, let cakes cool in the pan then reheat for 5-10 minutes while you make the sauce immediately before serving.



Italian Warm Butter Cake

For the sauce, combine the sugar, butter, and water in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat until the sugar is fully dissolved, stirring frequently. Add the almond and vanilla extracts.

Using a fork, toothpick, kebab stick, or something similar, poke holes all over the cakes (still in the warm pan). Brush about 2/3 of the sauce over the cakes and let soak in. Carefully remove each cake to its serving plate, turning it upside down. Brush with remain-

ing sauce. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream and fresh berries.

The sauce should only be poured/brushed on a warm cake right before serving. If needed, you can make the cake up to one day ahead and store in an airtight container. Reheat for 5-10 minutes while you make the sauce, immediately before serving.

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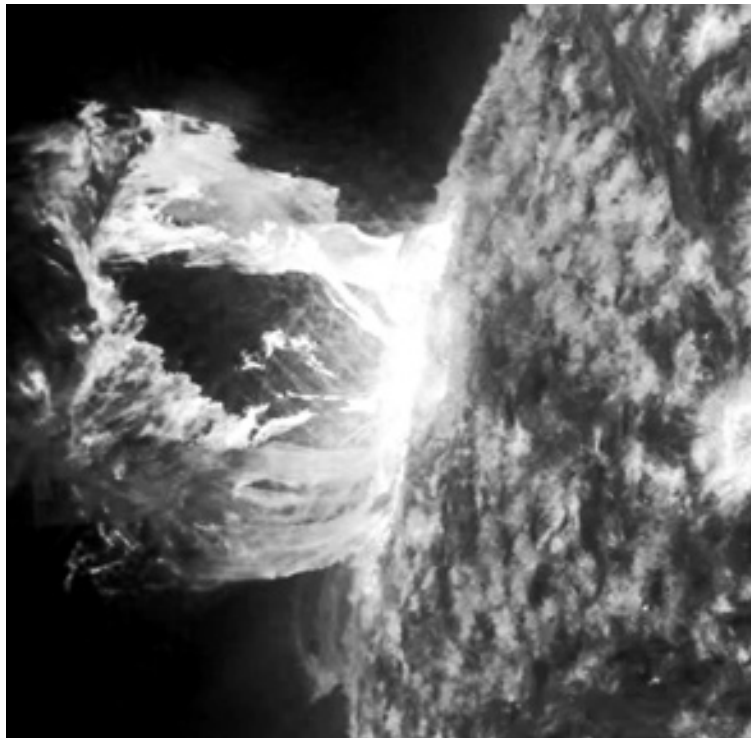
# ASTRONOMY

## The night sky of June

Professor Wayne Wooten

For June 2024, the waning crescent moon passes Mars in the dawn on June 3rd. It is new moon on June 6th. The first quarter moon is on June 14th. Summer begins with the Summer Solstice at 4:51 p.m. on June 20, 2024, the longest day of the year. We get about 14 hours of daylight now. The Full Moon, the Honey Moon, is the following evening. The last quarter moon is June 28th, and lies just east of Saturn in the morning sky. A striking planetary alignment of the waning crescent with Mars and Jupiter to the lower left of it occurs an hour before sunset on June 30th; a great photo op for early risers.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about May 30th visit the [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com) website and download the map for the northern hemisphere skies in June; 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 June sky from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: [www.hubblesite.org/explore\\_astronomy/tonights\\_sky](http://www.hubblesite.org/explore_astronomy/tonights_sky). Sky & Telescope has highlights at



A series of powerful solar storms with intense to extreme solar flare erupted on the sun on May 10th. The storm was the most powerful to affect Earth since October 2003, and produced aurorae at far lower latitudes than usual in both the northern and southern hemispheres

[www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/astronomy-podcasts/](http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/astronomy-podcasts/) for observing the sky each week of the month.

This June Mercury lies behind the Sun, emerging in the evening sky low in the SW at the very end of the month. Venus also is on the far side, and will not return to dusk until in July. As mentioned above, Mars is in the dawn now, and will not get close enough to us to be a good scope target for several more months. Jupiter

returns to the dawn skies by months end, to the lower left of Mars on June 30th. Even Saturn in Aquarius waits until almost midnight to rise in the south east. No bright planets in evening skies now.

Of course, the huge news last month as the return of the Northern Lights to Dixie Skies on May 10th, my 76th birthday...what a fireworks display! The cause was several X class flares from huge sunspot group AR 3664, imaged here with my See Star on May 8th, when it faced us and sent out the biggest Coronal Mass Ejections (CME)!

