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## Emmitsburg unveils new pool

Emmitsburg's brand new pool is officially open and members of the community couldn't be more excited. The town opened the gates to the community pool Memorial Day weekend and crowds strolled in to enjoy the water during the warm holiday weekend. The costly endeavor has finally come to an end, and Mayor Don Briggs couldn't be more proud of what town staff has been able to accomplish. "What started out as a renovation of a 43 year-old pool ended up in being a new pool. In addition to work on the pool, the bathhouse roof was replaced, a new retaining wall was installed along the northern fence line and the parking was paved and stripped. I'm so proud of the staff for the work they have contributed to pulling this together."

Last spring Emmitsburg was faced with the difficult decision to close the community pool for the summer in order to complete much-needed renovations. Pool renovation originally began back in November 2016, after the town received a \$217,000 grant and approval from the Board, however a simple renovation quickly turned into an extensive list of repairs that had to be completed. Even though the original bid estimate for repairs to the pool came in at \$123,000, costs quickly added up as numerous problems kept arising.

At the time of the original bid, there were some unknown costs, which foremost included the repair of a major leak. Additionally, town staff was informed that the entire plumbing apparatus was not up to code. The pool also sustained some beam damage, and an overwhelming number of cracks in the pools' plaster caused

major concern. The Board was then faced with the decision to continue with the renovation, or completely budget a brand new pool. However, the decision to construct a new pool was not an easy one since the cost was estimated at approximately \$369,000. Adding in the money already spent on the project at the time, a new pool would cost upwards of \$425,000.

Unfortunately the added costs didn't stop there. The Board voted to have lights installed inside the pool, and also approved additional repair, which included: repair of the underground spring found during demolition, the construction of an additional wall in the pump room and electrical work due to the corrosion of the electrical panels. Also, the town had to make some repairs that fell outside the pool reconstruction in order to open the pool, adding an additional \$17,000 to the total.

In order to account for all the added costs, the Town had to find ways to fund what was not covered in the \$217,000 grant, a cost of approximately \$274,000. Luckily, the town was able to completely fund the remainder of the project in house. \$207,500 was funded through fund 2 and a \$66,300 budget transfer was made from overflow revenue in the FY17 budget.

The new pool now consists of a main swimming pool ranging from a foot and a half deep to ten feet deep and features a diving board. There is a splash pad area next to the main pool. The pool area also includes a large pavilion with seating for relaxing and dining. The pool's grand opening will be held on June 2 at noon, and henceforth, normal pool hours will continue through Labor Day.



Jessica Douglass, candidate for State Senate (above) and Edison Hatter, candidate for Board of Education (below), are both bright, energetic, thoughtful, and focused on the right issues. Both have more than earned your vote and this paper's endorsement, as have Justin Kiska, Jason Miller and Kai Hagen for County Council At-large. (See editorial on page 7 for additional endorsements for this year's primary election).



## Liberty to file charges for misappropriated funds

After ending the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on May 1 due to a heated discussion between residents and Supervisors concerning LeeESta Shaffer, residents were unsure whether the Township would ever file charges against Shaffer for the misappropriated funds within the township.

For close to two years now, residents have been urging the Supervisors to move forward with litigation against former Township Secretary and Treasurer LeeESta Shaffer. At every chance available, residents of the community asked for updates on the investigation and nine times out of ten, the Supervisors gave no response, or simply stated that they can neither confirm nor deny anything.

Back in April, the Township was advised to bring Zachary Mills on board as a special counselor to represent Liberty Township specifically in regards to the Shaffer investigation. During the April 3 Board of Supervisors meeting, Mills addressed the resident's concerns by stating that, "Because the matters are still in anticipation of litigation, we can't disclose specific details in regards to the

investigation, but the township is moving forward in the investigation. We hope to have more information soon." During the May 1 meeting Township Solicitor, John Lisko, mentioned that they are very close to reaching a conclusion and he was confident that by the next township meeting, answers would be given to the public.

However, residents have been wary of the fast approaching Criminal Statute of Limitations due date in July, and have continuously voiced concern over the appearance that Supervisors were not pushing hard enough to file charges before time runs out. This concern spurred Supervisor Walter Barlow to make a motion during the early May meeting to give Mills permission to file claims with the bond companies who supplied fidelity bonds for Shaffer's employment and to pursue civil action against Shaffer and the bond companies, as soon as Mills works out his numbers. Supervisor Chairman John Bostek said that he "doesn't think the Board is ready to consider a motion like that...we don't have all the facts." Residents and Bar-

low were infuriated by this response.

"This has been going on for 22 months...I don't know why we keep dragging our feet. Let the solicitor do his job for the best interest of everyone in this township," stated Barlow. Both Bostek and fellow Supervisor Bob Jackson felt that if Mills needed something from the township in order to proceed, he would ask them directly. The discussion heated up from there, with residents and Supervisors becoming unruly. "You do realize you represent us right? Everyone in this room wants you to give the approval," stated resident Cindy Arentz. The motion made by Barlow did not pass, as Jackson and Bostek were both against. The uproar from the residents present at the meeting caused Bostek to adjourn the meeting early.

In a Board of Supervisors Work-

shop meeting held on May 16, the Board voted to authorize Mills to finally move forward with the claim to the bonding/insurance company and to prepare a complaint against Shaffer for losses she cost the township. Additionally, the motion would allow Mills to negotiate with the bonding company as appropriate. Liberty filed a claim to the Cincinnati Bond Company in the amount of \$96,719.11, and filed a claim to the Travelers Bond Company for \$181,272.07. Mills discovered a grand total of \$277,991.18 worth of missing funds, almost ten times the original estimate of only \$24,000.

Further information on the status of the charges will be presented as they are released. For now, the township is moving in the right direction to help recover the missing funds.

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# EMMITSBURG NEWS

## Emmitsburg passes FY19 budget

During the May 21 Emmitsburg town budget meeting, Commissioners voted to approve the fiscal year 2019 budget. As presented, there will be no tax increase in the FY19 budget; it will remain at 0.36 cents per \$100 of assessment.

Overall, the General Fund revenues increased by approximately 5% from last year's budget, to \$1,832,039. Most of this increase can be attributed to a jump in projected tax revenues received. Additionally, the interest that the town is earning on some of its bank accounts has seen a slight increase this year.

On the General Fund's expense side, two departments in particular saw an increase in FY19: Department 15, Buildings, which increased by about \$2,000 and Department 20, Public Safety/Police, which increased by approximately \$8,000. Some repair and maintenance projects within Department 15 include: repairs to the 22 E. Main Street office (\$2,500); repairs to 140 S. Seton Ave (\$2,800); and repairs to Christ Community Church (\$4,000). Within Department 20, the Police Department Safety Contract saw an increase by 3.15% from FY18. This was due to an increase in police officer salaries and an increase in fuel for officers' vehicles. Also, overall salaries for town employees saw an increase by 2.63% in FY19. It was recommended that staff receive their two percent cost of living adjustment, which they

did not receive in FY18.

Some capital projects planned for FY19 include: the completion of Emmit Gardens Playground, which will begin construction on July 5; pumping station upgrade; sewer relining on East Main St.; community pool bathhouse rehab, which will include new plumbing, new stalls; an ADA accessible playground, placed hopefully adjacent to the existing playground equipment in community park; and water and sewer repairs. So far grants have been submitted for the community pool bathhouse rehab and the ADA accessible playground.

In regards to the Water/Sewer budget, both the revenue and expenses within the Water budget have increased this year, causing the revenues to be slightly below the expenses. Revenues increased to \$558,500 in the FY19 budget, and expenses increased to \$589,422. The increase in revenue can be attributed to the anticipation of increased residential and commercial building within the town in the upcoming year. Within the Sewer budget there is a net income of \$335,345, which counterbalances the deficit in the Water budget.

At the end of the budget presentation, Commissioner Joe Ritz discussed budgeting funding to bring Emmitsburg Little League back to town next year. He stated that he already has an interested group of individuals who would like to serve on a board to re-establish Little League

in Emmitsburg. Mayor Don Briggs discussed Mid Maryland United and recommended Ritz reach out to them to continue discussion. Back in February, Mid Maryland United gave a presentation to the Board and at the time had noted that there was an interest in getting a team back up and running in Emmitsburg. However, the Mid Maryland team is an expensive program, and it is Ritz's desire to re-establish an affordable team in town, allowing more children to have the opportunity to play baseball and softball closer to home. "Some kids just want to play for fun, and we want to be able to provide that for them," said Ritz. "We need a more economical means for our youth to play baseball."

As it stands however, the funding needed to get a team established is unknown. There is \$3,600 budgeted in the special events fund right now and there is close to \$10,000 already in the ball fields line item. Since there is an unknown dollar amount at the moment, Willets recommended that a budget be made in the future, once fund amounts are established.

An additional budget modification was made in the special events fund. Ritz asked the board to consider adding \$800 to go toward the summer concert series, bringing the total up to \$2,000 for that line item. Commissioner President Tim O'Donnell proposed taking \$500 from the trail maintenance

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and promotion line item and Willets proposed taking \$300 from Department 15, Upcounty. The Board

agreed unanimously and the budget was passed with the preceding modifications.

## Emmitsburg's dog park open

The Emmitsburg dog park officially opened its gates on May 5, much to the anticipation of many residents and dogs in Emmitsburg. This project was several years in the making, and town staff was incredibly excited to finally unveil the park to the public.

Over 30 dogs and their families attended the grand opening. Town Commissioners and Mayor Don

Briggs were in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony held at 9 a.m. "I was very happy to see the great turnout," said Commissioner Joe Ritz, "It looked like everyone had a great time, dogs and people included!" The event featured dog-themed music, several raffles with dog-themed gift baskets, a doggy photo station featuring silly hats for the canine companions in atten-

dance and homemade dog treats.

Mayor Briggs noted in his remarks that "a young girl's request was the impetus to three years of planning, grant writing, fund raising and construction. It has really been an ear to the ground response to demand. We knew the park has been used by many with their best friends 'Alease.' But by the opening day use by 25+ dogs and use since, in a sense, we heard the dog whistle..."

The much anticipated dog park was a project that saw its ups and downs throughout the entire planning process. The location and design of the dog park was debated from the beginning, bouncing around various areas within the town's limits. Many residents voiced their support for the project, and some voiced their concerns. The originally proposed location, behind Southgate, was turned down after many members of the community voiced concern over noise issues and the potential for dogs off of their leash-

es so close to a residential community. The final chosen location, in Community Park, is a great spot that has already received a lot of attention from residents and visitors to the area.

The fully fenced in park, which is located west of the tennis courts in Community Park, is 80 x 200 feet, which is larger than the original proposed plan. The park is divided into two areas to accommodate both large and small dogs. Pet drinking fountains, benches and waste stations are also located within the park. "We rolled out two firsts in the month of May for the town of Emmitsburg... they are wonderful additions to our public realm, and I am more and more humbled about what the staff has done," stated Mayor Briggs. "The dog park was a major thing to accomplish, with the grants and the labor that went into it. I really appreciate what this town's staff has done."

Funding for the dog park came from a \$13,000 Project Open

Space Grant, some donations and a \$17,000 budget transfer of overflow revenue from the FY17 budget. The initial projected cost of the dog park was not truly realistic, so the town wasn't able to apply for sufficient grant funds to help minimize the costs. Items that needed to be funded at the time of the budget transfer were: mulch to cover the entire area (\$6,000), concrete pads at the entrance of the gates to comply with ADA accessibility, signage (\$1,000), benches (\$5,200), three pet waste stations (\$1,300), the installation of the water line to the dog park (\$3,300), two dog drinking fountains (\$4,000) and a leash post.

Unfortunately, the initial fundraising effort only brought in about \$1,500. However, town staff extended a big thank you to all the donors that helped to make this park possible thus far! Any additional donors interested in contributing should feel free to reach out to the town office.



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# FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

## Hickory Bridge slated for late summer completion

The Hickory Bridge Road Bridge rehabilitation project, a project four years in the making, will soon be underway, after months of back and forth between Franklin and Hamiltonban Township.

The bridge, which lies on both Franklin and Hamiltonban townships, initially received attention back in 2013, when both municipalities entered into an agreement to split the costs of having an engineering study completed. The initial cost of repairs ranged from \$26,600 - \$36,934, but all proposals were turned down. Three years later another study was done and the estimated cost ranged from \$93,000 - \$116,000. The project was bid out at that time, but

only one bid was received, and it was well over the estimated cost, coming in at \$149,000.

Both townships rejected the single bid, regrouped and came up with three viable options: completing the project in-house, re-bidding the project again in the fall in hopes of receiving more bidders at a lower cost, or constructing a different style bridge. At the time, both townships discussed that completing the project in-house would be doable and could be cost effective. However, Brandon Guiher, the Project Engineer, recommended the project be bid out again in the fall to see what kind of response it may receive.

After bidding the project out

again this past fall, both townships received more responses, but all still came in well over the original estimated cost. The lowest bid received was \$137,706. Franklin Township Supervisors proposed constructing a box culvert at an approximate cost of \$96,000. This project would not be done in-house, but would be outsourced to another company. As proposed, the finished bridge would be a two-lane bridge that would span about twenty-four feet in width, with new guardrails. The new bridge would be completed faster than the originally proposed bridge plan, ideally only taking about five weeks to complete.

The box culvert style bridge was bid out, but only one bid

was received from Keystone Concrete Products with a 20' span x 6' rise x 24' wide culvert with wing walls in the amount of \$76,000. Hamiltonban questioned if it included blacktop, materials etc, however, the bid was only for the box culvert to be supplied by Keystone Concrete Products.

From this point, Hamiltonban Township's Solicitor Matthew Battersby recommended Franklin Township draw up an inter-municipal agreement to be brought back to Hamiltonban, and on May 3, the inter-municipal agreement was signed. According to the agreement, Franklin Township will act as the Contractor and almost all the costs will be split between both town-

ships 50/50. Both townships will pay their own attorney fees, but they will share engineering costs estimated at \$2,000, as well as the cost of milling and blacktop estimated at \$3,075. As part of the agreement, Hamiltonban will pay any increased costs over this amount for both the blacktop and the hauling. There are also additional costs for guide rail, detour signs and the removal of one tree. The total estimated cost for this project is \$105,000.

Franklin is ordering a concrete box culvert from Keystone Concrete located in New Holland at a cost of \$76,000, and delivery is expected in 90 days, so it should arrive in August. Expected completion for the project is by mid September.

## Fairfield area news-briefs . . .

### Liberty Township refuses to segregate duties

During the April 17 Board of Supervisors workshop meeting, Supervisors briefly discussed splitting up Secretary and Treasurer Wendy Peck's job duties by hiring an additional office worker. The topic concerning the segregation of duties within the township has been brought up by residents and the Township's auditing team several times over the past few months but Supervisors Bob Jackson and John Bostek still stand firmly against it.

During the April 3 Board meeting, representatives from the township's External Auditors, Smith Elliot and Kearns Co. discussed some recommendations for the township to consider. The lack of segregation between the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer was the main concern, and they noted that it could be attributed to the limited number of individuals taking care of all the financial duties on a day-to-day basis. As noted, a system of internal control or a system of checks and balances should really be established for the future. Ideally, there would be multiple persons handling the various duties that Peck does single handedly. The prior Secretary-Treasurer LeeEsta Shaffer was in the same situation, and unfortunately the township suffered as a consequence of her improprieties in those roles. To keep that situation from ever happening again, it was recommended the Board look at the cost versus benefit of hiring more people to split the duties held by Peck.

Bostek stated that he believes hiring an additional office worker "is not financially feasible, burdensome and unnecessary." Jackson agreed with Bostek's statement, adding that the suggestions discussed thus far "would not have solved any of the problems the township is currently facing." "I don't agree that if we would have had the segregation of

duties in place, the current financial woes we are currently facing could have been avoided for sure," stated Supervisor Walter Barlow. Barlow also noted that Peck had mentioned to him that she would be more comfortable if there was a segregation of duties.

The discussion was ended there, and for now, Peck will continue in her normal duties as both Secretary and Treasurer.

### Fairfield School Board discusses contract with Carroll Valley police

During the May 7 Fairfield Area School Board meeting, the Board discussed contracting with the Carroll Valley Police Department to provide additional security around the school grounds. Mayor Ron Harris, Borough Council President Sarah Skoczen and Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard L. Hileman II were present at the May 7 meeting to help answer any questions the School Board had.

The Board asked Chief Hile-

man about the cost of using the Borough's Police Services. As explained by Hileman, the Police Department currently has a contract with Fairfield Borough and supplies Fairfield with twenty hours a week at a cost of \$65 per hour. However, as noted by Hileman, the number of hours within the contract could be whatever the school would need.

School Board officials bounced a few ideas off of Chief Hileman and Mayor Harris, noting that they may be looking for the Police Department to patrol during the evening hours, but also during the day, especially during the morning hours when students are arriving at school and also when school lets out in the afternoon. As explained by Chief Hileman, the Carroll Valley Police Department would provide the assistance as needed by the school, but there would be some jurisdictional issues that would need to be overcome prior to entering into a contract, because

the school zone is within Hamiltonban Township's zone of jurisdiction. However, Chief Hileman noted that Hamiltonban Township would be willing and interested in granting Carroll Valley the jurisdiction so they could patrol the school zone, if that course is decided.

Financially, the Fairfield School Board asked if the Carroll Valley Borough would consider the contract at a reduced rate. Chief Hileman noted that the cost would

need to be discussed by the Carroll Valley Borough Council. The Council briefly discussed the matter at their May 8 Borough Council meeting, but decided not to go into depth until the Fairfield School Board decided how many hours worth of coverage they were looking for.

The school's Safety Committee will be meeting to discuss hours and come up with a more defined plan for the school's needs within the near future.



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# THURMONT NEWS

## Thurmont passes FY2019 budget

On May 29, Thurmont Commissioners voted to pass the Fiscal Year 2019 budget, which includes a two cent tax increase to residents of the town.

Earlier in the month, the town advertised for a three-cent tax increase, but as discussed by the Board at the May 29 meeting, the three-cent increase was unnecessary. However, no tax increase would mean the town would face a deficit in their budget. A two-cent tax increase, as discussed, would give the town an additional \$107,434 worth of income and would provide a cushion to cover capital projects and give a little bit of a cushion for any emergencies that may arise throughout the year. However, not all the Commissioners were on board with

the increase. Commissioner Marty Burns stated that he “doesn’t feel comfortable doing any tax increase...personally, I believe it is irresponsible and I can’t support doing this. This increase would be a band-aid approach to get us to healthy state [financially] this year. Without having a full comprehensive look at the past, where we are now and where we want to go, I don’t think it’s appropriate.”

The Town’s first attempt at balancing the budget in April left them \$53,000 in the red. The overage costs included some new line items and changes presented by the Board as well as an increase in some yearly expenses, such as the increase in town employee’s healthcare and a two percent increase in town employees’ salaries.

The increase in salaries, as noted by Commissioners, is attributed to a performance-based increase, not a cost of living adjustment. In regards to the healthcare cost, last year, Thurmont saw a fourteen percent increase in healthcare costs, and Chief Financial Officer Linda Joyce projected they would jump \$30,000 plus an additional fifteen percent this year. Luckily, Joyce announced later in April that the originally calculated cost for healthcare decreased by \$16,550, meaning the cost of healthcare only increased by nine percent and was reflected as such in the budget. However, Commissioners still see concern with rising healthcare costs continuing into the future.

Within the Police Department,

a \$10,000 budget line item for a new narcotics dog was approved. The current narcotics dog, Buddy, faces lack of insurance due to his older age, at six years. If he were to become ill or seriously injured, the cost would come out of the taxpayer’s pockets. The new canine would cost \$10,000 with an annual upkeep cost of \$5,000. Buddy has only been used for 56 scans since joining the department in 2013, a fact that was of concern by some of the Commissioners early on, who felt that number was not an adequate reason to look into purchasing another dog. However, as pointed out by Mayor Kinaird, Buddy has been a deterrent to drug users and the Thurmont Police Department has the reliability of being able to get the dog

out at any moment’s notice.

Other capital projects included in the FY19 budget are Frederick Road Bridge repairs, at a cost of \$30,000, a Tree Program to continue removing trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer in Community Park (\$33,000), the construction of a skate park within East End Park (\$16,612), and \$40,000 to replace a town truck, just to name a few. Another expense included in the budget was snow removal and overtime, which was originally proposed as a \$10,000 increase but the Board of Commissioners asked to increase it by \$20,000. This was a decision made after the town almost spent its entire budgeted amount during a late March snowstorm last year.

The Board approved the FY19 budget and a two-cent tax increase by a vote of 3:1 with Commissioner Marty Burns against.

## Thurmont news-briefs...

### Funding received for ADA compliant curbs and ramps

During the May 1 Thurmont Town meeting Commissioners voted to approve a bid to construct and install ADA compliant curb cuts, ramps and detectable warning devices throughout Thurmont. Some of the sidewalks in question are in rough shape and

currently have no ADA ramps in place. Town staff identified 48 ramps at eighteen different locations throughout town that need to be upgraded in order to be ADA compliant.

Funding for this project will come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program from the Department

of Housing and Community Development. The grant already received accounts for a total of \$63,000, but Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick noted there is a possibility that CDBG may grant the town additional funds.

The two bids received for this project came from RFP, Inc., in the amount of \$97,926 and from M&M Construction, Inc., for \$105,570. Town staff recommended the Board approve the lowest bid from RFP, Inc., but stay within the parameters of the bid amount. Humerick mentioned that staff already discussed and compiled a prioritized list of work to concentrate primary efforts on heavy pedestrian areas.

The Board made a motion to accept the RFP, Inc. bid and added that staff only operate under the scope of work that would fall under the \$63,000 CDBG grant

received, unless additional funds were awarded.

### Registration open for “A Day in the Park” summer park program

Thurmont is now accepting registrations for this summer’s inaugural “A Day in the Park” summer park program. The program is available to children ages five to fifteen years old and costs \$10 per day or \$35 for the week. The program runs from July 23 through July 26 and July 30 through August 2, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. each day. You can register for individual days or for the entire week. Pre-registered participants will each receive a t-shirt and a re-usable water bottle. To register, stop by the Thurmont Municipal Offices between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call 301-271-7313 to request a form be sent to you. Payment must be received when registering. Pre-registration is required. We hope to see you with us this summer!

### Fall completion planned for Thurmont celebration murals

The final phase of the Thurmont celebration mural project, spearheaded by Yemi Fagbohn, may see its completion this fall. The project in its entirety has been in the works since 2013, when the Thurmont Lions Club approached the town of Thurmont regarding a potential art project to “beautify the town.”

The third and final phase began last spring and features prominent events, businesses and landscapes that make up Thurmont as well as stenciled outlines of our Presidents. These outlines consist of those Presidents who have visited Camp David, located in the Catoctin Mountain Park. The mural is being depicted across four panels on the substation building beside the trolley on East Main Street.

In the works right now are scenes depicting the Colorfest, the Catoctin Zoo and some of Thurmont’s wineries. Already, Yemi has received significant funds via generous donations from people and businesses from outside the Thurmont community. Yemi asked the Board for their assistance and ideas on raising additional funds from within the community. The Board thanked Yemi for all the hard work he has already put into the project, and will discuss some ideas to help with fundraising efforts.

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### June 7

#### Private Garage Entered

Sometime last week the garage on the premises of Mr. Harry Grove was entered, evidently with malicious intent. Nothing was removed from the garage or car, but upon careful examination it was discovered that the mechanism of the auto had been tampered with.

#### Two More Enlistments For Emmitsburg

Francis Rowe enlisted in the Hospital Corps of the United States Navy. He left yesterday for Newport, Rhode Island where he will be taking a course in nursing. Robert Kerrigan enlisted last Monday in the U.S. Marines and left this morning for the recruiting depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

#### Closing Exercises Of Emmitsburg High School

The exercises marking the close of the school year were held last Friday evening in the public school building. The county superintendent gave certificates to Misses Saranna White, Annie Houck, Margaret Hayes and Edna Miller. The principal, Miss Elizabeth Homer, arranged a delightful program for the occasion. Although the audience was rather small, it was very appreciative. Mr. Palmer, the school superintendent, told the patrons of the school that there is no reason why Emmitsburg should not have an accredited high school. He suggested that a committee of citizens call upon the school commissioners and press for scholastic recognition.

#### Adelsburger Appointed Town Constable

At a special meeting held at Fireman's Hall, Albert Adelsburger was appointed Town Constable for one year. Mr. Vincent Seabold was appointed President of the Town Council for one year, \$20 a year. Commissioners are to receive \$15 a year. Treasurer receives \$10 a year, Burgess receives \$25 a year, and Clerk will receive \$15 a year.

### June 14

#### Company A Boys En Route

Emmitsburg received word that com-

pany A, 115th U.S. infantry, was somewhere in Maryland for a brief period of time. A godly quota of Company A boys is from Emmitsburg and the town immediately gathered a party together to visit them. Unfortunately, they were too late and disappointed when, upon their arrival, they learned that the boys had left.

#### Partial Eclipse Of The Sun

Many residents of Emmitsburg, between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 on Saturday evening, viewed the interesting spectacle of a partial eclipse of the sun. When the Earth entered the moon's shadow, a black speck appeared at the lower edge of the sun's surface. This gradually increased in size until 7:30 when the sun had the appearance of an inverted crescent. According to reliable sources, members of the Former Former Boozers Association, who were getting soused at their secret lair in the Mountain, attributed the darkness brought about by the eclipse to a better-than-usual quality of hooch they were sampling, and bid the price up on it. Dan Shorb, the provider of the hooch, was long gone with his ill-gotten haul when the sun came back out and the Boozers realized his swill was nothing more than the usual rock gut they are forced to drink these days due to war restrictions and uppity womenfolk who have forgotten their rightful place.

#### New Mail Route Includes Emmitsburg

The US Postal Service formed new mail route between Washington and Gettysburg. The mail is carried by trucks and reaches Emmitsburg at 11 in the morning and on the return trip is due at this office at 2. The driver makes stops on the way, as the main object of the new route is to assist the farmers in marketing their produce.

#### Intent On High School

The townspeople who are interested in reestablishing a high school in Emmitsburg held an enthusiastic meeting at the public school building last Tuesday evening. Delegates were selected to meet the Board of School Commissioners of Frederick. The delegation felt encouraged after its hearing and hopes for an early report on the matter. Emmitsburg was most ably represented by Rev. Dr. Reinewald, whose plea made the justice

and worth of Emmitsburg's case very apparent to the school authorities.

#### Killed In An Auto Wreck

Theodore Murray of Thurmont, aged about 20 years, was killed, and William Markell, also of Thurmont, was slightly injured in an automobile accident on the Frederick-Emmitsburg State Road near Lewistown on Wednesday at about 4 a.m.. The accident occurred on a sharp curve on the road, near the church just north of Lewistown. The men evidently were unacquainted with the road, and their machine, instead of rounding the curve, struck a ditch along the fence and overturned. Murray was caught beneath the machine, and it is believed he was internally injured about the stomach and the back. He died before reaching the Frederick City Hospital.

### June 21

#### Autos From All Points

In addition to the many fine cars that brought visitors to the two commencements, an unusual number of autos from far distant points stopped in their pass through Emmitsburg. There was one from Maine, there were several from the extreme west and a few from Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

#### Five More Leave Wednesday

Out of the 174 men who leave for Frederick County on Wednesday, the following young men were drawn from Emmitsburg: William Gelwicks, Ernest Seltzer, Sydney Byard, Charles Gelwicks, and John Harting. John Hospelhorn, of Emmitsburg, received his commission as second Lieut. in the American Army. Lieut. Hospelhorn was sent to Camp Meade last fall and was among those selected to the first officer's training camp at that place. Word has also been received that Charles Rowe has been promoted from First-Class Private to Sgt. and expects to go "over there" shortly.

#### New Bridge Over The Monocacy

At a joint Frederick and Carrol County Commissioners meeting in Westminster, the contract for a new



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steel bridge over the Monocacy River between Emmitsburg and Taneytown was approved. The contract price is \$21,409. Each county will pay half the bill.

### June 28

#### Local Boys See Submarine

In an interesting letter to his parents, Clay Shuff, now "over there," described an encounter between the transport upon which he sailed and a German submarine. Fifteen of the U-boat crew was taken prisoner and the enemy sub sank. This young soldier, who has a host of friends here, was, at the time he wrote, stationed with his command about 30 miles behind the fighting line.

#### Emmitsburg Chronicle Discontinues

Today the Chronicle, which has been a factor in the life of this community and County for 40 years, goes out of existence. Naturally it is with a feeling of deep regret that we record the fact, for in a way it means parting with many loyal supporters. The encouragement and the cooperation we have received over the years will ever remain a cherished memory with the editor.

By the unbiased it will be conceded, we think, that the Chronicle has neither dodged issues nor avoided them entirely by silence. True it is that, for what is conceived to be for the good of the community and

out of consideration for the finer feelings of many within it, much that might have been published was not admitted. The editor is proud to assume the responsibility for this breach of ordinary newspaper procedure; whatever mistakes may have been made - and there have been many - they were mistakes of judgment and not of the heart.

The Chronicle has never waited on the fence until developments showed upon which side it would be easier to drop the comfort and gain. It has not struggled, nor has it taken the role of the weathercock. Rather has it tried to be the chronicler of events and transactions in this community, the County, and the State in which the living and many who are dead were the heroes and dramatic personae. Above all else it has sought to pour some sunshine into the life of the community, to support the law, to aid the church and every institution in enterprise here about, and to be a kindly, cleanly visitor to every household. Whether or not the Chronicle has fulfilled its mission, its obligation is not for us to determine.

The Chronicle is closing due to its inability to obtain supplies due to war conditions. After 12 years as Editor, Sterling Gault indicated he was looking forward to a quiet retirement and had no plans to resume publication after the war.

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## POLITICAL COMMENTARY

## On the epidemic of dishonesty

Michael Bloomberg

*The following is an adaptation of Bloomberg's address to Rice University's class of 2018.*

When I was deciding what I wanted to say today, I kept thinking about a Rice tradition that's an incredibly important part of student life here: I'm talking about the honor code.

When you first arrived on campus, you attended a presentation on the honor code. And your very first quiz tested your knowledge of the code. And so today, I thought it would be fitting for you as graduates to end your time here the same way you began it: by hearing a few words about the meaning of honor.

Don't worry: There won't be a quiz. But there will be a test when you leave this campus — one that will last for the rest of your life. And that's what I want to explain today — and it actually starts with the opposite of honor.

As a New Yorker, I was surprised to learn that an act of dishonor in my hometown almost blocked Rice from coming into existence. William Marsh Rice was murdered at his home in Manhattan by two schemers who tried to re-write his will.

They were caught. His money went where he wanted it to go. The university was built. And fittingly, an honor code was created that has been central to student life here from the beginning. Ever since you arrived here on campus, on nearly every test and paper you submitted, you signed a statement that began, "On my honor."

But have you ever stopped to think about what that phrase really means?

The concept of honor has taken on different meanings through the ages: chivalry, chastity, courage, strength. And when divorced from morality, or attached to prejudice, honor has been used to justify murder, and repression, and deceit.

But the essence of honor has always been found in the word itself.

As those of you who majored in linguistics probably know, the words "honor" and "honest" are two sides of the same coin. In fact, the Latin word "honestus" can mean both "honest" and "honorable." To be honorable, you must be honest. And that means speaking honestly, and acting honestly even when it requires you to admit wrongdoing, and suffer the consequences.

That commitment to honesty is, I believe, a patriotic responsibility. As young children, one of the first things we learn about American history is the story of George Washington and the fallen cherry tree.

"I cannot tell a lie," young George tells his father. "I cut it down."

That story is a legend, of course. But legends are passed down from generation to generation because they carry some larger truth. The cherry tree legend has endured because it's not really about Washington. It's about us, as a nation. It's about what we want from our children — and what we value in our leaders: honesty.

We have always lionized our two greatest presidents — Washington and Lincoln — not only for their accomplishments, but also for their honesty. We see their integrity and morals as a reflection of our honor as a nation.

However, today when we look at the city that bears Washington's name, it's hard not to wonder: What the hell happened?

In 2016, the Oxford English Dictionary's word of the year was "post-truth." And last year brought us the phrase "alternative facts." In essence, they both mean: Up can be down. Black can be white. True can be false. Feelings can be facts.

A New York senator known for working across the aisle, my old friend Pat Moynihan, once said: "People are entitled to their own opinions, but not their own facts." That wasn't always a controversial statement.

Today, those in politics routinely dismiss inconvenient information, no matter how factual, as fake — and they routinely say things that are demonstrably false. When authoritarian regimes around the world did this, we scoffed at them. We thought: The American people would never stand for that.

For my generation, the plain truth about America — the freedom, opportunity and prosperity we enjoyed — was our most powerful advantage in the Cold War. The more communists had access to real news, the more they would demand freedom. We be-

lieved that, and we were right. Today, though, many of those at the highest levels of power see the plain truth as a threat. They fear it, deny it, attack it — just as the communists once did. And so here we are, in the midst of an epidemic of dishonesty, and an endless barrage of lies.

The trend toward elected officials propagating alternate realities — or winking at those who do — is one of the most serious dangers facing democracies. Free societies depend on citizens who recognize that deceit in government isn't something to shrug your shoulders at.

When elected officials speak as though they are above the truth, they will act as though they are above the law. And when we tolerate dishonesty, we will get criminality. Sometimes, it's in the form of corruption. Sometimes, it's abuse of power. And sometimes, it's both. If left unchecked, these abuses can erode the institutions that preserve and protect our rights and freedoms and open the door to tyranny and fascism.

Now, you might say: There have always been dishonest politicians — in both parties. And that's true. But there is now more tolerance for dishonesty in politics than I have seen in my lifetime. And I've been alive for one-third of the time the United States has existed. And as my generation can tell you: The only thing more dangerous than dishonest politicians with no respect for the law, is a chorus of enablers who defend their every lie.

Remember: The honor code here didn't just require you to be honest. It required you to say something if you saw others acting dishonestly. That might be the most difficult part of an honor code, but it may also be the most important, because violations affect the whole community.

The same is true in our country. If we want elected officials to be honest, we have to hold them accountable when they are not or else suffer the consequences. Don't get me wrong. Honest people can disagree. But productive debate requires an acceptance of basic reality.

For example: If 99 percent of scientists whose research has been peer-reviewed reach the same general conclusion about a theory, then we ought to accept it as the best available information — even if it's not a 100 percent certainty.

Of course, it's always good to be skeptical and ask questions. But we must be willing to place a certain amount of trust in the integrity of scientists.

If you aren't willing to do that, don't get on an airplane, don't use a cell phone or microwave, don't get treated in a hospital, and don't even think about binge-watching Netflix.

The dishonesty in Washington isn't just about science. We aren't tackling so many of the biggest problems that affect your future — from the lack of good jobs in many communities, to the prevalence of gun violence, to the threats to the environment — because too many political leaders are being dishonest about facts and data, and too many people are letting them get away with it.

So how did we get here? How did we go from a president who could not tell a lie to politicians who cannot tell the truth? From a George Washington who embodied honesty to a Washington, D.C., defined by deceit?

It's popular to blame social media for spreading false information. I, for one, am totally convinced that Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber are still dating.

But the problem isn't just unreliable stories. It's also the public's willingness to believe anything that paints



the other side in a bad light. That's extreme partisanship, and it's what's fueling and excusing all this dishonesty.

Extreme partisanship is like an infectious disease. But instead of crippling the body, it cripples the mind. It blocks us from understanding the other side. It blinds us from seeing the strengths in their ideas and the weaknesses in our own.

And it leads us to defend or excuse lies and unethical actions when our own side commits them.

For example: In the 1990s, leading Democrats spent the decade defending the occupant of the Oval Office against charges of lying and personal immorality, and attempting to silence and discredit the women who spoke out. At the same time, leading Republicans spent that decade attacking the lack of ethics and honesty in the White House.

Today, the roles are exactly reversed — not because the parties have changed their beliefs — but because the party occupying the Oval Office has changed.

When someone's judgment about an action depends on the party affiliation of the person who committed it, they're being dishonest with themselves and with the public. And yet, those kinds of judgments have become so second nature that many people in both parties don't even realize they are making them.

When people see the world as a battle between left and right, they become more loyal to their tribe than to our country. When power — not progress — becomes the object of the battle, truth and honesty become the first casualties.

You learned here at Rice that honesty leads to trust and trust leads to freedom (like the freedom to take tests outside the classroom). In democracy, it's no different. If we aren't honest with one another, we don't trust one another. And if we don't trust one another, we place limits on what we ourselves can do, and what we can do together as a country. It's a formula for gridlock and national decline — but here's the thing: It doesn't have to be that way.

When I was in city government, I

didn't care which party proposed an idea. I never once asked someone his or her party affiliation during a job interview, or who they voted for. As a result, we had a dream team of Democrats, Republicans and independents.

That diversity made our debates sharper, our policies smarter, and our government better. Arguments were won and lost on facts and data — not parties and polls. That was why we had success. And it's been great to see other mayors around the country taking that same kind of approach.

But at the national level, in Washington today, partisanship is everything, and I think the dishonesty it produces is one of the greatest challenges that your generation will have to confront.

Of course, partisanship is not a new problem. George Washington warned against it in his Farewell Address.

He referred to the "dangers of parties," and called the passion that people have for them the, quote, "worst enemy" of democracy — a precursor to tyranny. Washington urged Americans to, quote, "discourage and restrain" partisanship. Sadly, in recent years, the opposite has happened. There is now unrestrained, rabid partisanship everywhere we look.

It's not just on social media and cable news. It's in the communities where we live, which are becoming more deeply red or more deeply blue. It's in the groups and associations and churches we join, which increasingly attract like-minded people. It's even in the people we marry.

Fifty years ago, most parents didn't care whether their children married a member of another political party but they didn't want them marrying outside their race or religion, or inside their gender.

Today, thankfully, polls show strong majority support for interracial, inter-religious, and same-sex marriage. That's progress. But unfortunately, the percentage of parents who don't want their children marrying outside of their political party has doubled.

The more people segregate themselves by party, the harder it becomes to understand the other side and the more extreme each party grows. Stud-



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ies show that people become more extreme in their views when they are grouped together with like-minded people. That's now happening in both parties. And as a result, it's fair to say the country is more divided by party than it has been since the Civil War.

Bringing the country back together won't be easy. But I believe it can be done — and if we are to continue as a true democracy, it must be done and it will be up to your generation to help lead it.

Graduates: You're ready for this challenge. Because bringing the country back together starts with the first lesson you learned here: Honesty matters. And everyone must be held accountable for being honest.

So as you go out into the world, I urge you to do what honesty requires: Recognize that no one, nor either party, has a monopoly on good ideas. Judge events based on what happened, not who did it. Hold yourself and our leaders to the highest standards of ethics and morality. Respect the knowledge of scientists. Follow the data, wherever it leads.

Listen to people you disagree with — without trying to censor them or shout over them. And have the courage to say things that your own side does not want to hear.

I just came yesterday from visiting an old friend in Arizona, who has displayed that kind of courage throughout his life: Senator John McCain.

We often don't see eye to eye on issues. But I have always admired his willingness to reach across the aisle, when others wouldn't dare. He bucked party leaders, when his conscience demanded it. He defended the honor of his opponents, even if it cost him votes. And he owned

up to his mistakes — just like that young kid with the cherry tree.

Imagine what our country would be like if more of our elected officials had the courage to serve with the honor that John has always shown.

Graduates: After today, you will no longer be bound by the Rice honor code. It will be up to you to decide how to live your life — and to follow your own honor code.

This university has given you a special opportunity to learn the true meaning of honor to base that code on, and now, I believe, you have a special obligation to carry it forward. The greatest threat to American democracy isn't communism, jihadism, or any other external force or foreign power. It's our own willingness to tolerate dishonesty in service of party, and in pursuit of power.

Let me leave you with one final thought: We can all recite the words of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."

But remember that the Founding Fathers were able to bring those truths to life only because of the Declaration's final words: "We mutually pledge to each other, our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

That pledge of honor — and that commitment to truth — is why we are here today. And in order to preserve those truths, and the rights they guarantee us, every generation must take that same pledge. Now it's your turn.

*Michael Bloomberg is an American businessman, engineer, author, politician, and philanthropist. He served as the 108th Mayor of New York City, holding office for three consecutive terms and was frequently mentioned as a possible centrist candidate for the U.S. Presidential elections.*

## A Founding Father's call for civility in politics

Alexander Hamilton

*Excerpted from the 1st Federalist Paper*

"... Candor will oblige us to admit that men may be actuated by upright intentions; and it cannot be doubted that much of the opposition [to the proposed constitution] which has made its appearance, or may hereafter make its appearance, will spring from sources, blameless at least, if not respectable--the honest errors of minds led astray by preconceived jealousies and fears.

"So numerous indeed and so powerful are the causes which serve to give a false bias to the judgment, that we, upon many occasions, see wise and good men on the wrong as well as on the right side of questions of the first magnitude to society. This circumstance, if duly attended to, would furnish a lesson of moderation to those who are ever so much persuaded of their being in the right in any controversy. And a further reason for caution, in this respect, might be drawn from the reflection that we are not always sure that those who advocate the truth are influenced by purer principles than their antagonists.

"Ambition, avarice, personal animosity, party opposition, and many other motives not more laudable than these, are apt to operate as well upon those who support as those who oppose the right side of a question. Were there not even these inducements to moderation, nothing could be more ill-judged than

that intolerant spirit which has, at all times, characterized political parties. For in politics, as in religion, it is equally absurd to aim at making proselytes by fire and sword. Heresies in either can rarely be cured by persecution.

"And yet, however just these sentiments will be allowed to be, we have already sufficient indications that it will happen in this as in all former cases of great national discussion. A torrent of angry and malignant passions will be let loose. To judge from the conduct of the opposite parties, we shall be led to conclude that they will mutually hope to evince the justness of their opinions, and to increase the number of their converts by the loudness of their declamations and the bitterness of their invectives.

"An enlightened zeal for the energy and efficiency of government will be stigmatized as the offspring of a temper fond of despotic power and hostile to the principles of liberty. An over-scrupulous jealousy of danger to the rights of the people, which is more commonly the fault of the head than of the heart, will be represented as mere pretense and artifice, the stale bait for popularity at the expense of the public good. It will be forgotten, on the one hand, that jealousy is the usual concomitant of love, and that the noble enthusiasm of liberty is apt to be infected with a spirit of narrow and illiberal distrust.

"On the other hand, it will be equally forgotten that the vigor of government is essential to the security of liberty; that, in the contemplation of a sound and well-informed judgment, their interest can never be separated; and that a dan-



gerous ambition more often lurks behind the specious mask of zeal for the rights of the "people than under the forbidden appearance of zeal for the firmness and efficiency of government. History will teach us that the former has been found a much more certain road to the introduction of despotism than the latter, and that of those men who have overturned the liberties of republics, the greatest number have begun their career by paying an obsequious court to the people; commencing demagogues, and ending tyrants."

*The Federalist Papers is a collection of 85 articles written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay to promote the ratification of the United States Constitution. Seventy-seven articles were published serially between October 1787 and August 1788. They are considered an incomparable exposition of the Constitution, a classic in political science unsurpassed in both breadth and depth and the foundation upon which our national identity is based.*

## 2018 Primary Endorsements

For the past three months we've offered the candidates in contested primary runs the opportunity to submit, free of charge, articles on issues important to them with the hope the article will help you make a more informed decision when you cast your primary ballot.

With just a few exceptions, the current crop of candidates have embraced the principle that civility has to return to county politics. It's time to end the name-calling and return to the principle that while we may have our differences we are first and foremost Frederick Countians.

This year we have some exceptional candidates in some tight primary races, so my endorsements are going to focus on those.

In the Democratic race for State Senate, Jessica Douglass is clearly the best. She is bright, energetic, articulate, thoughtful, and focused on the right issues. Having been abandoned by current State Senator Michael

Hough, it would be nice to have someone like Jessica represent us.

In the Republican race for County Executive, I'm going to take a 'bye,' other than recommending you don't waste your vote on Kathy Afzali — the only person she is interested in is herself. Afzali has done, and will continue to do, nothing for Frederick County.

That said, I would be lying if I didn't say I've been impressed by the articles submitted by Regina Williams. She is quite thoughtful. If you have not read Regina's articles, I strongly encourage you to do so. The only thing keeping me from endorsing Regina is I have never actually met her. Kirby Delauter, on the other hand, I've shared many beers with. Yes, Kirby and I have differences of opinion, but that has never stopped us from ordering another beer. You have two good choices between Regina and Kirby — I encourage you to read their articles before you make your decision.

In the County Council At-large races, after years of elections where one finds oneself voting for the least

objectionable, voters are faced with choosing from an exceptional list of qualified candidates.

In the Republican County Council At-large primary two candidates clearly stand out above the rest: Justin Kiska and Jason Miller. Justin and Jason bring different strengths, but they share a fresh perspective, an inclusive philosophy that recognizes the need to hear all opinions, and last but not least, the honorable willingness to serve for the betterment of the community. Justin and Jason may not have the most road signs, but they do have the best ideas. And in the end, it's ideas that should rule the day, not their number of signs.

In the Democratic County Council At-large primary Kai Hagen is easily my first choice. He's bright, energetic, and protecting the environment of our area is his top priority — we definitely need someone with his views on the council. As for a second choice, I'm torn. Both Susan Reeder-Jesse and Mark Long are great people with thoughtful ideas. Again, I'm going to encourage you to read their articles

and let their words, not mine, sway your decision.