Many smartphones in night mode returned thousands of fine shots of the colors, rays, and minute by minute changes dancing above our heads. We observed this "picket

fence pattern from Pensacola airport minutes later, and it marched south to arrive over Key West an hour later! The red glow was seen in all 50 states (yes, even Hawaii and Puerto Rico!) Alas, it was just for Friday night. By Saturday, the spots were rotating over the western limb of the sun, and activity died down. Fun while it lasted. Check out the beautiful gallery on our Facebook group, or on [www.spaceweather.com](http://www.spaceweather.com) galleries.

The Big Dipper is almost overhead as twilight falls, and its pointers take you north to the Pole Star. 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 galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. 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. They are bright

because they are hot, even though on the main sequence, fusing hydrogen like our Sun, they are only a little larger than our home star.

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. The nearest spiral arms of our Milky Way are now on the eastern horizon, and may be mistaken for a cloud rising if you are not used to the transparency of rural skies! They arc overhead in the morning hours for restless campers.

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.

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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—Mark Twain (1836-1875)

**Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:** Dry, then turning very warm (1, 2, 3, 4, 5); afternoon showers and thunderstorms, followed by cooler and seasonal conditions followed very quickly by very warm and humid weather (6, 7, 8, 9, 10); more rain, then much cooler and less humid (11, 12, 13, 14, 15); dry, then turning hot and humid with near record temperatures and isolated late day thunderstorms (17, 18, 19, 20); hot and humid with late day thunderstorms (21, 22, 23, 24, 25); warm and rather humid with late day showers and thunderstorms east (26, 27, 28, 29, 30).

**Severe Weather Watch:** The Almanac sees heavy rain with the possibility of flooding in the Mid-Atlantic Region (10-13, & 29-30).

**Full Moon:** The Full Moon in June will occur on Friday, June 21st. It has often been referred to as Rose Moon because roses start to show their gorgeous blooms at the beginning of the month. It has also been known as Strawberry Moon because the first strawberries of the season become ripe for the picking in June!

**Special Notes:** The Summer Solstice will occur on Thursday, June 20th, signaling the official start of summer (Thank God, it's finally here!). It's also graduation time so honor your high school or college grad. This major milestone should be recognized as such with a party or a very special gift.

**Holidays:** Proudly display 'Old Glory' on Friday, June 14th. Be sure to display it properly and reference [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org) to be sure you are doing it correctly. Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th. Do something nice for "The Old Man", who took the time to raise you right!

**The Garden:** It's not too late to start warm-season crops such as

corn, beans, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and eggplant. Plant or sow summer annuals such as nasturtiums, vinca, verbena, geraniums, phlox, marigolds, lobelia, impatiens, cosmos, sunflowers, zinnias, and alyssum. Feed annuals and remove spent flowers to promote another round of flowers.

**The Farm:** Best for planting root crops (3, 4); weeding and stirring the soil (5, 6, 7); planting above-ground crops (8, 9); harvesting all crops (210, 21, 24, 25); Best days for setting hens and incubators (14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29); the slaughtering and butchering of meat (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13); transplanting (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13); the weaning of all small animals and livestock (20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27); the harvesting and storing grains (20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27).

### J. Gruber's Thought For Today's Living:

*"Send your son into the world with good principles, a good temper, a good business education, and habits of industry, then he will work his way."*



# Avoiding injuries

Virginia Standford  
Frederick Primary Care Associates

It's a beautiful, warm day, and you've heard your friends raving about how much they love playing pickleball. It seems like a low-impact, competitive exercise that is easy to learn and an excellent opportunity to be with friends. So, you say to yourself, "Why not?" It looks like a lot of fun, so you set off to the local court to see what the pickleball hype is all about. Here's the real question: How can you avoid being sidelined with a pickleball injury?

Many casual players dive into pickleball without realizing the importance of preparation and injury prevention. This sport demands quick movements, strength, power, and good balance. A study by

the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, spanning from 2001 to 2017, reported a staggering 20,000 injuries. What's alarming is that 88% of these injuries were among athletes over 60, with 30% suffering from fractures and 30% from strains or sprains. These figures are not meant to scare you but to underscore the need for preparation.

Preparing for pickleball involves enhancing flexibility, strength, power, balance, and cardiovascular endurance. Specific arm, leg, and core exercises can boost muscle strength and power. Agility exercises can improve forward and lateral movements, reducing stress on joints and the risk of overuse injuries. Don't forget to invest in the right shoes to prevent ankle injuries and provide adequate support for your game.