In the County Council District Five race, I'm again going to take a 'bye.' I've met Will Valentine, and quite like him. But I've also been intrigued by the thoughtful articles of Michael Blue — who unfortunately I have not had the pleasure of meeting. So I feel by endorsing Will without meeting Michael would be a disservice to our readers. That said, I've been quite impressed by Will's efforts to reach out to all the voters in the District. His perseverance and dedication to hard work will serve us well if he makes it Council

Whoever wins the District Five Republican Primary, however, will have their hands full with their Democratic opponent — Shannon Bohrer — who is clearly the best Democrat ever to run for County Council — bar none. So one way or another, District Five is going to have an exceptional representative on the Council.

Finally, for School Board, Edison Hatter should be the number one pick for everyone. Don't let his youth fool you. This Catocin High

Graduate /Mount St. Mary's Freshman is an impressive young man and definitely deserves your vote for a slot on the Frederick County School Board.

Six candidates will advance from this year's Board of Education primary field. Assuming everyone follows my recommendation and picks Edison as their number one pick, once again, I encourage you to select the remaining five based upon the articles submitted by the other seven who chose to reach out to you in the pages of this paper.

That said, I do want to thank all the candidates who have taken the time to submit articles to help our readers make an informed decision. Running for office is never easy, so we as a community need to acknowledge with a round of applause all those that have taken the time to prove that our Founding Fathers were correct in believing that democracy is, and always will be, the best form of government.

Michael Hillman  
Executive Editor



## FROM THE DESK OF...

# Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

On Saturday April 22nd, the Carroll Valley Trout Fishing Derby was held. About 109 young boys and girls were in attendance. Approximately 87 of those fishing were under the age of 10. The Fishing Derby would not have been successful if it wasn't for all the people working behind the scenes making it so. Thanks to Councilmen Bruce Carr, Tom Fitzsimmons, and Tyler Plyes who organized and managed the derby. Thanks goes to the Fish & Boat Commission Conservation Officer Rachael Thurner-Diaz for monitoring the event. Special appreciation is extended to McSherrytown Fish and Game Association, Dave Swope, who donated 250 trout. The fishing poles were donated by the Two Brothers Guide Service, Tyler and Brandon Plyes.

Table donations were provided by Jim Torborg and the Jarrell family. The key ingredient for a successful community event are the volunteers. Thank you MaryAnn Carr, Sterling Shuyler, Amanda and Steve Bell, Jeni, Jim and Morgan Jarrell, Lori Davidson, Bob Poole, Ryan Orndorff, Buddy Weller, Rick and Brad Wolfgang, Roger Vinson, and Kristen and Mike Vlcej. To

see the pictures taken, go to [www.ron-pictures.net](http://www.ron-pictures.net). Again, thank you all for making this a special day for our young attendees and their families.

This month, we celebrate the national flag, and fathers. National Flag Day is June 14th. Be proud! Fly the flag that day. Remember the flag is flown from sunrise to sunset. The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it. Father's Day will be celebrated on June 18th. Father's Day became an official holiday in 1972 when President Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. It is a day set aside to spend some quality time with dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather or father figure.

On June 3rd Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Carroll Valley Community Yard Sale will be held at the Ski Liberty parking lot. For adults who want to breakout from their everyday routine, a unique one-day learning opportunity will be offered on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg Campus of HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College. Few of us find enough time for ourselves. The day of

learning will allow individuals to feed a passion, explore an interest and learn something new. Unlike so many pesky tasks of life, time spent learning is never wasted! The Gettysburg Campus Community Education Day will offer 16 informative educational sessions. Participants will have an opportunity to choose three sessions. Class topics include genealogy, pop culture, history, holistic health, retirement, and much more. For a complete listing of class sessions and to register, go to [hacc.edu/GettysburgCommunity](http://hacc.edu/GettysburgCommunity) or call the Gettysburg Campus at 717-337-3855 ext. 119903. A continental breakfast and bagged lunch is also included in the \$49.00 registration fee.

At 12:24 a.m. EDT on June 21st summer begins. It's a time to relax and enjoy our natural environment. We are surrounded by the aesthetics and natural beauty of Carroll Valley's country scenery and wildlife. But we need to be aware that the summer months represent a time period when the cases of Lyme disease increase. Why? We spend more time outdoors enjoying where we live. Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is carried to people

from a bite from a black-legged or deer tick. The disease affects different body systems, such as the nervous system, joints, skin, and heart. Early symptoms may include headache, fever, fatigue and a characteristic circular skin rash. It is treatable. Some of things you should consider when you are out and about are: stay out of tall grass and un-cleared areas of the forest floor; don't roll in a pile of leaves, check daily for ticks; and if you plan to use insect repellent, be sure to review the safety information on the label. There are many websites that provide information on Lyme disease. One site you may want to visit [www.lymemd.org](http://www.lymemd.org).

Working on the lawn and still have leaves to rake up and get rid of? If you are thinking about burning them then let's discuss open burning. Open burning is the outdoor burning of any materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Before you start a fire, you should read the Carroll Valley Borough Ordinance 6-2008. The ordinance contains such information as what you are and are not allow to burn, what your safety and supervisory responsibilities are. Go to the Borough's website [www.carroll-valley.org](http://www.carroll-valley.org), click Administration > Or-

dinances. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click Open Burning. If you have any questions, call the borough office at 642-8269.

The Borough election results have been certified. The following candidates will move on to the November ballot and they are: (Council 4-year term) David Lillard, Richard Mathews, and Robert C. Verderaime; (Council 2-year term) Jard Huster; (Tax Collector) Phyllis Doyle Smith; and (Mayor) Ron Harris. Thanks goes to everyone who came out to vote.

There will be a Public Hearing on June 13th at 6 p.m. to hear testimony on why the 2004 sprinkler ordinance should not be repealed. Presently, the ordinance requires that new constructed home must contain a sprinkler system.

Borough meetings to be held are: Planning Commission (June 5th); Borough Council (June 13th) Public Safety (June 19th); Finance Committee (June 26th) and Parks & Recreation (June 28th). Please be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. Go to [www.cvjuly4th.com](http://www.cvjuly4th.com) for further details. Please slow down when driving and be sure you and your passengers buckle up. Questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email me at [MayorRonHarris@comcast.net](mailto:MayorRonHarris@comcast.net).

# State Representative Dan Moul

What would you think if you learned that a private New Hampshire timber company was approved for a \$50 million loan from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to purchase timberland in northwest Pennsylvania, at an interest rate of just 1 percent, with generous repayment terms and was not publicly advertised or competitively bid? Outraged? I am!

This is happening! In fact, the \$50 million loan, for the purchase of private timberland by a private company, comes from a taxpayer-subsidized state program that, by law, is required to fund improvements to water and sewer plants in Pennsylvania communities.

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) is a state agency, charged by law "to give low-interest loans and some grants to owners and operators of sewer, water and storm water systems for infrastructure improvements." PENNVEST loans are repaid by water and sewer ratepayers, and default rates on PENNVEST loans are near zero.

Over the past 40 years, nearly 3,000 municipal water and sewer projects across Pennsylvania have been funded through this program. Despite this progress, anyone involved in municipal government or water treatment knows that hundreds – maybe thousands – of water infrastructure projects across the Commonwealth still need to be addressed in the very near future and will be relying on PENNVEST loans to pay for it.

The House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, recently held a public meeting to determine why PENNVEST would lend \$50 million to a private, out-of-state timber company to buy real estate? After nearly four hours of testimony, there were more questions than answers.

The committee learned that late last

year, Lyme Timber Company, a private corporation based in New Hampshire, approached the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) looking for financing to buy 60,000 acres of timberland in northwest Pennsylvania.

One must submit an application for any state loan or grant program. The standard PENNVEST application is clearly meant for applicants making improvements to water, sewer and storm water treatment "systems." This was not the case with Lyme Timber and its answers to key questions on the application raise serious concerns.

There is fierce competition for any state grant or loan, with the number of applications often far exceeding the amount of available funding, yet Lyme Timber did not need to worry. DCNR and PENNVEST facilitated what I would call a sweetheart deal for Lyme Timber investors.

Anyone purchasing land in Pennsylvania's Northern Tier knows that mineral rights can greatly affect the sale price of real estate. Incredibly, DCNR could not provide any information to our committee about the status of the mineral rights on the property – who owns them, what plans Lyme Timber might have for any rights acquired, how development of mineral rights could impact the proposed conservation easement, or how repayment of the \$50 million loan could be impacted.

Taxpayers deserve to know what justification exists to redirect state-subsidized loans, intended for water and sewer treatment plant improvements, to a private equity firm for timberland acquisition. Why was the deal offered to one well-connected, out-of-state private equity firm instead of publicly advertised for any interested party? Why was Lyme's loan application allowed to proceed, even when it is obvious that their answers don't match up with the

questions on the application? Why didn't DCNR inquire about the status of mineral rights on the property?

What other private firms stand to gain from future deals of this nature? Why was the deal consummated without clearly defining how the public will be able to access the property? These concerns require immediate answers from

the Wolf administration. From all outside appearances, this looks like a classic backroom deal, favoring a well-connected private business with cheap and easy public money. The people of Pennsylvania deserve better.

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE BORDER

## County Commissioner Randy Phiel

From reading the local newspapers you may already have some knowledge of the Adams County space study. Our “new courthouse” is 40 years old and the Board feels there must be a footprint for the future. Thus, a space study was undertaken by county staff and an outside firm. The assistance of an outside consultant was essential. Crabtree & Rohrbaugh was paid \$10,000 for their technical expertise, assistance and compilation of the analysis. That study has numerous components, including interviews with department personnel, development of options, and conceptual plans. In addition, there are numerous ways to approach any changes that might be considered, including having County employees undertake a portion of the work, having it completed by contractors, having it done using a phased approach, or having the improvements completed as quickly as possible. What buildings are included is still another variable. The Commissioners have talked about different options; but have not made any decisions about County office space and future building use.

To be simplistic, the options involve making necessary mechanical/ structural repairs and some minimal movement of office staff, a floor by floor renovation of the existing building and a total new build. It is fair to say that currently a total new build has only a remote chance of success. Regardless of what action may eventually be undertaken, the Commissioners want all County personnel and residents to realize that no decision will be made until there is a discussion with residents, elected officials, directors and staff about the options, and that if any consensus is developed action will not be taken until staff is notified. If and when there would be any decision to proceed with any major renovation - the public will also have an opportunity to view and have input to the process. While most of the study is appropriate for public review - there are security components that will not be made public.

The Space Study Team’s work is extremely valuable for recognizing issues and identifying options for Adams County moving forward; but at this time no decisions have been made on any of the options. The Board would like to recognize and thank the Space Study Team for their commitment and diligence to this significant project!

Since this Board of Commissioners took office seven years ago, we have been working with the Adams County Industrial Authority and other entities to facilitate the sale and appropriate development of the two acre N. Stratton Street property for-

merly known as the REDDI Site and now as Gettysburg Station. This Board has always indicated that their position was a blend of mixed use would best serve the community. I am pleased to report a New York developer has signed a contract on the property, subject to a due diligence period to review environmental conditions and go through planning, permitting and land development processes. It is my understanding Mr. Harrison already has fairly extensive knowledge of those site dynamics.

The County of Adams took on the role of loan guarantor in 2013 for ACIDA to purchase the land. The sale price of reportedly \$1M would allow the county to free up these guarantor funds to use as seed money in other economic development projects. We would like nothing more than to stimulate other viable economic projects. We are hopeful that everything will finally line up to make this long overdue development happen.

Pillow Tax is an important revenue source for providing resources caused by visitation and also for marketing our tourism industry. At the Wednesday April 18th meeting, Adams County Commissioners Meeting, a revised Pillow Tax (Hotel Room Rental Tax) was approved to increase penalties for non-payment or paying late. The fines range from \$50 to \$150 + 1.5% interest per month. Aside from these penalties, any willful or negligent fail-

ure to comply could result in a \$200 fine the first month, \$400 for the second month occurring within ninety days of the previous occurrence, and \$600 for each third and subsequent occurrence within 90 days. Operators could face a municipal tax claim or civil action if they repeatedly fail to make payments.

Adams County has approximately 150 operators of hotels, motels, bed/breakfasts, private residences that rent through the internet and campground rentals. Most of the businesses are professional and timely in their reporting requirements - but a few are not. In the past minimal penalties have not been an adequate tool for compliance. Also, identifying and collecting from small internet based private residence rentals is a growing and increasing issue (see following topic). The ordinance became effective May 1. Anyone having questions on the Pillow Tax should contact Adams County Treasurer Crissy Redding at 717-337-9837.

Speaking of Pillow Tax, on April 9, the House Tourism and Recreation Development Committee held a hearing to discuss HB 1810 that would require online home sharing and short term rental companies doing business in Pennsylvania to register and share information with taxing authorities.

It has been challenging to assure consistent collection from rooms rented through on-

line platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO and Homestogo. Beside the collection of taxes due to promote and support the impact of tourism, this legislation would also promote a more level playing field for the entire lodging industry. Given the amount of lodging activity in Adams County, combined with our Pillow Tax ordinance that was previously mentioned, we will be watching this legislation closely.

There is nothing more important in county government then providing for the health, safety, life and welfare our Adams County residents. The Adams County Department of Emergency Services (ACDES) recently completed the “County-Wide Radio Update/Re-Program Project”. This project involved having ACDES staff travel out into the community to meet with local first responders and local government officials to update and re-program their portable, mobile, and base station radios. This is the first time the end-user radios have been updated and re-programmed since the County’s P25 Digital 800 MHz system went live in late 2015. The upgrade included a “firm-

ware” update, which updated the components in the radios; an update to the York County radio system (which went live in late 2017), and added voice announcements into the radio.

The integration of the York County fleet map into our radios means that units from Adams and York Counties can now talk directly to each other while operating on an incident without the need for a dispatcher to establish a “patch”; or tie the radios together electronically. The voice announcements allow radio users to switch talk groups without having to look at the radio; thereby ensuring that the end-user can keep their attention focused on the task in front of them. Over several months, the Adams County Department of Emergency Services staff travelled over the entire county and touched over 2,000 radios to complete this project.

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day Weekend - and I hope you are finally getting all your grass mowed. Whatever you did this past Memorial Day Weekend, I hope it was relaxing and enjoyable. No matter what your favorite leisure activity is, get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!



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## FROM THE DESK OF...

# County Council President Bud Otis

Finally a Tribute to our Vietnam War Era Veterans

As a nation we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the men and women who served in uniform during the Vietnam War Era. This era has been designated for those who served from November 1, 1955 through May 15, 1975.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act formally approved the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War. Since then, the Department of Defense started partnering with other programs within the federal government, state and local governments, veteran service organizations, and other non-governmental organizations to honor as many Vietnam Veterans as possible and welcome them home as so many of them experienced no welcome at all, or vilification for their call to duty.

It was shameful of our country to treat them in such a horrible manner. This effort across the nation is to, in a tiny way, say we are sorry and then express our deep appreciation for their tremendous sacrifices. This applies to all those who wore the uniform, enlisted or drafted, served in country or at home - ALL our Vietnam Veterans,

including the families, the Gold Star families and the spouses of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

By presidential proclamation on May 25, 2012, the special Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025.

My office registered and became a partner in order to be authorized to bestow the pin upon our beloved Vietnam Veterans. It is with tremendous humility and pride that we recently held a Joint Pinning Ceremony on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion FSK Post 11 in Frederick.

We first asked the Post Commander, Wayne Kaikko, if they would like us to work together and host a Pinning Ceremony after their already scheduled Vietnam Veterans Dinner. Both the Commander and I felt this would be the best timing for our Veterans as they would already be gathered for the Post's third annual dinner honoring them. As this was all about the Veterans, what better time and location!

Next we worked on partnering with Congressman Jamie Raskin, who has previously conducted Vietnam Veteran Pinning ceremonies in his district. Congressman Raskin was delighted to co-sponsor the event.

Major General James T. Jackson,

U.S. Army (Retired) is Director of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. General Jackson came early that day to help us set up the area, and make sure all the pins, presidential proclamations, buttons and materials were in place and ready to go.

The event kicked off by standing and facing the American flag for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander Kaikko followed by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by Jazlyn Sligh, a student at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. The MIA/POW table was front and center to reflect and honor the memory of those brave souls whose service came with extraordinary sacrifice.

Such an honor. One hundred nine Veterans were pinned by Congressman Raskin, County Executive Jan Gardner and myself. General Jackson gave them the presidential proclamation, and the names of the Veterans were alternately called by Post Commander Kaikko and James P. Marchinke, Department of Maryland American Legion Commander. Five Veterans at a time were called by their name, branch of service and rank to please come up to the front to be congratulated for their service, welcomed home and then pinned.

It was a wonderful experience and it seemed like everyone enjoyed this special tribute to honor our heroes.

It would be remiss on my part if I didn't thank those who worked behind the scenes to actually make this event happen. My personal thanks goes out to these special caring individuals: Christa Burton and Kathleen Connor both from Congressman Jamie Raskin's office; Diana Modelski from my office; Dan Campbell, Doug Silvern and Keith Midberry from the Frederick County Community Veterans Engagement Board; Keith Clevenger - Amer-

ican Legion FSK Post 11's First Vice Commander, along with Tricia and Ruthie also from Post 11.

To learn more about the Commemoration program, please visit: [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com). Please contact my office if you are a Vietnam Veteran and would like to know when the next Pinning Ceremony will be held, or would like to receive the special pin and presidential proclamation. My executive assistant is honored to assist: [DModelski@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:DModelski@frederickcountymd.gov) or 301-600-1101. Thank you to all our Veterans and their families. Our nation is safe because of your personal commitments to service.

### Help Get Bud Otis on the November Ballot!

If you have appreciated Bud Otis's efforts to bring civility and proper decorum to the Frederick County Council, then your help is needed in getting him on the November ballot. In the true spirit of old time Frederick County, Bud will be running as an Independent for County Council At-large. But to get on the ballot Bud needs 1,794 signatures on a petition.

All registered voters in Frederick County can sign this petition. All Democrats, Republicans and Un-

affiliated voters can sign. By signing this petition you are saying you would like the voters of Frederick County to have several choices to choose from. It doesn't mean you are voting for Bud, it just means you are willing to see Bud's name on the ballot in November.

"I believe the votes would like to have a credible Independent candidate to vote for and I give you that choice." - Bud Otis

You can download the petition at [www.emmitsburg.net](http://www.emmitsburg.net) or [www.myThurmont.net](http://www.myThurmont.net).

# Councilman Kirby Delauter, District 5

The County Executive has stated she would entertain adds to the budget if four council members voted for the add. By charter are not allowed to add but these are "suggested" adds. I have come within \$34,971 of constant

yield as well. Attached to the on-line version of this article on Emmitsburg.net you will find the budget in number and graph form, and my suggested cuts/adds. Also attached is a comparison of budget while I was on the Board

of County Commissioners that indicates how much more fiscally responsible we had operated the county.

We have a major issue with funding DFRS for leave impact, 911 call center needs more people and the Sheriff Deputies were removed from their pay scale. My budget moves to fix all of this. I took most funds from environmental items such as reforestation and

NPDES areas (National Pollutant Discharge) which we already spend \$1.5M annually. I think when people hit 911, they want Fire, EMS or a Deputy to show up, I don't think they're worried about planting trees.

I funded Brunswick's request for the Yourtee water main project. This water line is in disrepair and MDE has put a time limit on some of the work at 18

months. There are 166 county residents on this line. The current county budget funded \$0. They are throwing money at non-profits yet can't fund core government such as this water main that serves drinking water to taxpayers.

Show me anyone on this council that has gone through this budget with this much detail. The answer is, there isn't anyone.

*Editor's Note: Kirby Delauter is also a candidate for County Executive.*

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### Voter Registration Deadline Nears

Frederick County residents who wish to register to vote in the June 26 Primary Election are reminded that the deadline for voter registration is 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5.

In order to become a registered voter and vote in this year's election, individuals

must be a U.S. citizen, live in Frederick County, and be at least 18 years of age on or before November 6.

Individuals may also register at the Board of Elections, 340A Montevue Lane, Frederick, on the following dates: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;

and Tuesday, June 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information on voter registration, call the Board of Elections at 301-600-8683 or visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections), and click on "Voter Registration - Register/Make Changes."



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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## County Executive Jan Gardner

We kicked off the unofficial start to summer by honoring America's fallen heroes with the annual wreath-laying ceremony and Memorial Day Parade in Woodsboro. The event is reminiscent of small town America and is a touching tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and for our Nation.

Other annual traditions this time of year include the Mother Seton School Carnival and Vigilant Hose's Spring Fling. The rain clouds cleared to allow folks to come out and enjoy these great community events. I enjoyed talking with local residents as well as some good food and entertainment.

### Public Safety

Frederick County's public safety system is truly one of the best. We enjoy a high quality of life in part because we live in a safe community. From 9-1-1 communications to law enforcement to our firefighters and paramedics, we have the best in the state. I am incredibly proud to share that Frederick County's emergency medical services (EMS) agency earned the Outstanding EMS Agency of the Year award in Maryland. Congratulations to every-

one in our EMS system, both career and volunteer, on earning this huge honor! We can be particularly proud that our paramedic training program is now nationally accredited and we are helping citizens improve their quality of life while saving taxpayer dollars with the new mobile integrated health unit. EMS staff has also trained with local law enforcement for active shooter scenarios. Frederick County continues to lead the way.

I also want to thank our emergency responders and our Public Works crews for the outstanding job they did during the torrential rain and flooding we experienced May 15th and the days that followed. We are very fortunate that no lives were lost during the storms particularly from the flash floods. I have surveyed the damage with representatives from FEMA and our federal delegation and we will be seeking federal funds to help our residents and businesses repair. If your home, business, car, or other property was damaged by the storms, please fill out our survey at [www.FrederickCountyMd.gov/Recovery](http://www.FrederickCountyMd.gov/Recovery). We need your damage estimates to help us qualify for emergency aid. Help us to help you.

### Residential Growth

A hot topic in Frederick County is residential growth. People rightly complain about overcrowded schools and congested roadways. The prior Board of County Commissioners (Young, Delauter, and Shreve) zoned land to permit the addition of more than 14,000 new houses and locked these developments down with legally binding Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreements. While these agreements are without a doubt detrimental to existing county residents and taxpayers, they have been upheld in the courts. As County Executive, I have publicly shared the significant cost of these terrible deals on county residents and have identified the need for almost \$500 million to upgrade roads and provide needed schools. We have all been dealt a terrible hand by the irresponsible actions of the prior Board of County Commissioners.

So, what are we doing? First, this administration has approved no new residential growth over the past four years with the exception of some senior housing in Urbana. Second, I have ended the use of developer agreements and taxpayer giveaways. I

pledge these bad deals will never happen on my watch.

I proposed to the county council, and the majority agreed, to eliminate an option that allowed developers to "buy out" of school overcrowding requirements by paying an extra fee called a school construction or school mitigation fee. This "buy out" option was also the idea of the prior Board of Commissioners. Prior to that, if schools were overcrowded, residential developers either has to wait until schools were adequate or build the needed new school or school addition.

While no new developments will be able to use this school "buy out" option, a number of previously approved developments retain the right to "pay and go" even if schools are seriously overcrowded. Since this extra school mitigation fee falls short of covering the actual cost of a needed school seat, I proposed raising the fee to cover the current cost of school construction. This fee increase is significant because the fee has not been raised since 2014. The increase to the school construction fee is currently being debated by the county council. Developers have said the fee increase will increase the cost of new housing; while advocates for ending school overcrowding have taken the position that de-

velopers should pay for needed school seats to ensure that schools are adequate and to avoid shifting this cost to existing taxpayers as well as to the students who attend overcrowded schools. The fundamental question is who should pay? I believe that new development needs to pay its way. What do you think? Take a few minutes, and let your county elected officials know your views.

### More Summer Fun

There are more fabulous summer events on tap this month, starting with the grand opening of Emmitsburg's Community Pool. I'm looking forward to the celebration on June 2nd to check out the pool and splash pad! The town starts the month with a celebration and ends it the same way. June 30th is Community Heritage Day, a day packed with special events. There will be car, truck and motorcycle shows, a horseshoe contest, a parade, music, and vendors. July will bring Guardian Hose Fireman's carnival and parade on July 12.

There are many family friendly community events happening all across Frederick County this summer. Come out and enjoy good times with family, friends, and community. Hope to see you there!

## Regina Williams, Candidate for County Executive

Last year, on June 14 I officially filed as a candidate for the office of Frederick County Executive. The sense of patriotism and pride as I completed the paperwork to officially put my name on the ballot can't be captured in words.

As a citizen who has never run for public office, much thought and prayer went into this decision. It was also a surreal moment for me. As I turned in my paperwork at the Board of Elections, one of the employees shared the breaking news that a Republican Congressman had just been shot while practicing for a Charity Baseball Game. I was shocked. It made me question why anybody would put themselves out there in the midst of the political divide happening in our country. Whether this was a foreshadowing of the ugliness in the political arena I was about to enter or a test of my conviction for running for public office, I walked out of that office even more determined to make a difference.

My motivation to run for County Executive is quite simple. I want my daughter to grow up in a safe community, have a top notch education, be able to buy a home in Frederick County and start her own business if she chooses like her grandparents and great grandparents did. No single person has more influence over all these things than the County Executive. During my 14 year tenure as a CPA in the Finance Division at Winchester Hall, I realized the impact we can make on our community in local government.

My work experience in the Finance Division allowed me to witness politicians make funding decisions that were often short-sighted and based on the upcoming election rather than the long-term best interests of Frederick

County residents. As a CPA, I bring an objectivity inherent in my profession that is often lacking in politics. Fiscal responsibility and accountability are benchmarks of the CPA profession. These should be the most important attributes of a County Executive. Being a good steward of your hard-earned tax dollars is of the utmost importance to me.

Frederick County has the third highest County Property tax rate in the State of Maryland, yet our roads are congested, our schools are overcrowded and public safety is being jeopardized with first responder positions underfunded. Mismanaging the growth and development of this County didn't happen overnight. Ev-

ery candidate in this County Executive race has served in political office from 8 – 16 years. It is time for fresh, innovative ideas and change.

We are at a crossroads as we end our first term of Charter Government in Frederick County. This is a pivotal election, a chance to bring balance to the political pendulum swings of the past decade. We need a conservative, practical approach to governing along with open-minded leadership. Who better to serve the taxpayers of Frederick County than a qualified citizen who understands how our local government works and who isn't entrenched in politics.

Make your voice heard, please get out and Vote in the Primary Election

on June 26th! Of all the celebrations and events happening in June, none is more impactful on your future than this Primary Election. Funding for our children's schools, sheriff's department, firefighters, transportation and roads, parks and recreation, libraries, our seniors and decisions determining

the growth and development of our county are dependent on your vote.

Early Voting begins June 14 – 21st from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Turmont Regional Library There would be no greater honor for me than to serve as your next Frederick County Executive. I humbly ask for your vote on June 26th.

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## FROM THE DESK OF CANDIDATE...

### Justin Kiska, County Council At-large (R)

As hard as it may be to believe, there was a time when “politics” wasn’t a dirty word. Our elected officials could strongly disagree while debating an issue, yet remain civil – even friendly. Unfortunately, we don’t see that much anymore. I was fortunate enough to have grown up at the feet of such giants as Jack Kemp, Bill Bennett, and Bob and Elizabeth Dole. Working for these luminaries while I was in Washington and getting to see them in action on a daily basis taught me what public service really means and that it’s more important to show up and do something than to get bogged down in petty personal battles.

When people ask me why I’m running, the simple answer is ‘because there’s work to do.’ As a business owner for the last 16 years, the idea of accomplishing things has become more and more important to me. I want to work on finding ways to encourage the

county and its residents to thrive as we continue into the 21st Century. Frederick County’s potential is astounding. And we must do everything we can to take advantage of that. Growing up here, I knew what could be possible.

We need to elect Council members with proven track records of leadership. Especially when it comes to the fact Frederick County’s annual budget is nearly \$600 million. Now, a government cannot be run like a business – even though many say it should . . . and I realize most of those people are in my own party. But as a businessman, I can say some of the same principles used to run a successful company can also be applied to government. Should a government spend more money than it takes in? No. Should government officials make sure they get the biggest bang for every tax dollar spent? Absolutely. In the perfect world, there would be enough mon-

ey to fund every organization, agency, department, and service at or above 100%. Sadly, the budget does not usually allow for that.

In 2015, Governor Larry Hogan declared Maryland was “open for business.” Frederick County should be following suit. We need to give the Office of Economic Development the tools they need to promote investments in the county. We need innovative and aggressive economic development policies to bring new businesses into the county, while at the same time looking for ways to support the businesses that are already here and have helped make Frederick what it is today.

When it comes to future growth within the county and how that is handled, the right kind of leadership is going to be crucial over the next few years. Having the supporting infrastructure in place is key. Our roads must be able to support increased traffic; our schools

must be able to handle more students; and our public services must be able to provide the highest level of service possible. We cannot simply allow growth for growth’s sake.

There’s no way to know what all of the issues will be that come up in the next few years, but the promise I can make is that whatever they are, I will approach each with an open mind and always look for the answers that will benefit Frederick County as a whole. I may not always make the popular decision but I won’t take any vote I cast lightly.

Sometimes, that’s going to mean disagreeing with the County Executive. Over the last three years, there have been a number of times where I feel the Council has missed its chance to exercise its power as the legislative arm of our government, instead making itself subservient to the County Executive, as opposed to a true check and bal-



ance. The next County Council needs to take steps to provide a true balance in Winchester Hall.

With the primary election coming up later this month, I would ask that you take a moment to visit my website, [www.JustinKiska.com](http://www.JustinKiska.com), where you can learn more about me, why I’m running, and where I stand on the issues. Then, I would ask for your vote on June 26th in the Republican Primary for one of the two At-Large seats on the Frederick County Council. Every single vote is going to count this year, so I hope I can count on yours.

### Jason Miller, County Council At-large (R)

I wanted to thank the Emmitsburg News Journal for its endorsement of our campaign’s conservative platform this past week. This is vital to our classically conservative message because the stakes in this year’s Republican primary election couldn’t be higher. My campaign for County Council At-large has been laser focused on the urgency of implementing real common-sense conservative problem solving. I’ve tried to express the terms under which real conservatism is the best way to address issues with our local schools, local roads, local neighborhoods and local safety.

True conservatism is a fiscal mindset that acts as a moral compass. It is a mindset that respects the time that working people spend at their jobs to pay their local taxes. Real conservatism is more than a

slogan, a soundbite, or a former politician’s endorsement. That is a noble truth. We as Republicans need to reject the temptation of saying everything is fine when it’s not fine. George Washington once said that “The truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains to bring it to light.”

Truth be told, Frederick County has faced overcrowding in its schools since 1999, it has also had alarming growth since 2005, along with budgetary issues with fire and rescue since 2010, and immense trouble with roads and infrastructure since 2004 respectfully. An even more glaring truth is that the obsessive inaction by the current majority on the Frederick County Council has put good government on the back burner. The Council has also kicked the vital issues can so

far down the road that it has compounded the costs to solve these problems. The same problems that should have been meaningfully addressed years ago.

The heady, carefree, self-indulgent attitude on the part of county leadership has only compounded the problems facing taxpayer’s today. There is plenty of bipartisan blame to go around. Simply assigning blame in the terms of partisan politics doesn’t solve anything and prolongs everything.

Common sense dictates that the Frederick County Council find tangible solutions before the costs associated with overcrowded schools, county roads and residential development spiral out of control. So far all we have seen is a County Council that governs despite itself. Like Ben Franklin said, “Common sense is

something that everyone needs, few have, and none think they lack.” We need a common-sense conservative on the Frederick County Council.

Make no mistake. There is nothing pernicious about a classical conservative voice standing up and pointing out the flaws of no plan in sight on vital issues. Our Frederick County Council needs to stand up and elevate simple conversations into a fact focused debates. Those debates should yield up pragmatic, results driven, and fiscally responsible ideas. Gone should be the days of the behind the scenes meetings and personality-based filibusters. We need to end the four-year drama that has been an epic dereliction of duty to the Frederick County Taxpayer.

The time has come to hold our County Council accountable to the



people it’s been entrusted to serve. The County Council must remember that it owes its power to the residents of Frederick County. The people are deserving of a better elected official. Thomas Jefferson said “The purpose of government is to enable the people in a nation to live in safety and happiness. Government exists for the interests of the governed, not for the governors.” I couldn’t agree more with Jefferson. If you agree too, I’m asking for one of your two votes on the June 26 Republican Primary for County Council At-large.

### Galen Clagett, County Council At-large (R)

Galen R. Clagett was born in Brunswick, Maryland in 1942. After graduating from Frederick High School, he went on to pursue his Bachelor of Science and Master’s in Administration from Frostburg State University. Galen began his professional career as a teacher, a guidance counselor, vice princi-

pal and principal, as well as a track coach, for Frederick County Public Schools. He served as an assistant professor at Mount Saint Mary’s University and taught for the Maryland Department of Correctional Services. In 1978, Galen was elected as a Frederick County Commissioner where he served as the President of

the Board from 1982 until 1986.

Galen has always been a huge proponent of Community Service and giving to the community. Over the years he has served on numerous boards and volunteered his time to local nonprofits. Galen served as Chairman on the Jefferson School Board, the Board of Trustees for the Trini-

ty School, a member of the Sheppard Pratt Board of Trustees and was on the Way Station Board of Directors. He served on the Frederick Memorial Hospital Board and was President of the Frederick County Humane Society. Galen is currently a member of the Frederick Rotary Club, the Junior Fire Company, the BPO Elks Club

and the Frederick Optimist Club.

“Frederick County has always been my home. I raised my children and grandchildren and started my business here. I believe that the breadth and depth of my executive and legislative experience, as well as my deep affection and respect for Frederick County will allow me to make a substantial contribution to the County Council.”



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## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE BORDER

### Susan Reeder Jesse, County Council At-large (D)

The field of candidates for County Council At-large is big, and decisions need to be made on which candidate to vote, so what do you do? It's a loaded question with a simple answer. Look for the candidate(s) with knowledge and experience on issues that best represents what is important to you, and to Frederick County.

We are blessed in Frederick County to have citizens that care and go the extra step to help their neighbor. Some issues in the county have become controversial and I believe we need council members that should focus more on what brings us together versus what divides us, and if elected I promise to serve in that capacity.

I am a mom, a daughter, a sister,

an aunt, a wife, and as the only woman running for an At-large seat, I feel it's important to have a female voice representing the entire county on the council. I have lived in 4 of the 5 council districts in Frederick County throughout my life and know that each one has its own unique strengths and challenges. Understanding that on the council is important.

I attended North Frederick, Parkway, and Waverly Elementary and graduated from Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. My husband graduated from Frederick High School and my kids graduated from Middletown High School. I believe that all children in Frederick County deserve the best education possible no matter where

they live or where they have come from. Each school has its own unique strengths and challenges and not one size fits all. Understanding that on the council is important.

I believe that every citizen that works hard deserves to be paid a living wage, and should be able to afford a home in this county. I was proud to have been part of the first incubator in Frederick County-FITCI that created hundreds of good paying jobs locally. I am proud of my husband who has owned a small business in Frederick for over 30 years. Small business is the backbone of our economy and yet we still lag behind in family supporting jobs and affordable housing options for our citizens. Understanding

that on the council is important.

I believe it our moral obligation to take care of our seniors. It was an honor to serve on the "Friends of Meals on Wheel Board" that helped generate funds to support the county's program. As more seniors decide to age in place we must find ways to take care of our fastest growing population to help them do this. Understanding that on the council is important.

I believe Frederick County has the best first responders around! Our career and volunteer fire and rescue and law enforcement personal put their lives on the line, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to keep us safe and it is truly an honor to serve with these heroes on the "Fire and Rescue Advisory Board."

The county must provide them what they need to take care of themselves and our citizens. Understanding that on the council is important.

I believe the soil that I grew produce in as a child, gave me an appreciation of our rich agriculture heritage, and the abundance of opportunities it offers. It's our obligation to preserve and take care of our home. Let's make sure we don't lose the beauty of our county that attracts so many others to this area. It a balance if managed correctly, can be achieved. Understanding that on the council is important.

So I kindly ask for your vote and promise to listen, work hard, to preserve and protect everything that we all love about this county!

### Mark Long, County Council At-large (D)

There are many positive things that make Frederick County a place that people want to visit or call home. The vibrancy of downtown Frederick City with its many, varied restaurants, arts and entertainment scene, as well as our smaller, quieter towns. Our farms, parks, hiking and bike trails and the Monocacy River. Our diverse thriving economy. The wonderful people who care about their community and for one another.

The challenge for all of us, and of the highest importance to me, is making sure that Frederick County remains a wonderful place to live, work, play and retire for many years to come, especially as it grows. And it will grow.

More than two years ago, County

Executive Jan Gardner initiated a process known as Livable Frederick. Livable Frederick is to serve as a master plan to guide Frederick County into the future.

Per the county website: "Livable Frederick is a new approach to comprehensive planning in Frederick County. It is more than any single document. It is an ongoing process with a single focus: Creating and Maintaining Livability in Frederick County"

The process started by soliciting input from all county residents; asking what they wanted Frederick County to look and be like in the year 2040. Residents submitted over 2,000 responses and 15,000 qualitative comments. These comments

were crafted into the Common Vision for our county's future:

"It is the year 2040. Frederick County is a vibrant and unique community where people live, work, and thrive while enjoying a strong sense of place and belonging". The vision goes on with several vivid descriptions that further describe our shared values and vision.

The important thing to remember is that the Vision was crafted from input from many citizens throughout the county, which informed work groups of experts and stakeholders from various backgrounds who worked together to develop goals, plans and initiatives to implement the common vision. It wasn't the work of

a few staff people or elected officials.

Livable Frederick is truly a collaborative effort made up by many of our engaged citizens. I applaud this creative process.

There are many more details about the structure of the Livable Frederick Master Plan and how it is to be implemented, but I am unable to address them all here due to space constraints. I suggest that everyone who is interested in the future of our county visit [www.livablefrederick.org](http://www.livablefrederick.org). It's OUR plan for OUR future.

We, as a community, have decided that we want livable, healthy neighborhoods that are walkable, bicycle friendly, with services, entertainment and good

jobs nearby. As a community, we have decided that we want excellent public schools and lifelong learning opportunities to ensure our economic prosperity. We have decided that we want clean air, clean water and clean energy. We want to preserve our traditional economies such as farming, while embracing the new economies of the future. We, as a community, want both young and old to lead fulfilling lives and ensure that all people can be successful, enjoy a high-quality life and be free from poverty.

I embrace and support this shared Vision and I support the Livable Frederick Master Plan. I will continue to support it and work to implement it once elected to the County Council. It's important that we elect candidates who are committed to implementing the Plan and fulfilling our Vision.

### Kai Hagen, County Council At-large (D)

Very soon, on June 26th, registered Democrats and Republicans in Frederick County will choose their nominees to compete for the two at-large seats on the county council this November. Based on history, less than half of the registered voters that could chose those nominees will show up and cast one or both of the votes they have to help determine who will advance to the general election.

Because these choices make a real difference, and because the two at-large candidates who win in November will have a major impact on the composition of the next council...and on the county we all call home...I encourage you to invest a little time to learn about the at-large candidates, and to get out and vote in the primary.

As one of five Democrats vying to be one of those two nominees, of course, I also hope you'll cast one of those two votes for me!

As a county commissioner (2006-2010), and no less so as an active citizen and community leader before and since then, I have been engaged in important county issues for more than two decades, working hard to ensure that Frederick County's Future is vibrant, affordable and sustainable!

Local government is us. And local government works for us when we work together, in a highly ethical, fully transparent, well-managed, efficient and effective manner that reflects the concerns of everyone in our commu-

nity. I am dedicated to excellent public education, responsible planning, protecting our environment, strengthening our agricultural and rural communities, making affordable housing a reality, creating sustainable economic development, ensuring public safety, tackling the opioid crisis and encouraging citizen participation.

No matter what our form of county government may be, whether the commissioner form of government we had for so long or the new charter gov-

ernment we established in 2014, local government won't be any better or worse than the people we elect to represent us, and their ability to work well, with each other and with the people and families and distinct communities that make Frederick County a special place.

It's vital to elect people who understand that county government should and can work well to represent the interests and protect the well-being of our community.

our community and will work...with you...toward real and lasting solutions.

With strong, committed leadership, we can meet those challenges, turn them into real opportunities, and create an even better place to live.

There isn't enough space here to adequately convey what you might want to know about me, or my experience and perspective on the issues that are most important to you. So, if you'd like to know more, please visit my website at <http://kaihagen.com> or send me an email at [kai@kaihagen.com](mailto:kai@kaihagen.com) with any thoughts or questions.

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## FROM THE DESK OF CANDIDATE...

### Will Valentine, County Council District 5 (R)

The 2018 Primary Election is nearly upon us. The months following the announcement of my candidacy for County Council District 5 have reinforced my belief in how fortunate we are as citizens to reside within the district. I have seen this first hand during my extensive door-to-door campaign.

The citizens of District 5 are engaged and interested in what is happening in their respective communities. This includes those residing within municipalities as well as the outlying rural areas of the district. Residential growth, traffic congestion, property rights, adequate and quality emergency services, our agricultural

industry and small business opportunities are just a few of the many topics I've discussed with citizens, public safety officials, current and former elected officials and business owners.

From the beginning of my campaign, my top priority has been to meet, speak with and listen to as many of my fellow citizens throughout District 5 as possible. As a political candidate, I feel it is imperative to earn the trust, confidence and support of my fellow citizens in person, while explaining what my goals and priorities would be if elected. My campaign's message has been positive and consistent throughout.

I will work collaboratively with the

other members of the County Council in a professional manner to be a true "checks and balances" with the County Executive, advocating fiscally responsible budgets intended to spend each tax dollar efficiently, while providing the highest level of service to the citizens of Frederick County.

I am a strong supporter of property rights when they are in compliance with approved zoning ordinances and regulations. Proposals and legislation impacting property owners and private land should be clear and definitive in its intent and purpose when written and prior to its adoption. I will not support legislation containing "open to interpretation" or ambiguous language which diminishes the property rights of our citizens.

I will seek to provide the necessary resources and adequate funding for all of our public safety agencies. This includes Fire and Rescue Services, Emergency Medical Services, the Office of Emergency Communications, Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. I believe public safety is one of the core responsibilities of County Government. Frederick County employs many hard working public safety professionals who are committed and focused on delivering efficient and quality emergency services while maintaining safe communities for all of our citizens.

I am not a career politician. My professional career has been dedicated to public service as a law enforcement officer for the past 23 years. During those years I have witnessed the benefits of elected officials working together and how their collaborative efforts benefit both citizens and the employees of a governmental unit.

I will bring these priorities to the County Council. In addition, I pledge to support our veterans, senior citizens and promote transparency in our local government. I would like to thank all of my family, friends and the numerous citizens I've met during this campaign. I cannot accomplish the goals outlined above without your continued support!

### Michael Blue, County Council District 5 (R)

My name is Michael Blue. For over 31 years, I have been the proud owner and operator of Brownies Auto Service located in Walkersville. I have served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for over 7 years and this is my 4<sup>th</sup> year as its President.

My life didn't start here in Maryland. I was born in 1959 and when I was 10 years old, my parents packed up my five siblings and me and moved us from Ann Arbor,

MI to Frederick. When I moved to Frederick County, the population was barely 80,000 and now Frederick County has over 250,000 residents! I graduated from Frederick High School and then from Frederick Community College. My wife and I raised our three children in this town. We now get to experience our children raising our three grandchildren here, as well. As our families and county grow, so do the demands for better infrastructure, schools, and public safety.

I support smart growth where infrastructure is adequate. The new residential and commercial development need to have the proper services in place upon completion of these respective developments. For example: water, sewer, schools, and roads. Public safety and Emergency Services are also of great importance.

I support lower taxes! Do note: I am aware that is very unlikely in today's environment. However, I will work to use our tax dollars more wisely without sacrificing the necessary needed services to ensure our rich quality of life we have here in our beloved County.

I support the Second Amendment and all its rights provided,

but I also recognize and support the need to provide a safer environment for our children in which to learn. I support additional security and safety measures for our schools. I support enhancing the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Program to provide additional safety and security in our schools.

I support increasing the County's aid for helping our senior citizens. Many of those citizens paved these roads themselves and helped in the community when called upon. They now, sadly, find it harder to retire here. I support finding ways to make housing more affordable, especially to the working and lower middle-class citizens.

I support Governor Larry Ho-

gan's "Open for Business" approach for new and existing businesses. Frederick County already has a favorable business environment and I would like to enhance on the positive services to attract new businesses and keep our existing businesses and workforce here in Frederick County.

My goal as a candidate is to ensure that Frederick County remains a safe place to raise our families – as it was when I was raising my own family. I support our law enforcement to keep our citizens safe in their own communities. I will fight to prevent Frederick County from becoming a sanctuary county. It should continue to have opportunities to improve our quality of life and give chances for it to be as plentiful and fruitful as it can be. I will fight for District 5 along with the entire County to preserve our heritage and agriculture communities. The agricultural and farming communities play a vibrant part in our County and I will support our farmers to continue to prosper here. I support our Citizens Property Rights and do not believe our local or state governments should infringe on our sovereign rights to property ownership.

I will work with other County Council Members to provide leadership through amicable dialogue and debate. The Citizens of Frederick County come first! If we keep this as our primary focus, then the Frederick County Council can give the support and legislative work needed to provide the checks and balances to our County Executive.