Pickleball should be part of a comprehensive exercise routine. Regular physical activity can enhance cardiovascular endurance and strength. As per the current Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, it is recommended

to engage in 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise each week.

The popularity of pickleball shows no signs of slowing down, so it's crucial to plan ahead and avoid painful injuries. By preparing in advance with the right

training and exercise, you can significantly reduce the risk of injuries, allowing you to enjoy your new favorite sport for years to come.

Virginia Standford, PT, practices at FPCA Physical Therapy in Walkersville

## Frederick Health recognizes excellence

Joshua Faust

### Nurses of the year

Each year Frederick Health honors two nurses with this award—one in direct patient care and one in indirect care/administrative.

Jeb Gibson, a Clinical Nurse Specialist, was named the Indirect Care Nurse of the Year. "This is such an incredible honor. I have the benefit of being surrounded by an amazing team. I am truly humbled," said Gibson.

Wearing many hats, Jeb is a strong nurse, educator, paramedic, and Clinical Nurse Specialist. Working in the emergency department can sometimes be challenging, but Jeb has accomplished a great deal in helping to keep this community healthy. His years of experience, certifications, and education make him a strong leader and patient advocate. Throughout the pandemic, Jeb rose to the challenge and supported the hospital.

"He routinely shows his dedication, compassion, leadership, and expertise; he is a proven, trusted asset to Frederick Health," said Peggy McNeill, Director of Nursing Quality and Professional Practice.

### Ellen Nicodemus, a Registered Nurse with Pediatrics, was named the Direct Care Nurse of the Year

"I've always felt privileged to be part of this team of healthcare providers. It means a lot to be recognized by my peers, whom I really admire," Nicodemus stated.

According to her colleagues and supervisors, Ellen is a fantastic asset to the Pediatrics team. With over 22 years of experience, she is a leader and someone all staff look up to, always there to aid others with a smile. The Pediatrics Department praised Ellen for her way of teaching both clinical expertise and the art of compassion.

"Ellen is the epitome of the art of nursing. She has the delicate balance of skill, compassion, integrity, and experience that all nurses should strive for," said Charli

Crawford, Manager, Pediatrics Department.

### Team Members of the Year

Brenda Zell, Accounting Manager, was named Team Leader of the Year. Zell has worked at Frederick Health for over 49 years. Her responsibilities include monthly and annual financial reporting for the organization. She is also responsible for maintaining accurate accounting records and takes the lead on all banking transactions with vendors. There are many 'other duties as assigned' including providing support for numerous grants, COVID-19 and FEMA-related funding, and annual Community Benefits reporting.

"Brenda is the epitome of dedication and loyalty," said Hannah Jacobs, Senior Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer with Frederick Health. "She meets the daily stress of her role with optimism. Her entire team value her positive spirit and compassionate leadership style and have demonstrated their commitment with long tenured careers here at Frederick Health."

Clayton Holdcroft, Learning Technology Specialist, was named Team Member of the Year. Holdcroft has worked at Frederick Health for six years. He is responsible for streamlining internal processes, designing and updating Human Resources communication tools, organizing the internal NetLearning employee modules, and is a strong advocate for employee engagement and education.

"Clayton is like our Swiss Army Knife," said Chris Bumbaugh, Vice President of Human Resources with Frederick Health. "He can do it all. Clayton has a great talent for technology, analytics, and data integration. He makes life better for a lot of people at Frederick Health and is one of the nicest people that I know. I can't say enough nice things; he is a star."

Congratulations to Jeb, Ellen, Brenda and Clayton. Frederick Health is honored to have you on the team!

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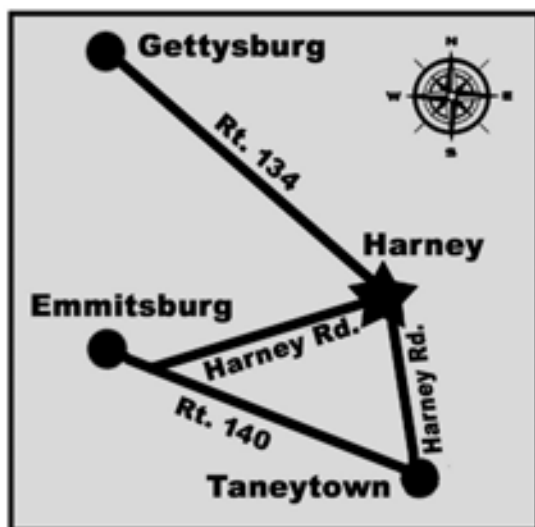
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