I think our quality of life here in Frederick County is directly related to how our government functions and strong leadership is paramount. Safer communities, good schools, proper infrastructure, and social services are not only expected but deserved by all citizens.

I want to listen to what input and concerns you have regarding our county and how together, we can make positive progress: Two Ears, One Mouth. I look forward to earning your trust and vote for County Council – District 5. Thank you for taking the time to read about me. For more about my candidacy please visit [www.VoteMichaelBlue.com](http://www.VoteMichaelBlue.com).

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## Jessica Douglass, State Senate (D)

Adopt the recommendations made by the Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, and create a new funding formula for Maryland's Public Schools.

Move Maryland toward a clean energy economy.

Legislate, regulate, and tax the growth, distribution, and sale of marijuana in order to prevent opioid addiction among patients suffering from chronic pain and to fund vital addiction rehabilitation centers and clinics.

Hold big business accountable while giving small business a chance.

Since filing for candidacy in the State Senate race, I have been talking with voters about what matters to them. These four action items reflect the bulk of responses I have heard over the past few months.

I am a candidate for State Senate. I am a mother of four sons. I have been a teacher for fifteen years in Maryland public schools.

Throughout my career, the injustices of our society have presented themselves in the faces of children. Every day, teachers are reminded of the

bitter inequality between the "haves" and the "have-nots." Children whose parents have stable careers and quality healthcare arrive clean, well-rested, and eager to be with friends, while children whose fortunes are not secured, struggle to focus. It is impossible to witness this disparity, wrought only by the luck of one's birth, and choose tax cuts over text books, or corporate welfare over free and reduced meals.

To that end, I feel compelled to run for statewide office in the face of Maryland public schools attempting to service our children without heat in the winter. I have to step up because protecting Maryland's natural resources is no longer supported by the EPA. I need to stand up for rational and research-based answers to the opioid crisis. I must do this because I can.

I have spent my adulthood teaching public high school students and raising my children, so I do not have a voting record to review. What I do have is a history of caring for others. I have a history of putting the needs of the community first. I have a history of being entrusted with our state's most precious

assets — its children. For 15 years, communities have trusted me to prepare their children for success.

In this pursuit, I have worked with every type of personality. I have worked with the highly motivated, the impossibly disinterested, and the actively opposed. I have worked with people across all disciplines and capacities to successfully usher children toward success in their adult lives and to develop programs using resources we had on hand that would benefit the most students.

I want voters to know that there are practical solutions to the issues that Maryland faces. These solutions are already "in the works," and we need to elect leaders who will support these solutions in Annapolis.

The formula that distributes funding to public schools in Maryland was written in 2002. Based on the Kirwan Commission's research and findings, the formula was used to fund Maryland Public Schools completely and fairly. The commission recently published its most current recommendations, reflecting the new population

that Maryland Public Schools serves. In the 2019 general assembly, I will support these recommendations and will vote to implement a new school funding formula so that Maryland Public Schools can again serve all students with a quality education that will prepare them for today's job market.

The Clean Energy Jobs Act increased Maryland's renewable energy goal to 25% by 2020. We need to redouble our efforts and become a leader in clean energy jobs. We can expand renewable energy in Maryland to 50% by 2030. By pushing such legislation, Maryland can create jobs for the future and reduce air and water pollution.

To address the opioid crisis, I will push to decriminalize marijuana possession. Not only are there studies that find that states with fewer restrictions on marijuana experience fewer opioid deaths and prescriptions, legalizing the use of marijuana will save the state money by incarcerating fewer people. Also, taxing the sale of marijuana will raise revenue for the state that I would earmark to be used solely on drug addiction rehabilitation centers and clinics. Maryland can use the lessons learned in other states that have already taken such action

to write our legalization ballot initiatives and legislative measures; we do not have to reinvent the wheel, yet we cannot be left behind as more states take advantage of this broadminded opportunity for revenue and action against opioid addiction.

Finally, \$15 minimum wage and paid family leave are initiatives that working families need and the will likely pass the general assembly in 2019. While I support such measures, I would write legislation that would ease the burden they might present to small business owners, giving small businesses a longer timeframe for implementation or possibly a tax credit for family leave application.

There are common-sense solutions to the problems voters have voiced to me. District 4 needs a representative in Annapolis fighting for these solutions. Frederick and Carroll County residents can elect a representative in Annapolis who sponsors meaningful legislation that supports children, working families, small business, and a healthy environment. You can have a representative in Annapolis forging real change of which you can be proud: vote Jessica Douglass for State Senate.

## Sabrina Massett, State Senate (D)

After I launched my Senate campaign, a Thurmont neighbor asked me the question that defines my campaign: "Will you will be for us when you get in there? So many of them forget us when they get in there." My positive answer comes from my years of service to family, friends, neighbors, town and church, experiences that will keep me true to my campaign pledges. The first pledge is that I will be there to listen as well as to do. I want to know what people from District 4 want, need and wish for.

A gift of campaigning is meeting people throughout the District — from Emmitsburg to New Market, Walkersville to Middletown. I met a mother in Lake Langanore who teared up when talking about the number of funerals her teenage children have attended when their friends died from opioids. A father in New Market demanded to know whether I am seeing opioid use as a crisis. A mother raising a young developmentally challenged son shared her hope for fully-funded schools to ensure that all children not only learn, but thrive. A middle school teacher shared her ideas for keeping our children safe from gun violence at school, which included a protocol for recognizing and treating students struggling with mental health issues.

I've listened as young and seasoned farmers discussed the historically low price per pound of milk in 2018 and the challenging future of the dairy industry in our region. I've also heard a young resident worry about whether she'll have to leave her home in the southern part of Frederick County because of the unmanaged growth that is beginning to surround it. A woman of color told me that she was experiencing emboldened harassment by her neighbors and that she was perceiving a lack of support and concern in the law enforcement officers called upon to assist her. Senior citizens have been reminding me that we need to "take care of the elderly."

My platform is focused on helping all residents to thrive, conserving our natural

resources and rural landscapes, protecting our young people from the effects of substance abuse illness, and ensuring the civil rights of all residents. My many conversations have reinforced my commitment to these priorities. At the same time, I've been encouraged by how easy it is to have respectful discussions with people who disagree with me. For example, one voter wanted to talk about the ban on "con-

version therapy," and another wanted to discuss voter disenfranchisement. Our disagreements didn't lead to attacks and provocative arguments. Instead, we discussed creative solutions.

This District is full of engaged and caring people who are making a difference in our communities. In Thurmont, people gather to honor the founders of the local food bank. In Brunswick, people

come armed with brooms to clean up downtown. Members of a tiny church in the mountains of Sabillasville hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, not to pay the bills of the church, but to "help their neighbors in need." People in Frederick come out on a Wednesday night to listen to a recovering addict share his story and experiences.

Advocacy and grassroots organizations like the Frederick County Teachers Association, MSEA, Frederick County Pro-

gressives, Progressive Maryland, Our Revolution, and Moms Demand Action, all whom have endorsed my candidacy, are taking this election very seriously. But they are not alone. Residents and voters throughout the District are eager to share their opinions and know where I stand. They also want to know whether I'll be there for them once elected. My unequivocal answer is YES.

Please visit my campaign webpage, [sabinamassett.com](http://sabinamassett.com).



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## FROM THE DESK OF CANDIDATE...

### Edison Hatter, Board of Education

This month, we come to our first big milestone of this campaign season: the primary election. It is a very crowded race for the Board of Education this year, as thirteen qualified candidates seek four open seats. It is critical that Frederick County citizens vote in the primary election, as only the top eight candidates will advance from the primary election to the general election. I hope that you will consider casting your ballot for me when you vote later this month.

I am a recent product of the Frederick County Public School system, having just graduated a couple of weeks ago. While I certainly enjoyed my time in the public school system, there are

some issues I would like to address that have caused me to run for the board this year. While I obviously have personal experience at the high school level, I also have experience with our younger students and the issues that they face. I volunteer with some of our kindergarten students in the county and also serve as a middle school science fair coordinator. Through these experiences, I have had the chance to speak to many students and parents and have heard their concerns. Finally, I am the current secretary of the Citizens Advisory Council, a subcommittee to the Board of Education, and have had the opportunity to work with the council to make recommendations to the board on a variety of

issues, including school start time and year-round education.

While there are many different issues that I believe strongly in and will fight for if I am elected to the board in November, my top priorities will be school safety, standardized testing, and proper funding for programs like the Career and Technology Center. First and foremost, no student or teacher in Frederick County should be afraid to go to school. I believe we need to consider regarding school safety our top priority and we must consider expanding the school resource officer (SRO) program. Currently, one SRO is assigned to each of the ten different feeder patterns. That means that one officer is expected to cover three or

four different schools at the same time. That is simply not possible. We must work with the Frederick County Sheriff's office to expand the program and ensure that an SRO is in every school for every minute of every school day.

Next, we have to address the standardized testing issue that our students are facing. Our middle school students take over twenty standardized tests a year on average, while our high school students are required to take dozens of benchmark exams. Even our preschoolers take six standardized tests on average. Standardized testing is a state level issue and my hope would be to have the Frederick County Board of Education present to the State Board of Edu-

cation on the topic. In the meantime, there is plenty that we can do at the county level to reduce the amount of testing, including informing students and parents about which tests are actually required and which ones are not.

Finally, programs like the Career and Technology Center need to be properly funded. The Career and Technology Center had over 700 applications for next school year, but will only be able to accept 360 of them due to size limitations. These programs provide an amazing opportunity for our high school students, and more students need to be given the opportunity to take advantage of them. I hope that when it comes time to vote on June 26, you will consider voting for Edison Hatter for the Board of Education!

### Brad Young, Board of Education

I'm asking for your support and I vote in the upcoming election on June 26th. I am currently in my 2nd term on the Frederick County School Board and I'm running to for re-election. I'm running to complete some of the work that I have been a part of starting over my tenure on the Board. The first and major thing that I want to get completed is the transition to the new salary scale that we negotiated and adopted by the Board and our Teacher's Association 3 years ago. This new scale increased our starting teacher's pay from being the lowest in the state back up towards

the top where they belong.

Our county was not only finding it hard to attract great new teachers, but we were losing our current teachers to other neighboring counties. We all know that a great education always starts with a great teacher! We have one more year to go on completing the transition and I want to make sure that it gets done. I am also very excited about our new Lynx program at Frederick High School. It offers adaptive and flexible learning for the changing needs of our students. I not only want to see the completion of the

rollout, but to see it expanded to our other schools.

I am a passionate believer in education and particularly in public education. I have dedicated much of my life to pour youth including teaching, coaching, mentoring and providing internships and job shadows to many young people. Many of those were young people from Northern Frederick County including having coached and taught many from Catocin High School and having provided internships to graduates of Catocin. Our children are our future!

We all have an obligation to pay it forward and work with our next generations to help them become great citizens of Frederick County. There are a lot of bad things that happen in our country and in our community, but I am optimistic that through working with and mentoring our youth, we will help fix those problems!

Our Board oversees a budget of over \$600 million dollars each year. My experience as a financial planner and investment advisor uniquely qualify me to serve on the board of education. I have over 30 years' experience in the financial industry. I have also taught financial courses at Mount

St. Mary's University for the past 16 years. It is critically important that we have some board members with that financial expertise and experience.

I have been extremely active in our community and I care about it passionately. FCPS has given so much to me, my wife and children and soon to my grandchildren. I know that education is not only the biggest economic driver in any community, but it is the great equalizer of our society! I pledge my commitment to keep working hard to help FCPS meet the needs of our community and I ask for your support and your vote!

### April Miller, Board of Education

Frederick County is an incredible place to live and work. It is a culturally rich and vibrant community that stands on a firm foundation of tradition and history. It is a conglomerate of cities and towns that each have their own perspectives and personalities which are valued and reflected in their individual schools. It has been an honor to serve on the Frederick County Board of Education for the past 2 terms and I am seeking your support to continue to be a voice for parents and students in our school system.

I envision our schools as the heart of the community. Places that inspire, equip and encourage each and every student to seek knowledge, acquire skills and gain experiences that enable them to find their own path in becoming an integral part of the community.

Each child deserves an education that does not put limits on their potential. We need to put in place a structured, scientifically-based reading system that has been proven successful. Current curriculum needs to be re-evaluated to align with students developmentally where necessary and restrictions on acceleration need to be lifted.

FCC/FCPS dual-enrollment programs continue to expand at

all of our high schools with an average of about 850 students taking college courses at their own school each semester. Partnerships with Mount St. Mary's University, Hood College as well as local businesses need to be explored to provide more opportunities for our high school students.

It is critical to continue to be the voice our students need to advocate for other measures of success than standardized testing, to be the voice for our most vulnerable students where testing can actually cause distress.

Testing and assessment need to be designed to improve instruction.

I have presented and received approval for a Special Education Strategic Workgroup to evaluate

special education communication, implementation, integration in the classroom and make recommendations on streamlining the IEP process for families. This committee will assess barriers to providing quality instruction and intervention for our special education students.

We need to continue to improve the safety and security of our buildings.

The school resource officer program needs to be expanded and the remaining updates to building security plans need to be completed.

Addressing current behavior challenges, mental health and emotional needs of our students should continue to be a priority for the Board of Education.

Every decision I have made and will continue to make is guided by my core beliefs in education. They have been constant since my 2010 campaign:

"Our children deserve a board that knows how to be responsive to families and the community instead of just giving a response.

My goals are to institute a more globally competitive curriculum that is challenging to all students regardless of level while recognizing individual learning styles. I will implement policies that promote educational accountability and mandate fiscal transparency. I believe families and the community need to be actively involved in the educational process. Creative solutions and ideas can improve the landscape of our educational system. Leadership should set the example, not be the excep-

tion. I strongly support motivated teachers and administrators that put the kids first every day and as a result change lives.

I envision a BOE and school administration working together in a system of "checks and balances" for a common goal of high student achievement. I will not rubber-stamp decisions from the administration. I will create a positive climate for ideas and actively solicit community involvement in the policy-making process. Accountability must begin with an honest look at both successes and failures. Parents and teachers are on the frontline of our schools. They should be encouraged to offer genuine feedback and new solutions or ideas. If they are unable to speak to the problem, we will be unable to seek solutions."

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## Camden Raynor, Board of Education

I've had the pleasure of serving on the FCPS Family Life Advisory Committee for the past four years, including the last two as its Recording Secretary. I'm currently pursuing a double major in economics and history at the University of Maryland, College Park, where I commute to twice a week from my home in Middletown.

As a 2016 graduate of Middletown High School, I've been blessed with a fantastic public education here in Frederick County. My mom and dad, graduates of Middletown ('92) and Brunswick ('93), have dedicated their careers to educating young minds. In their combined thirty years of teaching, they have instilled in me the belief that public education is the most important service that local government provides for its citizens. That's why I want to help provide our county's students with a modern, twenty-first century education that prepares them for

the challenges of a changing world.

My campaign is focused on fair major themes – staff compensation, equity in school construction, STEAM education, and supporting community schools.

As the son of two teachers, I'm well aware of the unseen and unpaid work that goes into running a classroom. It is crucial that we affirm the value of all our FCPS staff by paying competitive salaries. FCPS teachers, administrators, and support staff work in oftentimes challenging circumstances for far less than they're worth. We expect them to be excellent educators while simultaneously performing significant and unpaid extra work. Investing in staff compensation is crucial for maintaining our excellent school system here in Frederick County. Our strong schools boost property values and make our county a better place to

live. Let's recognize those who make that possible.

At the same time, Frederick County faces serious challenges in how we deal with growth and its effects on school construction, particularly in the county's southeast communities. It is imperative that we continue to relieve overcrowding by building or renovating schools as soon as possible. However, we can't forget to maintain our aging schools, especially those in our county's rural areas. It is unacceptable for a county as wealthy as ours to have students still learning in schools that haven't been renovated in decades.

As a Board of Education member, I will fight for every child in our county to go to a school which meet their needs. I am confident that the members of our County Council and our representatives in Annapolis will stand with me as we bring Frederick County

Public Schools up to higher standards.

If elected to the Board, I pledge to support and encourage all academic disciplines in our schools, not just those relating to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. STEM is, without a doubt, important for our county and country. However, we should not promote and direct students into STEM fields without also funding the social sciences, humanities, and fine arts. We need teachers, artists, historians and farmers just as much as we need engineers and mathematicians. I promise to promote and celebrate the achievements of all of our students across the dozens of student organizations our county is blessed to have.

Finally, as someone who attended a small elementary school, I understand the important role that our schools play in bringing communities together. That's why I want to make my po-

sition clear. In almost every circumstance, I believe that the Board should make a concerted effort to maintain the important relationships between schools and their communities. In many parts of our county, the local school is the only community building and serves as an unofficial center of town. Our students deserve to go to a close, local school which reflects their community's values.

This election is personal for me. Like so many voters here in Frederick County, I was born and raised here. I know how lucky we all are to live and work in a community as wonderful and diverse as Frederick County. I sincerely want to give back to the community that has given my family and I so much over the years. Hopefully, through my beliefs and convictions, I have convinced you that I am worthy of your vote.

To learn more about me Visit my website at [camdenraynor.com](http://camdenraynor.com).

## Marie Fischer-Wyrick, Board of Education

I am running for the Frederick County Board of Education because I feel there needs to be a change in education in Frederick County. To start off, I am a mother of three children, each of whom attend different schools within the FCPS system. Two of my children have IEPs (Individualized Education Plan, a document developed for each child who needs special education), one for behavior issues and the other for Asperger's. The child who has behavior problems is currently

in the Pyramid program and the other has been "mainstreamed" all his life.

Children with special needs are not ones who cannot learn, but they learn different than the average child but can still be challenged. A perfect example occurred when one of my children was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and new to FCPS. My child was placed in merit English and four months into the class, my child was failing. I, along with his English teacher, who knew how children with Asperg-

er's learn, advocated for my child to be placed in an Honors English. She knew that my child was capable of performing at a higher caliber.

One term into the Honors English class, my child had an 'A'. My child not only needed to be challenged and not educationally placated. If not for the collaboration between myself and his teacher, one placement test would have laid out an academic path that could have been devastating. We need to hire more teachers and administrators who have expertise in educating children with special needs and as a member of the board I would ensure to make sure that happen.

Another issue is the numerous standardized testing that is currently occurring in our school system. Testing is not an effective measurement of achievement or growth. Constant standardized testing actually lowers achievement because it reveals inequity in education but never bring about equity. Standardized

testing shines a light on the socio-economic difference among students. In order to have equity in the testing, you would need to lower the level of the curriculum taught to students, thus performing a disservice to all.

The long term effects of standardized testing conditions students to learn for the sake of passing a test or a class and not for obtaining knowledge. I currently work at a local college and instructors state they prefer working with older students because they do not demand to know what is on the test. If I was elected to the Board of Education I would work to have a complete overhaul of standardize testing as well as implement other options to determine a child's achievement or lack thereof.

Finally, I would like to see to more choice within our school system. We currently have three charter schools, a Career and Technology Center (CTC), and an Academy for the Fine Arts

(AFA), with enough students on their waitlists that FCPS could open at least four more charter schools and one more CTC at full capacity. This illustrates that parents and children want more options for education. Additionally, both CTC and AFA are only part time programs requiring students be transported from their home school. If these schools were full time, integrating the arts and technology with the academics, we would have more robust career and fine art programs, instruction time would increase (since students would not need to travel between schools in the middle of the day), and costs would decrease with buses arriving and departing twice a day instead of four times a day.

I believe there is great potential for the Frederick County Public Schools and with the right people in place, we could make FCPS a leader in Academic, Special Education, and Career and Technology. We just need the right people in place to steer it in that directions. I strongly believe I am one who can help do so.

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## FROM THE DESK OF CANDIDATE...

### Karen Yoho, Board of Education

This is my final article before the primary election on June 26. An important question to answer is, "Why should you vote for me?" I found a helpful online link with criteria to apply to the thirteen Board of Education candidates. Here's the list with commentary based on my own self-reflections.

**Do not run for school board if you:**

Have a single issue concern affecting only your child or family member. I've been a teacher for 25 years and had over 600 students in my classes. My husband would ask, "When you say you bought these for your kids, are

those our children or your students?" For the sake of our society, they are all our children.

Have had a serious difference of opinion with an administrator. Have I always agreed with my administrators? Of course not. Did I always think that they had the best interest of the students at heart? Yes. I would like to look at the process of how teachers become administrators and ensure that they have the proper supports in place.

Looking to begin a political career and using the school board as a stepping stone. Schools and education is what I know and have lived for over 30 years as a parent and teacher. I'm running for

the Board of Education because this is where I know I can have the most positive impact.

Unable to give a significant amount of time for preparation and meeting attendance. On July 1 I'll be a retired teacher. I will still manage the office of my husband's electrical contracting business, which I've done that for the past nine years. I wouldn't take on the responsibility of being a board member if I didn't have the time to devote to it.

Unwilling to participate in training, board development, &c. I'm a lifelong learner. Even in my last year of teaching I've taken workshops on topics I felt would help my students. I attended the

orientation that the superintendent invited all board candidates to. I look forward to attending these trainings to help prepare me to be the best board member I can be.

Unwilling to be open minded on a variety of educational issues. I'm the daughter of a retired scientist. All my decisions are based on evidence and results. I'll admit that there are times I might initially dig in my heels, but once shown that there's a better way, I'm on board. Being open minded is a prerequisite for being an educator.

Unwilling to work as a team player. I've worked with dozens of teammates throughout my career and am still in contact with many of them. I'm not an ideologue and I see no point in being contentious. It's tiresome, tiring, and

non-productive. I'm a results-oriented person and I want to be elected to get things done.

Unable and unwilling to accept and support majority decisions. That can be a tough one if you really feel strongly about your positions. But I believe I can do this based on past performance. I've had times in my life where I fought hard for an issue, only to lose out in the end. I've been able to move on and still maintain friendships with those on the other side. That doesn't mean you don't keep trying to persuade others to your positions, but once decided it's non-productive to not let it go.

I hope you've found this helpful as you mull over which of us you will cast your votes for. To learn more about me visit [www.KarenYoho.com](http://www.KarenYoho.com).

### Camden Raynor, Board of Education

I've had the pleasure of serving on the FCPS Family Life Advisory Committee for the past four years, including the last two as its Recording Secretary.

As a 2016 graduate of Middletown High School, I've been blessed with a fantastic public education here in Frederick County. My mom and dad, graduates of Middletown ('92) and Brunswick ('93), have dedicated their careers to educating young minds. In their combined thirty years of teaching, they have instilled in me the belief that public education is the most important service that local government provides. That's why I want to help provide our county's students with an education that prepares them for the challenges of a changing world.

As the son of two teachers, I'm well aware of the unseen and unpaid work that goes into running a classroom. It is crucial that we affirm the value of all our FCPS staff by paying competitive salaries. FCPS teachers, administrators, and support staff work in oftentimes challenging circumstances for far less than they're worth. We expect them to be excellent educators while simultaneously performing significant and unpaid extra work. Investing in staff compensation is crucial for maintaining our excellent school system here in Frederick County. Our strong schools boost property values and make our county a better place to live. Let's recognize those who make that possible.

At the same time, Frederick County

faces serious challenges in how we deal with growth and its effects on school construction, particularly in the county's southeast communities. It is imperative that we continue to relieve overcrowding by building or renovating schools as soon as possible. However, we can't forget to maintain our aging schools, especially those in our county's rural areas. It is unacceptable for a county as wealthy as ours to have students still learning in schools that haven't been renovated in decades. As a Board of Education member, I will fight for every child in our county to go to a school which meet their needs.

If elected to the Board, I pledge to support and encourage all academic dis-

ciplines in our schools, not just those relating to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education. STEM is, without a doubt, important for our county and country. However, we should not promote and direct students into STEM fields without also funding the social sciences, humanities, and fine arts. We need teachers, artists, historians and farmers just as much as we need engineers and mathematicians. I promise to promote and celebrate the achievements of all of our students across the dozens of student organizations in FCPS.

Finally, as someone who attended a small elementary school, I understand the important role that our schools

play in bringing communities together. That's why I want to make my position clear. In every circumstance, I believe that the Board should try to maintain the important relationships between schools and their communities. Our students deserve to go to a close, local school which reflects their community's values.

This election is personal for me. Like so many voters here in Frederick County, I was born and raised here. I know how lucky we all are to live and work in a community as wonderful and diverse as Frederick County. I sincerely want to give back to the community that has given my family and I so much over the years.

To learn more about me visit my website at [camdenraynor.com](http://camdenraynor.com).

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# THE PASTOR'S DESK

# Father's Day

**Pastor John Talcott**  
**Christ's Community Church**

I love this time of year. I love the warmer weather, everything's growing, the colors are brilliant, and yet even greater than all those things are the memories of my father, because a large part of those memories treasured in my heart were formed outside in the garden, cutting grass, gathering firewood, or working on the farm with my dad. It's the outdoors and the smells and sights of spring that provoke in me memories of years gone by; much like each of us find that the word "Father" prompts a variety of memories and emotions.

For some, when you think about your father, you've got great memories, and if that's the case be thankful, because I'll be the first to admit, I love being a dad, but as a father of six children it's not always easy being a dad. You know, we all make our share of mistakes and the reality is that we don't all have good memories of our father. For some, the words, "I love you" were never heard; maybe you longed for his acceptance and affirmation, but all you ever knew was a father who was absent, self-centered, and never satisfied.

If that's been your experience, these words from God that I'm about to share may enlighten you, enable you to begin healing, as well as bringing you great comfort. Once Jesus disciples asked him to teach them how to pray, Jesus replied, "This then, is how you should pray: "Our Father

in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9). Now, of course he said much more, but the point is that God is a Father. And so, what he was telling his disciples was that the key to prayer is understanding that God is a Father and we're his kids.

As a matter fact, the prophet Isaiah said over 700 years earlier, "Lord, you are our Father. We're the clay, you're the potter; and we're all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:8). And so, if we understand that we have a Father in Heaven who loves us, who hears us, and cares about us, we'll spend time talking to him in prayer. Jesus wants us to know that God is a Father because that is foundational to having a proper understanding of prayer as well as of a father's love.

Now obviously, each one of us have our own stories and the backdrop of our own personal experience either complements or taints our understanding of our Father in Heaven. And so, for a moment, let's not look at God through the lens of our earthly father, you know, maybe one who was seldom there or who was always angry, but let's look at him through the lens of Scripture; because when we do we're going to see the image of a Father, maybe one that you've never seen before.

You see, the Bible tells us, speaking of our Heavenly Father, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalms 103:8). Now, this revelation of our Father is so amazing, because many of us have worked so hard to try to earn the approval of our father; and maybe you've even taken this same approach



in your relationship with God. You might go to church religiously, even serving, praying, and reading your Bible, but not because you're overwhelmed by the grace of God, not because you love him so much, but because deep down inside you feel as if God doesn't really accept you and love you for who you are. However, on the contrary, the Bible reveals that there is nothing, not a single thing we can do to earn God's love.

The Bible reveals that our Father is "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love" meanwhile, maybe you've been working and striving, diligently trying to earn God's love. It's for that reason that these words of Jesus are so liberating, he says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). You see, in our lives, many of us

are weighted down, weary and burdened from the past; with the shattered dreams, the pain and disappointments of our fathers leaving us bruised, broken, and crippled.

Many of us go through life with this burden weighing heavily upon our hearts, yet no matter whether it's the weight of guilt, regret, abuse, divorce, or unforgiveness, Jesus said, "Come to me." Now, clearly his offer wasn't based upon our goodness, our effort, or even the depth of our theological understanding. And so, we need to recognize that our worth is not in who we are or what we do, but that our Heavenly Father finds worth in whose you are. Because you've trusted in Jesus and through faith in his death on the cross, his atoning sacrifice, and his resurrection from the dead you've been forgiven, actually becoming the righteousness of God.

You see, when Jesus came to this earth, he came to save lost sinners, to give us a new identity in him, but also

part of his purpose was to reveal what our Heavenly Father is really like. You see, God knew that our earthly fathers may not provide a true reflection of who he is; therefore, in his great wisdom he chose to reveal himself to us through the living example of his Son Jesus Christ. And Jesus said it this way, "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well.

From now on, you do know him and have seen him... Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me..." (John 14:7, 11). In other words, by the words that he spoke and in the loving acts of compassion which he demonstrated, Jesus was imitating his Father and showing you and I exactly what our Heavenly Father is like; that he's a loving, faithful, never leaving or forsaking, gracious God and Father who longs to spend time with his children.

Now, this coming Sunday, June 17th is Father's Day, a day when we can remember and celebrate the fathers in our lives, but also remembering our Father, the Father of fathers. It's an opportunity that can be a very meaningful, powerful, and intimate experience as we gather together in celebration. In fact, when Jesus would talk to his Heavenly Father, he would use an Aramaic term which means daddy.

In his original language, he would call God Abba, which means papa, or literally daddy God, Father God. This Sunday, would you join us at Christ's Community Church located in Emmitsburg at 303 W. Lincoln Ave, beginning at 10:30 am as we learn about our Heavenly Father's love and worship him who said, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). Our celebration is casual and all are welcome to come and worship with us. God bless you and have a wonderful Father's Day!

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# Words From Winterbilt

## Taxes and the swamp

Shannon Bohrer

During the presidential campaign Donald Trump promised he would reduce our taxes. He said: "Tax reform will protect low-income and middle-income households, not the wealthy and well connected." Candidate Trump also said that he would "drain the swamp" by banning lobbyist and the Washington insiders. He spoke on both topics at his election rallies during his campaigning. Both promises were repeated, they energized the crowds and later became part of his Presidential agenda.

Of course from the very beginning of his administration he was accused of filing up the swamp with insiders, millionaires and swamp rats. Now, just because someone is a millionaire does not mean they should be excluded from a government position. Maybe the millionaires can help us all to be millionaires, or maybe not.

In President Trump's defense, not all of his cabinet members are millionaires. The Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Scott Pruitt, is not rich; he just acts like he is – with your money. His secret phone booth (a cone of silence) cost over \$43,000 and his first class flights cost over \$105,000. Maybe he will be a millionaire before he leaves office and he is just practicing.

Another non-millionaire cabinet member is Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Secretary Zinke was questioned

about spending \$139,000 dollars for a set of doors to his office. In all fairness the new doors were replacing some old doors, so part of the \$139,000 was to remove the old doors. Secretary Zinke was also criticized for his travel expenses. He paid \$12,375 for a flight from Las Vegas to Montana. I guess that was first class. It was also reported that he spent over \$53,000 on three helicopter trips. Another way to look at this is that the Vegas flight was a real bargain, compared to the Helicopter flights. Maybe he is just practicing like Scott Pruitt is?

Of course there are millionaires that are also using the swamp. Housing Secretary Dr. Ben Carson is only worth 22 million, so maybe he also needs more practice. His department contracted to spend \$165,000 for lounge furniture for the department headquarters. That did not include the \$31,000 for a dining room set for his office. He later cancelled the dining room set, but only after saying that "\$5,000 will not even buy a decent chair." I am not sure what he meant by that. The only way I would even think about buying a \$5,000 chair would be if the stuffing in the chair included \$4,900 in cash.

Now, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin is a real millionaire; he knows how to spend like one. It was reported that his flying expenses were close to one million dollars for trips on military planes. One flight did seem strange; it was a flight to Florida at a cost of \$45,136. He was attending a Conference on

Prosperity and Security. I guess when you are worth an estimated 500 million - to maintain your own prosperity you don't care how much taxpayer dollars you need to spend. To spend a million dollars for flights in just one year means he was spending around \$20,000 each week. I would think that would be hard to do.

While the swamp has not been drained as promised, at least we have the new tax breaks for the middle class. President Trump said that the new law "is going to cost me a fortune." Then again, maybe he should have read the law before saying that. While the average tax payer will see an additional \$1,600 this year, the top 20 % will realize an average of \$7,640. So if you are in the top 20 % you are going to do well. However, not as well as the average top 1%, who will receive an average of \$51,140. Now that is a tax break. But the real savings occur at the top 0.1%, with an average return is \$193,380. To put that into perspective, that equals 120 years of tax breaks for the average person.

While the top income earners and corporate taxes are greatly reduced, the new tax laws should benefit the middle class by spurring the economy, at least that is what has been said. Treasury Secretary Mnuchin said the tax laws would also pay for themselves by increasing the Gross Domestic Product growth rate. The key to his optimism was the growth rate. However, when 38 major economists were surveyed, only one of them agreed with Secretary Mnuchin. You would think that



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they could have found a few more that agree with the administration. One of those surveyed was Richard Thaler, a Nobel Prize winner. Talking about the new tax law, he commented "aside from the redistribution of wealth, hard to see this changing much."

I believe Mr. Thaler is not very informed. Why would the new tax laws redistribute the wealth, when that was already done? Since the recession officially ended in 2009, 52% of all income growth accrued to the top 1% and there has been a 52% increase in the top CEO salaries and benefits. Income for the other 99% (that's us) has gone up 8% since 2009. Of course that begs the question of why the wealthy need any tax breaks at all.

Gary Cohen was head of the National Economic Council when the tax law was passed, but left the government shortly after. His replacement was Larry Kudlow, a well know economist who has not always been correct about our economy. After President Clinton raised the top income tax rates in 1993, Mr. Kudlow pre-

dicted our economy would be depressed and the recovery would falter. Instead we experienced an economic boom. Conversely when President Bush instituted tax cuts in 2007, Mr. Kudlow predicted economic growth and government surpluses would exist. That did not happen; instead we experienced large budget deficits and entered a recession. Mr. Kudlow also said the housing bubble fears were unfounded, saying "there is no recession coming." Then when President Obama instituted a stimulus package Mr. Kudlow predicted it would cripple our struggling economy, which did not happen.

Of course, Mr. Kudlow was correct once, when he said "Middle-income wage earners have essentially had no pay increases since 2000," so we know he is not always wrong. I don't think that draining the swamp and tax reform has been good for us, just my opinion.

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# Common Cents

## At the brink of nuclear war...

Mel Gurtov

Donald Trump made his television reputation by telling people "You're fired." The same bullying approach now substitutes for his international diplomacy, with Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear deal with Iran and cancelation of the summit with North Korea the latest examples. In both cases, Trump is convinced that "maximum pressure" will eventually bring those countries' leaders around. Far more likely is that they won't, and China will be one of the beneficiaries.

I have argued for many years that positive US-China relations create opportunities for cooperative diplomacy in Asia and beyond, whereas negative relations undermine those opportunities. Trump's demands that China revise its trade and foreign investment practices are among the reasons US relations with Beijing are at another low point these days. Trump may prattle about his good personal relations with Xi Jinping, but the reality is that the Chinese leadership resents the strong-armed US approach and has no intention of bending to it. Instead, expect Beijing to urge continued diplomatic efforts with Iran and North Korea while increasing its influence with them and various US allies.

In the Iran case, Trump hopes the re-imposition of US sanctions will lead state oil companies such as China's

dramatically reduce purchases of Iranian oil. Under George W. Bush and Barack Obama, Europeans and just about everyone else bowed to US pressure and cut back on Iran's exports. But that is unlikely to happen again, since all the parties to the Iran nuclear deal are upset with Trump's decision and are looking for ways to get around it. China will probably continue buying Iranian oil, maybe at an even higher level than before. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman has already indicated that China will "maintain normal economic ties and trade" with Tehran, rejecting "the imposition of unilateral sanctions." Meantime, US businesses and consumers will pay for this dramatic shift on Iran.

Beijing's incentive goes beyond trade; it's an opportunity to demonstrate defiance of the US, which wants to force foreign companies with branches in the US to comply with its sanctions or face penalties. China now will be in sync with America's traditional European partners in lining up against US policy. Should the Trump administration follow through on what Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called "historic" sanctions on Iran, with the goal of regime change, the US will be further isolated to China's benefit.

Much the same opportunity awaits China now that Trump has scratched the summit with Kim Jong-un.

Xi's revitalization of diplomacy with North Korea prior to the planned Kim Jong-un-Trump summit in Singapore conveyed China's large stake in the outcome. At his first meeting with Kim in late March, Xi probably reminded Kim of China's longstanding support, insisted that Kim be mindful of China's interests when dealing with Trump, and perhaps told Kim he has his back in the event the summit with Trump goes badly and US threats resume. By their second meeting in Dalian this month, Trump's threats to China on trade may have led Xi to strengthen his backing of Kim, as Trump evidently believes when he said on May 22 that "there was a different attitude by the North Korean folks after that meeting. I can't say that I'm happy [with China] about it."

Trump has discovered that his hoped-for quick timetable on North Korean denuclearization will not happen. If he had bothered to read his own defense department's 2017 report to Congress on North Korea, he would have realized that Kim Jong-un was extremely unlikely to give up a deterrent to US attack. Trump would have had to settle for much less than "complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization," such as a nuclear-and-missile test freeze or a halt to nuclear weapons production. Some observers saw flexibility in Trump's May 22 statement that

"I don't think I want to totally commit myself" to North Korea's immediate dismantlement of its nuclear weapons. But John Bolton evidently was determined that Trump not meet Kim with concessions in mind.

Instead, Trump and Vice President Mike Pence resorted to threats. Both raised the "Libya model" as the US alternative if North Korea rejected a nuclear deal. Predictably, North Korean officials pounced on that Bolton-esque language to warn that the summit was in jeopardy. And so it was. Trump's goodbye letter to Kim had some nice words, but it also confirmed to the North Koreans that the US nuclear option remains alive: "You talk about your nuclear capabilities, but ours are so massive and powerful that I pray to God they will never have to be used."

Beijing would certainly seem to have Kim's back: It supports Kim's position that North Korean denuclearization depends on US security assurances and an end to "hostile" US actions. Kim apparently also expects that sanctions will be eased as the nuclear issue is resolved—a view the Chinese not only support but are already putting into practice by reviving border trade with North Korean businesses. South Korean president Moon Jae-in likewise understands that if dismantlement of North Korean nukes under international inspection is ever to happen, incentives to the North will be necessary. Moreover, denuclearization must take place in stages, in line with the principle of "action for action" that was initially agreed upon in the 2005 joint

statement of the Six Parties.

The South Koreans were reportedly stunned by Trump's volte-face on the summit, though they should have known that Trump's expectations were unrealistic and would never be met by the North Koreans. Yet Moon had been counting heavily on the summit, and Trump's decision severely undercut him. "I am very perplexed and it is very regrettable that the North Korea-U.S. summit will not be held on June 12 when it was scheduled to be held," Moon said at a meeting of his top national security officials.

With US-DPRK relations back to square one, which could mean renewed trading of threats and insults, the China factor looms larger than before. China's improved relations with North Korea put it in position to help or undermine another US diplomatic initiative with North Korea. But right now, China is not in a helping mood with Washington. US-China relations are deteriorating, due not only to trade and investment issues with China but also closer US ties with Taiwan and the US withdrawal of its usual invitation to China to take part in this year's RIMPAC naval exercises. Trump would do well to recalibrate the importance of good relations with China and adjust his Iran and North Korea policies accordingly. Those policies are bad for peace, bad for business, and bad for US relations with longtime allies—and they make China look like a champion of them all.

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# The American Mind

## Loving killers, rapists, and evil people

William Hillman

Barry is HBO's latest series in which the main character is written to be an endearing and very likable killer. Really, you cannot help but like this guy. The problem is, Barry is a hitman, a cold-blooded killer, but so lovable.

Barry is the latest in a long line of TV shows that tries to normalize criminals. These shows take horrendous dregs of society and paint them as average, good people with a small propensity for violence, - a "disorder". Some other notable HBO shows that also try to normalize crime and violence are The Sopranos, Boardwalk Empire, Game of Thrones, Westworld, etc.

In this show, the character Barry is a very likeable guy just trying to become an actor who is struggling with the same problems we all do. At times he is depicted as a real gentleman. When his new girlfriend invites him up to her apartment on the first date, he refuses and explains, "I just wanted to make sure you got home safe". All he longs for is to make friends outside of the thug world where he works. But played down in the show is Barry's body count, which includes his longtime best

friend (who had a wife and 3 young kids and who's friendship with Barry predates his time as a hitman), and the girlfriend of another companion. The violence of the killing is played down. In most scenes, a gunshot is all we hear.

There is definitely a pattern in many of the HBO shows where violent and deviant behavior is just another aspect of an otherwise normal person. Anyone could be Barry. So, he kills people - big deal, we all have our issues. It would be rude not to invite him into our house and sit him at our dinner table. Who are we to judge?

I wonder how HBO would portray Gary Heidnik? Most of the show would be Gary talking with neighbors, helping a stranger change a tire, and debating with his friends in the barber shop whether the Eagles would ever win a Super Bowl. For the most part Gary was a nice guy. You just have to overlook the fact that he tortured and raped ten women, killing two of them, while holding them prisoner in a pit in his basement.

HBO has also come under fire for its use of rape and violence against women. The worst offender is the series Game of Thrones, which has

depicted the brutal murder of children, violent rape scenes, even a woman executed via rape.

Why is there so much sexual violence against women in HBO's shows?

At the Television Critics Association press meeting HBO's programming president, Casey Bloys, said that the sexual violence in shows such as Game of Thrones, which has long been criticized for its rape scenes, falls under a larger umbrella of violence in the show that is "not just specific to women". He cited castration as one example of a violent act toward men portrayed on Game of Thrones.

Westworld showrunner Lisa Joy, when asked about the excessive violence in that show, said, "we really endeavored for it to not be about the fetishization of those acts. It is about exploring the crime and establishing the crime. And the torment of the characters within the story. And exploring the stories, hopefully, with dignity and depth."

As The Christian Science Monitor's, Molly Driscoll writes:

"While some observers say there may be value in the moral wrestling or self-examination prompted by these portrayals, that's not why filmmakers or TV execs make them. This

is a business, and controversy draws attention, especially in social media." [Sociologist Junhow] Wei says TV shows in particular depict violent acts - or shocking choices by heroes - in an effort to stand out in a crowded marketplace. "If you have more ... dark shows with complex and morally ambiguous characters, that maybe is one way to cause more conversation," Wei says.

But do we really need to have that conversation? Does society need more "morally ambiguous characters"? What ever happened to the good guys and gals winning in the end? Where are the TV role models who, under the most difficult circumstances, make the correct moral decisions?

But Molly Driscoll is right, violence sells because it stimulates. And like any stimulation, we quickly become desensitized to it. The level of stimulation needs to keep increasing in order to keep our attention. My children do not think that John Wayne's The Shooter is violent. Their idea of violence is blood and gore with massive carnage as depicted on the video games marketed to young boys.

Violence in the media does have an effect on society. Criminologist Jacqueline Helfgott points out, "There have been over 1000 studies on the effects of TV and film violence over the past 40 years. Research on the influence of TV violence on aggression

has consistently shown that TV violence increases aggression and social anxiety, cultivates a "mean view" of the world, and negatively impacts real-world behavior."

Other research has found that exposure to media violence can desensitize people to violence in the real world and that, for some people, watching violence in the media becomes enjoyable and does not result in the anxious arousal that would be expected from seeing such imagery. - from American Psychological Association's Television and Video Violence

Back to the main topic. As the media desensitizes us to violence in programming and entertainment, it becomes very easy for the viewers to dismiss the fact that Barry is a killer - a murderer.

In the final scene of the series, Barry pleads with his friend's girlfriend, Detectives Moss. She has figured out that Barry is responsible for a string of killings. He cries to her that he is no longer that person, that he has changed. "Don't you see, I'm just like you". Moss responds, "you are not like me - you are a murderer". The viewers might not get it, but Detective Moss gets it, Barry is nothing more than a murder. In the next scene, off camera, Barry kills Moss.

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# Down Under

## The electronic yoke

Submitted by Lindsay!  
Melbourne, Australia

*The land had once enfranchised herself from this impertinent yoke of prelacy, under whose inquisitorial and tyrannical duncery no free and splendid wit can flourish.*

-John Milton, 1642

There is no question that the world is now a far more complex affair than ever before. The rise in population has gone hand in hand with the rise in technology, the struggle for power has mirrored the struggle to survive, and the elevation of the ego has grown from a few megalomaniacs to most politicians and now to a large proportion of the population.

International relations have gone from one great nation having sway over much of the remaining lands to a pyramid of competing interests who jockey for renown and power, making diplomacy both vital and often impossible. The science of political tectonics has become a growth industry, the world of presidential showmanship is now a new type of hunger games entertainment.

Such complexities are now so great that all but a very few citizens lose interest in politics, shrugging their shoulders and voting for anyone who shows signs of being a saviour - or even just giving a good imitation of one. They hope that the leaders of the world, both those elected and those not, will have enough nous

to get it sufficiently right so that they can sleep easily - some of the time. And the leaders, all of them without exception, like it that way. Who needs curious citizens asking a stream of awkward questions about policies, laws and other things that don't concern them?

It is those very few who act as guardians of freedom, whose voice will not be silenced and who become rallying points no matter how they are abused and imprisoned. They come from every nation, their humanity on display and their fight against those who enslave minds and bodies is shouted from the rooftops. Those who briefly appear on our screens as heroes but who are soon relegated to oblivion, who we kind of respect and even envy.

The sad fact is that we are all programmed to accept the status quo. It's so much easier to immerse ourselves in the wonderful world of electronic arts and culture than it is to take a long hard look at the world around us, and for it to fade from reality. To be yoked to Twitter, Facebook, Snap Chat Amazon, Google and all the apps we can find becomes the base for daily life, while we use the Wildly Weird Wizardry of the internet as schoolteacher and priest. And yes, it becomes mesmerising, comfortable and the portal to friendship.

These are the modern circuses, the diversions that we embrace to not only satisfy our need for recognition and companionship, but to blot out the suspicion that we are nothing

more than pawns and powerless puppets in this post-modern world. We no longer expect honesty, probity or responsibility in politics and business; we have become so cynical about their promises that we'd just as soon buy a lottery ticket. And, like Pandora's box, we are left with nothing but hope.

We also fail to recognise the real cost. The dollars and cents we pay are a small part of the reason that companies peddle the addictive dope above; the major reason are the biographies we give them. They're gold because they are very saleable.

This theft is far more subtle and debilitating than money, for what we lose is not only our long cherished privacy, but the excitement of variety, the joy of discovery, and most important of all, the exercise of our brains. Self-determination, the pleasures of being different, the awe factor, the challenge of the new - all subsumed by the candy of the electronic gods.

It seems good to have so much knowledge at our fingertips, but knowledge is useless if it is only partly true. Words like 'alternative facts' are now accepted as part of life, leading to confusion as being the norm - and that is one of the things that has led to the wildly imbalanced world of equality we are now struggling with.

Our biographies are gold also because they can be used to control us. Like the electronic ankle bracelets fitted to some criminals, they are used to guide our lives in narrow and defined paths; To use only one brand, go to one centre, and above all to accept just one set of values as gospel. They become the death of liberty, the annihilation of equality,



and the graveyard of fraternity. All that as we are led to accept that the opposite is true.

Nineteen Eighty Four, that most prescient writing of George Orwell's, did not go far enough. We are being controlled not from without, but from within. We have absorbed the thought police, we self-regulate; we have given up rebellion in place of sheep-like acceptance. You might say, 'But I haven't.' Good. But your neighbor and his children have. The disease is now a pandemic, a mighty genetic transformation of society. We tell ourselves stories for comfort, we reduce our criticism to local issues and pinpricks, and our world becomes a closed box inhabited by others with the same beliefs.

Even art is succumbing. Invention no longer reflects the ills of society, protest songs rail against the loss of the good life.

To be a human is not to be a machine, but a being who must express itself in disobedience, individuality, and quests for the stars. Yet we allow our children to succumb to the mind-reducing plague because we too have forgotten how to think critically. Logic, ethics and discovery have driven us onward since the beginning of time. Are we prepared to succumb to the mindless conformity being thrust at us now?

Our society used to be built on trust. That's gone, algorithms having taken its place. We are selling our future as humans to an electronic yoke, our society to mindless rulers who see us as modern day serfs drowning in complexity.

Lindsay, Railing against the failing of the light,

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## THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

# In praise of rain

Bill Meredith

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*"... for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

—Matthew 5:45

*"The rain falls upon the just, And also on the unjust fellas, But mostly it falls upon the just, 'Cause the unjust have stolen their umbrellas."*

—Cormac McCarthy, *The Stonemason*.

If I were Ernest Hemmingway, I could write something like "It was May, and dry. And then it rained." I could stop there, call it my essay for June, and send it on to the Editor, and he would say I had captured the essence of reality with an economy of words that was the epitome of great literature. Unfortunately, I'm not, so I can't, for he wouldn't.

It's hard to write anything in-

teresting about common things, even when they're important. Rain is like that. It's one of life's essentials... right up there with solar radiation, oxygen, food and love... but as long as it's behaving normally, we take it for granted. The only time it makes the news is when there's a drought or a flood. It's a bit like my wife; I really miss her when she's away somewhere and I have to make my own meals.

Part of the problem with rain is that you can only talk accurately about it in the past tense. You can say with assurance that it rained last Wednesday, and if you wanted to go to the trouble, you could find records to show whether it rained the day you were born. But you cannot say with certainty that it will or will not rain next Wednesday. The Weather Channel will be glad to quote a probability for you, but they might get it wrong. Years ago when the Orioles were still playing in the old Memorial Stadium, we decided to take the kids to a game. There were a few broken clouds

over Emmitsburg, but nothing really ominous, so we packed the car and drove to Baltimore. It got more overcast and drizzled a bit, and when we got to the old ballpark we found that the game had been cancelled, based on the local weather forecast; but when we got back home the sun was out again, and we heard later that there was nothing but a shower or two at the stadium. That was before they had invented the Weather Channel, but you get the idea.

If you want a better example, I can tell you with absolute certainty that it rained on September 14, 1966. I was in the process of completing my thesis research that summer, and I had built several wire pens in Toms Creek for the crayfish I was studying. There was a severe drought that summer, and the creek stopped flowing; water remained only in a few shallow pools. One of the two crayfish species I was studying dug burrows down to the water level, as much as two feet deep in the stream bed, where they hunkered down and waited for rain; the other species apparently didn't know how to dig, and they all dried up and died. Then, on September 14 we had 11 inches of rain. Emmitt Gardens was under water, several local roads were washed out, and my wire pens were carried off in the general direction of Chesapeake Bay. Luckily, I had collected enough data to prove my theory about the way the two species adapted ecologically to the local environment, so I got my degree in spite of the flood. In the 46 years since then, we have had four or five more cycles of drought



followed by floods, though none quite as spectacular as the one in '66. I am sure there will be more in the future, but I have no idea in which years they will happen. The crayfish don't know either, but they've adapted; droughts and floods are part of their normal environment. It's the pollution that they have to worry about.

Rain is more than a meteorological phenomenon; it is also a literary device, a metaphor that helps us understand our lives. It can be the great equalizer to the just and the unjust for St. Matthew, or it can be a vehicle for cynical humor for Cormac McCarthy. Gene Kelly sang in it; the citizens of Johnstown watched in horror as it broke the dam and destroyed their homes. It can come in April and bring May flowers; it can come in June and ruin a ball game for Charley Brown. It can fall gently on our fields, as requested in the Irish Blessing, or it can flood our basements if the power goes off while the sump pump is running. At its best, rain can wash away the dust and cool the air on a hot summer day, and let you smell aromas you haven't expe-

rienced since childhood. You can sit on the porch and watch it, and think of things that a poet would be proud to imagine; or, if the time is right you can walk in it with someone and fall in love. And if you're lucky enough to have a tin roof on your house, rain can give you the best night's sleep you ever had.

A few weeks ago articles in the local papers were alerting us that rainfall was below the annual average so far this year, and pundits were speculating that we could be in for a dry summer, with restrictions on water use. At that point we were about four inches below average for that time of the year. Then, late in May we got over two inches of rain in one day, a good, soaking Farmer's Rain, steady but not violent enough to damage tender young plants. We got more over the next couple of days, until the ground was saturated; it drained off of the paved places until I expected to see gondoliers poling their boats down Lincoln Avenue. The lower third of our garden took on the texture and appearance of the Great Grimpin Mire, and for a few nights my wife was sure she heard the Hound of the Baskervilles prowling about in the woods behind the house.... But then things returned to normal, as they always have. Things dried out, the soil smelled fresh and felt warm on my hands, and I filled the rest of the garden with tomatoes and peppers. Maybe the summer will be too dry and everything will wither away; maybe it will be too wet, and things will rot. But maybe it will be just right, like Goldilocks' porridge. As Grandma taught me, I'll take whatever comes.

I don't know if children nowadays learn the jingle about April Showers, or if they can sing "Rain, rain, go away, come again another day" before they're old enough to go to school. I hope they do. And I hope they come to understand that even if "Into each life some rain must fall," that's not necessarily a bad thing.

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# THE BOOK OF DAYS

## St. Patrick's Purgatory



Three legendary stories excited the minds of the people in the middle ages—that of the Wandering Jew, that of Prester John, and that of St. Patrick's Purgatory. The two former were insignificant in comparison with the last. It was about the middle of the twelfth century that a Benedictine monk, named Henry of Saltery, established the wondrous and widespread reputation of an insignificant islet in a dreary lake, among the barren morasses and mountains of Donegal, by giving to the world the Legend of the Knight. This legend, extravagant in our eyes, but in perfect accordance with the ideas of that age, was a sort of composition out of various previous notions, including one which held that the land of departed souls lay in the west.

It represented its hero, Sir Owen, as an Irishman, who with courage and fidelity had served in the wars of King Stephen of England. Returning to Ireland to see his parents, he was seized with sudden remorse for his many sins; for he had lived a life of bloodshed and rapine, and had not scrupled to plunder churches, maltreat nuns, and apply the most sacred things to his own profane use and benefit. In this penitent mood he determined to visit St. Patrick's Purgatory, with the view of washing away the guilt of so many misdemeanours.

Respecting the origin of the Purgatory, the legend states that when St. Patrick was endeavouring to convert the Irish by telling them of the torments of the infernal regions, the people cried, 'We cannot believe such things, unless we see them.' So, the Saint, miraculously causing the earth to open, showed them the flaming entrance of the place of punishment; and the unbelieving heathens were at once converted to the true faith. St. Patrick, then placed a gate on the cave, and building an abbey near it, entrusted the key to the Pryor, so that he had the privilege of admitting pilgrims.

The penitent who wished to enter had to pass a probation of fifteen days in prayer and fasting; and, on the sixteenth, having received the sacrament, he was led in solemn procession to the gate. Having entered, the gate was locked by the pryor, and not opened till the following day. If the pilgrim were found when the gate was reopened, he was received with great joy; if not, he was understood to have perished in the Purgatory, and his name was never after mentioned.

The knight, having duly performed the preliminary ceremonies, entered the cave, and travelled till he came to a spacious hall, where he was kindly received by fifteen venerable men, clothed in white garments, who gave him directions for his future guidance. Leaving the old men, and travelling onwards, he was soon attacked by troops of demons, whom he successfully resisted by earnest prayer. Still pushing on, he passed through four 'fields' of punishment, by fire, ice, serpents, &c., that need not be too particularly described.

He ascended a lofty mountain, from whence he was blown by a hurricane into a horribly filthy river; and, after many adventures, surrounded by millions of demons, and wretched souls in dreadful tortures, he succeeded in crossing a narrow bridge, and found his troubles over, the malignant demons not daring to follow him farther. Pursuing his journey, he soon arrived at a wall as bright as glass, and entering a golden gate, found himself in the garden of Eden among those happy souls who had expiated their sins, and were now waiting to be received into the celestial Paradise. Here, Owen wished to remain, but was told that he must again return to the world, there to die and leave his corporeal fabric. As he was forever exempt from the punishment of Purgatory, he was shown a short and pleasant road back to the mouth of the cave; where he was received with great joy by the pryor and monks of the abbey.

There is yet another account of a pilgrimage by one William Staunton in 1409. Staunton's story differs slightly from that of the knight. He was fortunate enough to meet with a countryman in the Purgatory, one St. John of Bridlington, who protected him from the demons. He also had a romantic and affecting interview with a predeceased sister and her lover there; and was ultimately rescued by a fair woman, who drew him out of the fiery gulf with a rope that he had once charitably given to a beggar.

Later, however, in the fifteenth century, doubts began to be expressed regarding the truth of the marvelous stories of the Purgatory; and these, with the increasing intelligence of the age, led to its suppression, as thus recorded in the annals of Ulster, under the date 1497:

'The Cave of St. Patrick's Purgatory, in Lough Derg, was destroyed about the festival of St. Patrick this

year, by the guardian of Donegal and the representatives of the bishop in the deanery of Lough Erne, by authority of the Pope; the people in general having understood from the history of the knight and other old books that this was not the Purgatory which St. Patrick obtained from God, though the people in general were visiting it.'

The learned Jesuit, Bolandus, ascribes the suppression of the Purgatory to the inordinate rapacity of its custodians. The story is exceedingly amusing; but want of space compels us to curtail it. A pious Dutch monk, having obtained permission to visit holy places as a religious mendicant, came to Lough Derg, and solicited admission to the Purgatory. The pryor informed him that he could not be admitted without a license from the bishop of the diocese. The monk went to the bishop; but, as he was both poor, the prelate's servants uncourteously shut the door in his face.

The monk was a man of energy and perseverance; so he waited till he saw the bishop, and then, falling on his knees, solicited the license. 'Certainly,' said the bishop, 'but you must first

pay me a sum of money, my usual fee.' The monk replied boldly, to the effect that the free gifts of God should not be sold for money; hinted that such a proceeding would be tainted with the leprosy of simony; and, by dint of sturdy solicitation, succeeded in obtaining the license. The bishop then told him that was not all: he must next obtain permission from Magrath, the hereditary ecclesiastical tenant of the territory in which the Purgatory was situated.

The monk went to Magrath, who in turn demanded his fee; but at last, wearied with importunity, and seeing he could not receive what the other had not to give, conceded the required permission. The monk then returned to the pryor, fortified with the licenses of the bishop and Magrath, but was most ungraciously received. The pryor could in nowise understand how the monk could have the audacity to come there without money, when he knew that the convent was supported solely by the fees of pilgrims.

The undaunted Dutchman spoke as boldly to the prior as he had to the bishop; and at last, but with a very bad grace, he was permitted to go through

the prescribed ceremonies, and enter the Purgatory. In a high state of religious excitement and expectation, the monk was shut up in the cave; but neither heard nor saw anything during the whole twenty-four hours. Some, probably, would have taken a different view of the matter; but the disappointed and enthusiastic monk, implicitly believing the marvellous legends, considered that the miracle had ceased on account of having been made a source of profit. So going to Rome, the monk represented the whole affair to the sovereign pontiff, and the result was the suppression of the Purgatory, as above related.

The ancient renown of Lough Derg was thus destroyed; but an annual pilgrimage of the lowest classes commenced soon afterwards, and occasioned such scenes of licentious disorder, that in 1623 the Lords Justices commanded that all the buildings on the island should be utterly demolished. Bishop Spottiswood, who superintended this demolition, describes the 'Cave' as 'a poor beggarly hole, made with stones laid together with men's hands, such as husbandmen make to keep hogs from the rain.'

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## REAL SCIENCE

# Good drug or bad drug ...

Michael Rosenthal

The very word, drug, has multiple connotations. It might signify an FDA approved medication, well-tested and recommended by physicians, or it may signify an illegal item designed to give relief or pleasure, the worst of which is dangerous enough to sicken, disable, or kill you. In this article, I'd like to discuss some of the drug issues that surround us today.

When I grew up in the 1940s and 1950s new drugs were appearing due to advanced scientific research following World War II. I had a serious ear infection when I was a child, and the infection was eventually cleared with two weeks of penicillin. I was fortunate that the drug was available to me.

Then there are "recreational" drugs. I began my college teaching career as a chemistry professor at Bard College in 1965. It was an intense period, with student and faculty behavior stimulated by resistance to the Vietnam War. Not far from Bard in Millbrook, New York, was the home of the drug LSD. LSD is a hallucinogen drug, which was very popular in that period among young people, whose tendency to rebel against authority was greatly heightened. Add to that the extensive use of mar-

ijuana (one could get a contact high in the student union!), and the lesser use of cocaine and heroin, and it was a very strange time to start an academic career, being not much older than my students, and with many of them coming to class floating on a drug-induced cloud. The father of LSD, Timothy Leary, resided in Millbrook, New York, not far from the Bard campus, and I actually saw him once on an unofficial visit by him to "preach" to students.

So, the years pass, and new drugs come, with both wonderful medical drugs and the continued use of recreational drugs, some very dangerous. The most obvious drug topic at the moment is the opioid crisis. The opioid crisis is the rapid increase in the use of prescription and non-prescription opioid drugs beginning in the late 1990s and continuing to this time. Opioids are a diverse class of painkillers, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, and fentanyl. Fentanyl is especially dangerous, synthesized to resemble morphine and heroin. These drugs are effective when used properly to relieve pain, but have high risk of both physical and psychological addiction, and taken in high doses have a high rate of respiratory failure and death.

It is not just illegal drug use that causes death. Nearly half of all opioid

overdose deaths in 2016 came from legal prescription sources, over 64,000 Americans. Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death of Americans under 50 years of age, with two-thirds of those deaths from opioids. In July 2017 opioid addiction was cited as "FDA's biggest crisis" and President Trump concurred and declared the USA opioid crisis to be a "public health emergency."

There are many drugs that we routinely use that cause no harm and give relief, if used according to the guidance associated with them, both following orders on the label and taking the advice of the prescribing medical sources.

As we've written before there are accredited vitamin supplements as well as phony uses of vitamins. I have previously urged that one should look for "approved by the FDA" and to follow the advice of reliable medical sources in the use of these drugs. There is much money to be made in the drug manufacturing and drug sales business, so it is very important to follow the advice of reliable and trusted sources. There are drugs that won't hurt you, but are useless, and there are drugs that are dangerous and can kill you. We need to be very careful when we choose a drug regimen. New drugs come on the market



all the time. A newspaper story earlier this year discusses a new drug called kratom, an herbal supplement that is described as being safer than traditional opioids. Kratom is herbally derived from a leafy Southeast Asian tree. It surfaced in the United States about a decade ago, and an estimated 3 million to 5 million people use it! It is unregulated at this time, and is readily available.

There is not much research at this time on the drug. It has been used in Asian countries since the nineteenth century. It has opioid properties and some stimulant-like effects. It is taken for chronic pain, opioid withdrawal, and recreation. Minor effects include nausea, vomiting, and constipation. More severe effects may include respiratory depression, seizure, addiction, and psychosis, and it can lead to death by affecting heart rate, blood pressure and liver toxicity. From 2010 to 2015 kratom-related reports of poisoning rose ten-fold in the United States. It was being marketed as a dietary supplement in 2014, and then the FDA coordinated with other agencies to seize imported shipments. At least six states in the US have declared it illegal, and the United States Army has forbidden its use by soldiers. The FDA is becoming increasingly involved, declaring in February 2018 that it should not be used for medical treatment or recreational use.

Coffee is another material that has had a variety of uses over the years, largely for recreational use but argued by some as a drink to relax you and make you feel better. Some have judged it as unhealthy. Recently Giuseppe Grosso, a nutritional epidemiologist in Italy, gathered together with his colleagues, 127 of the health effects studies of coffee, and summarized them. They found probable evidence coffee-drinking is associated with a decrease in many common

cancers, from 2 percent to 20 percent. The review found that risk reduction of 5 percent for cardiovascular disease and around 30 percent for Type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease. And in general, a lower rate of death. They did conclude however that coffee intake carried with it an increased risk of miscarriage in pregnant women, due to caffeine accumulation in the fetus.

They concluded that earlier studies that found coffee was bad news for health, did not sort out smokers from non-smokers. Since many coffee drinkers smoke while they drink, they found, the two items need to be sorted out from one another in studies. How is coffee helpful to health? They found that coffee beans contain phytochemicals that have anti-oxidant and has anti-inflammatory properties. They also found that caffeine has specific effects on enzymes that regulate liver function, insulin, glucose metabolism, and DNA repair. All these properties could act favorably, they say, to fend off Parkinson's, Type 2 diabetes, and even cancer. They suggest that the optimal consumption of coffee should be four to five cups daily.

In closing, let me recommend to you a newsletter entitled, Worst Pills, Best Pills News, edited by an M.D. and with professionally qualified contributors, that my wife discovered and that we have found to be a very reliable source of medication evaluation. Information about the monthly newsletter can be found at [www.worstpills.org](http://www.worstpills.org).

And congratulations to the State of California which will now require by law that all new homes install solar panels.

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# Year of the bird

Tim Iverson, Naturalist

Summer is now squarely upon us. The ephemeral spring flowers have given way to lush greens and warm temperatures. Insects, seeds, fruits, and other veritable menu items are now on tap for our seasonal avian residents. Birds are finishing their migratory routes and settling into their summer nesting places.

The term migration is an umbrella term that describes several different variations on the bi-annual movement birds make. It's important to note that some birds stay put all year long. Cardinals, for instance, don't migrate and are year long residents finding suitable food and shelter no matter the weather. Some birds migrate very short distances. Short as in from the top of a mountain to the bottom of the same mountain. This type of migration is called altitudinal migration. Some of these species may spend their entire lives within a 20 miles radius. Medium distance migrants may travel the distance of a few states. Most impressive though are the long distance migrants. These are the birds that will travel thousands of miles crossing hemispheres to find residence in new quadrants of the globe for a few months at a time.

Short distance migration is primarily driven by the lack of resources available during the winter months. Simply put, they'll move to where survival is easiest. Long distance migration is less understood and not as easy to justify. There's simply no need to travel thousands of miles for beetles and berries when there are other ones considerably closer. Research suggests these routes developed as a result of better breeding habitats. While tropical zones provide abundant food during the winter months, temperate zones are more habitable during breeding seasons. Longer daylight hours and ample food allow these migrants to produce twice as many offspring compared to their non-migrant cousins. Of course, during the

tough winter months it's time to head back to the tropics.

The switch that flips indicating when a bird should head south is initiated by a few factors. Shortening daylight hours, cooler temperatures, dwindling food supplies, and genetic factors are all cues that tell a bird when it's time to go. Migratory birds can cover thousands of miles during a single trip. They seem to intuitively know the way to go. Even first year birds who have never made the trip before can manage on their own. Biologists have wondered how that can be, and the best research indicates that they utilize landmarks, the sun and stars, and the Earth's magnetic field. Many young birds are believed to develop a site attachment during the first migration and will continue to return to those sites year after year. Some birds, barn swallows included, may even use the very same nests time and time again.

Migrants often get bottlenecked in what bird enthusiasts call migrant traps. These are areas that migrating birds concentrate into in very large numbers. These traps are often last pit stops, like islands or peninsulas, before long barren stretches of distance must be covered without readily available resources. Bird watchers can see many birds of different species in a short time span, which makes them exceptionally popular for people as well as birds. In some instances these traps might provide an important food sources for migrating species. The Red Knot is a long distance migrant that travels 9,000 miles from the coasts of South America in winter to breed in the Canadian arctic. While making this journey they make a pit stop in Delaware Bay. On some days it's estimated that nearly 90% of the entire subspecies can be found there during these mass migrations. This trap is a midway pit stop on their long journey and provides an essential food source to power them through. They arrive in the spring when Horseshoe Crabs lay their

green eggs in sand. The Red Knot devours as much as he can and continues his way onward.

Birders, or bird enthusiasts, often refer to a "big year." A "big year" is a personal challenge to see how many different species they can spy in a single year. 2018 is a big year for birds too. This year marks 100 years since the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) became law, which makes 2018 The Year of the Bird.

The MBTA is one of the very first conservation laws enacted by the United States, making us a model and a forerunner in the conservation movement for the rest of the world. The law originally was a response to the near extinction of several bird species that had been hunted for their feathers or sport. It grew out of an international treaty signed with Canada, and after being codified has since attracted other nations to join such as Mexico, Russia, and Japan.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, under the US Department of the Interior, is primarily responsible for enforcing the law. They describe the law as, "unlawful to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, possess, sell, purchase, barter, import, export, or transport any migratory bird, or any part, nest, or egg or any such bird, unless authorized under a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior. Some regulatory exceptions apply. Take is defined in regulations as: 'pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect.'"

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act is credited with saving Snow Egrets, Sandhill Cranes, and Wood Ducks from extinction. It covers more than 1,000 species in North America, which is



On the eve of the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, one of the nation's bedrock environmental laws, the Trump administration delivered a churlish anniversary present: It gutted the law.

nearly all bird species in the US. Recently, the US Department of the Interior, which is ultimately responsible for enforcing this law, has changed its interpretation of the law. The law is a century old, but new threats have emerged since its inception. Oil spills, power transmission lines, wind turbines, and cell phone towers weren't able to be considered when the law was adopted. When birds die as a result from an encounter with one of these modern day hazards these deaths are considered "incidental takes."

The BP oil spill in 2010 resulted in over a hundred thousand bird deaths. Wind turbines that are placed in migratory routes account for as many as 100,000 deaths annually. Power lines account for upwards of 50,000 bird deaths per year. The MBTA provides incentive and legal repercussions for companies to mitigate these instances. The current administration is changing its understanding of policy and enforcement of the treaty. The MBTA will no longer consider these or penalize incidental bird deaths. In effect, what this means is that un-

less a person or company intentionally means to kill birds they can not be held accountable for their actions.

Migration can be dangerous business. It is physically taxing and may be too much for older or injured birds to handle. It increases exposure to predators. Man made structures like wind turbines, communication towers, and the electrical grid present additional problems. Climate change is already eroding shorelines, altering food availability, and distorting weather patterns creating problems throughout the entire migratory cycle. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act ushered in a century or pragmatic conservation. The phenomenon or migration is as arduous as it is inspiring. The somewhat nomadic lifestyle of birds was shaped thousands of years ago and has also helped to ensure the survival of our modern day dinosaurs. Here's hoping the prevailing winds provide smooth sailing for many more to come.

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PETS

# Dad isn't coming back for me . . . .

**Jennifer Vanderau  
Cumberland Valley  
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The minute they shut the cage, the shaking starts. He can't seem to help it. Or stop it. That clanking sound was just so...final. This place – it's strange, different. And loud. He got a glimpse of some monstrous-looking thing in the kennel right beside his. He can only assume it was another dog like him, just much, much bigger. What on earth could that be?

The blanket, toys and water they gave him are nice, but he's scared and his body trembles. It makes his stomach hurt, the shaking.

He tries to calm himself with thoughts of Dad.

Dad'll be back. I'll only be here for a little while. He wouldn't leave me here. Not Dad. Sure, I don't see much of him, certainly not as much as I'd like, but that doesn't mean he'd leave me here. Just because I seem to make him mad more often than I make him happy doesn't mean he'd walk away

from me... Dad wasn't even upset when they brought me back here. He didn't say goodbye. See? He'll be back.

So he watches the hallway. And anyone who comes through it. Looking for the only face, listening for the only footsteps, that really matter.

The staff walks by. Some of them stop to tell him he'll be alright, but he can't take his eyes from the hall. And he can't stop shaking. He wants his dad. He didn't know it was possible to want like this.

One of the staff members cleans up the little spot he'd made on the floor when they put him in the kennel. He couldn't help it. He was so terrified. He breathes a tiny, nearly insignificant, sigh of relief. Good. Dad would've been mad if he would have seen that when he comes back to get him. Dad gets mad a lot about slip-ups like that. He'd have been really mad if he found it on this floor. Sometimes it's just really hard to hold it. Especially because he's older. He knows Dad doesn't really understand that,

so he always tries to hold it.

The random barking from all around startles him. That monster next door has a voice to match the huge body. It's disturbing when you're not expecting it. And he fears, really fears, what they're trying to tell him. Because of that, their canine voices shoot through his body like an arrow and make the shaking worse.

He knows what they're saying, but he doesn't want to hear it.

He's not coming back.

Somewhere in the back of his mind, he knows it's true. It's why he's been so afraid. From the minute they'd walked in the building, he knew. This isn't a place where Dad comes back.

But if his willpower alone could make it happen, it would. Because he suddenly wants nothing more than to see the man he'd spent years of his life with come down that hallway and take him home to his bed, his bowl and his toys.

When the lights go out and he hears staff whisper, "G'night, kids," a terror like none he'd ever known rushes through him and he thinks he's going to throw up. He can't sleep here. He can't be here. He can't live here. He can't do it. He can't.

Night always scares him. He doesn't like the dark. He used to calm his fear by listening to Dad snore. It wasn't anything jarring or irritating, just a light, almost soothing sound that let him know he wasn't alone. But Dad's not here now. There are no sounds to calm him. And he is alone. Alone with the monster next door and a building full of animals he doesn't know.

Morning comes and therein begins a routine of sorts. The staff members are nice and they make sure he's cared for, but it's just not

the same as his home.

He's moved over into what's called the adoption area and some days he thinks maybe Dad will come back for him and tell him it was all a mistake. That he really does love him and he can't live without him.

It doesn't happen.

Although.

Although.

There is a guy who comes by one day. And he comes back the next day. And he's super nice. He had incredibly kind eyes. One day the two of them go into something called a bonding room together.

At first, he doesn't want to go up to the man. His heart is still hurting from missing his Dad.

The man doesn't push. He just waits and talks. He says he's alone, that he moved away from his family for his job and he doesn't like living by himself with nothing to come home to.

The pup listens and for the first time since Dad left him here, a little bit of hope flares in his heart. That night, he wonders, what if?

The next day they go for a walk around the property. It's fun and the man is so nice and when they come back in, they go back to the bonding room. The pup gets kind of excited and a little nervous because this is really starting to mean something to him.

He has a little accident on the floor and cringes to himself, thinking, this is it. I've done it again. There's no way he'll want me now.

The man just grabs a paper towel and says, "No problem, buddy. That kind of thing happens," and scratches his ears.

Actually scratches his ears!

That's the day the term adoption is used and by the next afternoon, he's going home with the man.

It's a little scary at first, figuring out the new house and what he's allowed to do. He's hesitant, but the man talks in a soothing tone and tells him it's okay and asks if he wants to watch something called Netflix.

The man lets him sit beside him on the couch and he turns on this pretty cool show called Stranger Things and at one point, the little pup looks up, makes eye contact with the man and he smiles.

And that little dog's heart beats in a new rhythm, a comfortable rhythm, and he wonders to himself if maybe, just maybe, this is a man could really be a dad to him and someone he can rely on for the rest of his life.

As he falls asleep that night in bed with his new owner – he actually gets to sleep in the bed! – he thinks maybe all the pain he had to endure had been leading him to find the place in life where he was meant to be – where he truly belongs.

With someone who could really be his father for life.

This is a story in honor of Father's Day. We had a little terrier come in a few years ago because his father "couldn't care for him" anymore. He watched the door like a hawk, as though he was expecting someone, and just shook like a leaf. We assumed he wanted his dad back. He found out soon that his father wasn't coming back. Thankfully, we found him a home where people gave him a second chance and love for the rest of his life. This story is in honor of him and all the others who are tossed away, but eventually learn that some humans, some father, know the true devotion of an animal and cherish that spirit.

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

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

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


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

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

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

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

-- Author Unknown




On July 7 & 8, Taneytown will hold the Taneytown Terrier Trials. This two day event will feature Jack Russell terriers from all over the area competing for fame and glory (& prizes). If you have never watched these amazing little dogs in action, you owe it to yourself to stop by and cheer on your favorite. 'Neilex' who accompanies the editor every month when the papers are delivered, will be on hand to judge, as will Taneytown's own Ambassador "Oscar"!



# Stop the Cowboy ‘Monkey Rodeo’

*(Extracted from material provided to the Emmitsburg News-Journal by PETA – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)*

PETA needs your help to persuade the Frederick Keys baseball team in Frederick, Maryland, to cancel its plans to feature a “cowboy monkey rodeo” at games on June 15 and 16. During these cruel events, capuchin monkeys are dressed in rodeo costumes and forced to ride dogs who race around a field, sometimes “herding” sheep.

These are loud, chaotic events, and by nature, capuchin monkeys are quiet, sensitive animals. In the wild, they spend most of their time more than 100 feet off the ground in the dense forests of Central and South America. “Rodeo life” is completely unnatural for them—as well as dangerous.

PETA asked several primatologists and veterinarians to review videos of monkeys “performing” during these rodeo-style stunts. They reported that the animals exhibited signs of fear and anxiety and—saddest of all—showed a blank expression of resignation, indicating that they’re suffering from a condition that psychologists refer to as “learned helplessness.”

“[T]his is a thoroughly disreputable practice, animal abuse for cash, cheap thrills for a few bucks and all at the monkeys’ expense.” - Gary Kuehn, DVM, zoo veterinarian for 23 years (retired)

“These monkeys are being put in a stressful situation where they could be seriously injured or killed.” - Kristin Mealiffe, Primate Keeper, Oakland Zoo

“The high accelerations coupled with abrupt turns and stops ... may result in head, neck, or back injuries.” - Margaret Whittaker, consultant with 25 years of experience working with captive wildlife

“It is my expert opinion that these cruel and inhumane spectacles should be stopped immediately.” - Gail Laule, President, Active Environments

“On August 1, 2016, The Minor League Baseball association issued the following statement on the use of animals in promotions by Minor League Baseball teams:

“Minor League Baseball neither supports nor encourages the practice of using animal acts of any kind, especially animal acts for which the Humane Society has expressed serious concerns, to entertain our great fans. We encourage clubs to ensure that the promotions they host do not endanger the health or safety of any animal, but respect the rights of our teams to make decisions regarding their promotional events at the local level.”

“Contrary to this recommendation, as note already, on June 15 & 16, the Frederick Keys will bring in Wild Thang Productions, whose act performs under the name “Team Ghost Riders,” to supply the animals for the events at the upcoming games.

“This act has been cited numerous times by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for violating the federal Animal Welfare Act, including by failing to provide animals with adequate shelter and sanitary living conditions, failing to provide adequate crowd management and safety barriers, failing to store food properly and dispose of expired medications, and repeatedly failing to be available for inspections.”

“Cowboy Monkey acts” are described in a fact sheet circulated by The Humane Society of the United States as:

“Cowboy monkey” acts feature one or more capuchin monkeys dressed in a cowboy outfit and tethered to a saddle on the back of border collies who run at high speeds around a field herding sheep. The dogs can reach speeds of up to 30 m.p.h. and abruptly stop, start, turn, lie down, and stand up, causing the monkey to be violently jerked forwards and backwards and slide wildly from side to side.

“Cowboy monkey” acts are inhumane and demeaning spectacle, although marketed as an “amusement” act. Many people find this show offensive and upsetting as they recognize that it is undoubtedly frightening and harmful to the helpless monkeys who may suffer psychological distress and risk serious physical injuries.

“Subjected to high, repetitive head accelerations—similar to what rodeo participants or passengers involved in motor vehicle accidents experience—the monkeys are especially vulnerable to neck injuries, such as whiplash. The dog may also inadvertently run the monkey into objects, such as walls, fences, and poles. In one on-line video, a dog stumbles and rolls near a fence with the monkey on his back, which could have resulted in the monkey being seriously injured or killed had he struck the fence.

Capuchins are highly intelligent, curious, and energetic primates who, in the wild, spend most of their time in trees—foraging, climbing, jumping, socializing, and exploring their surroundings. In traveling animal displays, the monkeys are confined to small cages, often alone, and are unable to express natural behaviors. These grossly substandard living conditions cause primates to develop neurotic and self-destructive behaviors.”

Displaying monkeys and oth-



er wild animals at public venues is extremely stressful for the animals and is never in their best interests. We urge all our readers to please send a polite letter to the Frederick Keys General Manager urging him not to host this cruel event at any of the team’s games.

Our suggested text is:

I was very disappointed to learn that the Frederick Keys are planning to feature a so-called “monkey rodeo” at two games in June. There’s nothing entertaining about these offensive spectacles, in which helpless monkeys are subjected to cruel treatment with no regard for their well-being. Monkeys used in “rode-

os” suffer from severe psychological distress and risk being injured. Please immediately cancel these events and leave animals out of future team activities.

We urge you to join fellow Minor League teams like the Kalamazoo Growlers, The York Revolutions, and the Williamsport Crosscutters who have ceased to host ‘Cowboy Rodes.

Thank you for your time.

Mail your letters to: General Manager, Frederick Keys, 21 Stadium Drive, Frederick, MD 21703, or e-mail it to info@FrederickKeys.com.



Fisher was brought into the shelter already neutered, even though he was a stray. Look at that tongue sticking out! This 3-year-old brown tabby boy has pretty eyes and may need some time to adjust to new situations. Fisher really is a sweetheart, though, and would make a wonderful companion.



Draco arrived at the shelter as a stray so we know very little about his past. We’re guessing he’s a 2-year-old, beagle/terrier mix. He can be a little nervous in some new situations and because of that, we’re looking for a home for him with children older than 8.

For more information about Kennah, Rhea or Ragu contact the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter at 717-263-5791 or visit their website at [www.cvas-pets.org](http://www.cvas-pets.org).

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## HEALTH NOTES

# Take action against arthritis

Kelly Shupe  
Frederick Memorial Hospital

If I asked you to picture 54 million people, what would you see?

Maybe you would see the 54 million people who live in South Africa, or the 54 million people following Taylor Swift on Twitter. You probably do not see the 54 million people affected by arthritis in the United States today.

It's hard to imagine, but the impact is bigger than one might think. Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in our country, affecting 1 in 5 adults. Really, arthritis is just the informal way of referring to the more than 100 types of joint diseases.

Arthritis is diagnosed more often in women, people from rural areas, and older populations, but arthritis is not limited to these groups. In fact, 300,000 children also have some form of arthritis.

The likelihood of getting arthritis is dependent on family history as well as

lifestyle and personal behaviors. Symptoms of arthritis usually include swelling, pain, stiffness of joints, and decreased range of motion and can vary from moderate to severe. Those with arthritis often experience chronic pain and are unable to perform daily activities—which has a big impact on their work and social lives.

So, is there anything you can do to prevent arthritis? Currently, there is no full-proof way to prevent the condition. But you can reduce your risk or delay the onset of arthritis by:

- Maintaining a healthy body weight
- Eating a diet low in sugar, alcohol and purines
- Not smoking or quitting smoking

Actions like these help lower risk for osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and gout—three common types of arthritis. Similarly, you can avoid sports injuries that may lead to arthritis later in life by stretching before being active, using proper equipment, and obtain-

ing adequate training for safety.

In the future, scientists hope to discover ways to truly prevent arthritis. Organizations like the Arthritis Foundation work to fund programs that search for preventions and cures, hoping one day it will become a reality—even for those with genetic risk.

For those living with arthritis already, it's important to maintain an active lifestyle. It is suggested that all adults get 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate activity per week. Brisk walking is the perfect way to meet this mark. Those who suffer with arthritis often see improvements with pain, fatigue, sleep, and quality of life when they incorporate more walking into their lifestyle.

Adding 30 minutes of walking into your day can seem daunting and distracting from your schedule, but spreading it out amongst your daily activities can be easy. For example, you can walk your dog before work, take some laps around your office building after you finish lunch, and take your



children or grandchildren to a local park after dinner.

Exercise is not the only option for helping those of you with arthritis. An arthritis-friendly diet can also reduce inflammation and pain. Doctors recommend choosing foods such as:

- Fish
- Soy
- Cherries
- Broccoli

- Green Tea
- Citrus Fruits
- Grains – oatmeal, brown rice, whole-grain cereals
- Beans
- Nuts – walnuts, pine nuts, pistachios, almonds

Adding these foods into your diet, while avoiding excess sugar, processed foods, MSG, and white flour products, can help ease symptoms.

If more exercise and better diet don't do the trick, there are also various holistic treatments that you can try. Incorporating supplements like Vitamin D and Omega 3s (fish oil) or herbs like turmeric and ginger into your day has shown an overall improvement in body feeling and function. Massage is another easy way that you can relax your muscles and joints without medication.

Utilizing the many tips and tricks for pain management alongside any prescribed treatments from your doctor will yield the best results. We suggest talking to your doctor before you begin any new supplements or treatments. Your doctor will be able to review your medical history and provide the best course of treatment.

By 2030, arthritis is projected to affect 67 million people in the U.S. alone, but we can do our part to slow down the effects of arthritis. Adding healthier habits into our lives will not only reduce our risk of arthritis, but can improve our overall health, wellness, and longevity. Talk to your healthcare provider to learn more about how you can prevent or reduce arthritis symptoms.

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## Fire Companies celebrate National EMS week

“EMS STRONG is Stronger Together...” was the theme for this year’s National EMS Week, celebrated across the country during the week of May 20-26. Fire Companies across Adams County and Frederick County chose to hold Open Houses during EMS week to help educate the community on the ins and outs of their local fire departments and what they could do to become involved. Both the Fairfield Fire Company and Rocky Ridge Fire Company held their Open House on May 20, and The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) held their Open House on May 23.

Celebrated annually in May, “National EMS Week” was established in 1974 to help the public better understand the important roles that First Responders play in helping others in their time of need. National EMS Week also allows the community to honor its EMS providers.

Several months of careful planning by the Rocky Ridge fire prevention committee were on display at an open house held by the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. Penny Stonesifer, the Rocky Ridge fire prevention chair, played a key role in organizing the event. “While we hold open houses occasionally, we usually don’t hold them every year,” Stonesifer said, “but it was especially important to us to hold one this year to celebrate Brienne Combs’s promotion from a junior member to a regular member.”

The event featured many different activities for people of all ages. For the younger children, there was a table with several freebies, as well as a balloon artist and face painter. Younger participants took part in hose roll races and gear races, learning how to properly roll up a hose and put on the gear of a firefighter. For the adults, there were tables to learn more about smoke detectors and sign up to have one installed. There was also a table with prescription cards to take home, fill out, and put on the refrigerator. The card lists important medical information and can be invaluable to first responders in the case of an emergency. Tables for blood pressure readings and car seat safety checks were also present at the open house. An apparel table was set up for the event and the ladies auxiliary provided some light refreshments.

For the history buffs, the first engine purchased by the Rocky Ridge volunteer fire company was on display. The remodeled 1931 Model A was purchased for \$1,000 in 1951 from the Vigilant Hose Company. There was also a film shown of photos and memories of the fire company over the years. Nearby, showcases and walls full of trophies from parades and other events were proudly on display. Scrapbooks were also on display,

showing fire training drills over the years and the many thank you letters received by the fire company in the past.

The Rocky Ridge fire company, along with Medic 30 of Thurmont and Unit 169 from Woodsboro, conducted a live demonstration of how they work together to save trapped passengers in overturned cars. After carefully stabilizing the car, the crew carefully broke a window to get the injured passenger to safety. The theoretical patient was on her way to the hospital in just a matter of minutes thanks to the swift work of the first responders. Overall, the day turned out to be a great success and all who attended had a great time.

On May 23 from 6:30-9:00 p.m., the VHC hosted their EMS Open House at the VHC Activities Building in Emmitsburg in partnership with the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company (EVAC). This year’s event allowed for the recognition of the successful merger of the personnel, equipment and facilities of the former EVAC into the VHC. Much work has been underway for over a year to bring this to a positive outcome for the benefit of the community.

Attendees of the Open House were welcomed with smiling faces, ice cream sandwiches, snacks and light refreshments, while some enjoyed photo ops with Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog! Another highlight of the evening, organized by EMS Captain Amber Zimmerman, was the showcasing of Emmitsburg’s brand new Ambulance 69, which arrived on-site Saturday, May 19.

“It is just terrific what the fire company does. Their educational events and services are just phenomenal,” said Mayor Don Briggs of Emmitsburg of the efforts of the VHC and the EVAC. Briggs also presented a check for \$6,000 from the Town to help with the expenses of delivering medical service by the VHC.

The VHC’s purpose in holding this informative and educational event was to help the people of the city of Emmitsburg better understand the personnel, organizations, and capabilities of the EMS activities. The Open House was an educational opportunity for the public to know when to call 911 and to familiarize themselves with important safety-related information and emergency protocols.

Present at the event were dignitaries including Jan Gardner, Frederick County Executive and Regina Williams, seeking Republican nomination for Frederick County Executive.

Gardner spoke about the fire department saying, “They serve the community and keep people safe and protect their property. I think they are also part of build-

ing the experience of community. They have these events, they bring in different people, they had the Spring Fling last weekend. And so, I think they just do a lot to build a good sense of place and a good sense of community, as well as taking care of people.”

To Regina Williams, the local fire companies embody “Small Town America.” Williams stated, “The local fire companies, to me, they embody the whole tradition of small town America. Beyond the people who are running into burning buildings, even beyond that; the carnivals, fundraisers, parades. Those are the fire companies and that is the sense of community that they bring, while risking their lives.”

The Emmitsburg community will definitely benefit from the merge of these two organizations made up of dedicated and hard-working individuals who truly care about the people, proving that, “EMS STRONG is Stronger Together.”

The Fairfield Fire Company and the Fountaindale Fire Company joined together for a joint Open House Open House held on May 20. Ambulances, fire trucks and



Fire Companies across the country celebrated National EMS week in May. Some of our local fire companies, such as the Fairfield Fire Company, held an open house inviting the public to meet fire department personnel. Even the kids had a great time!

a LifeNet helicopter were present for members of the community to view up close. Members of the police department as well as volunteers from both Fire Departments were on site to answer questions and educate the community about fire safety and the importance of volunteering in the community. There were also games and food available for families in attendance.

National EMS Week is a great opportunity for the public to learn when to call 911 and when not to. Additionally, National EMS Week allows the community to thank EMS providers for the physical, mental and emotional sacrifices they are asked to make daily while serving others. In our community, every business, institution, agency and individual is critical to our local fire companies’ success.

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## A walk in the woods – poison ivy and ticks

Melody Kraus and Kay Hinkle, Penn State Master Gardeners of Adams County

Now is the time of the year when many of us are venturing outdoors to work in our yards or walk in the woods. To protect ourselves, we need to be wary of various plants, such as poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. While we use these three names interchangeably, they are not the same plants.

However, all three of these plants contain the chemical urushiol, which causes a rash when it touches the skin. It derives its name from urushi, a Japanese word meaning lacquer. The oil containing this chemical resides in the flowers, fruits, leaves, roots, and stems all year, even the fall and winter when these plants are dormant, and can cause a reaction during any season. In fact, according to Susan Post of Center for Economic Entomology, the oil is active for a long time after the plant dies, possibly years.

An amount as small as a nano-

gram, a billionth of a gram, can cause a rash. However, responses vary greatly among individuals. The American Academy of Dermatology states that 15% of people are not allergic, while the U.S. Department of Health believes that up to 30% of people have no response.

Although there is disagreement with how many people are allergic, the science is still the same. When the oil touches the skin of sensitive individuals, the body tries to remove the irritant by producing histamines in the form of a fluid in blisters on the skin. The chemical is so strong that it can be contracted by touching a pet that has rubbed against or rolled in a plant, grabbing the part of a tool that was used to cut it, or handling clothing that has brushed up against it. If these plants are burned, the oil becomes air born and can harm the eyes and lungs. Also, a reaction can develop if someone contacts the oil on the skin of another person. However, the rash itself cannot be caught, because

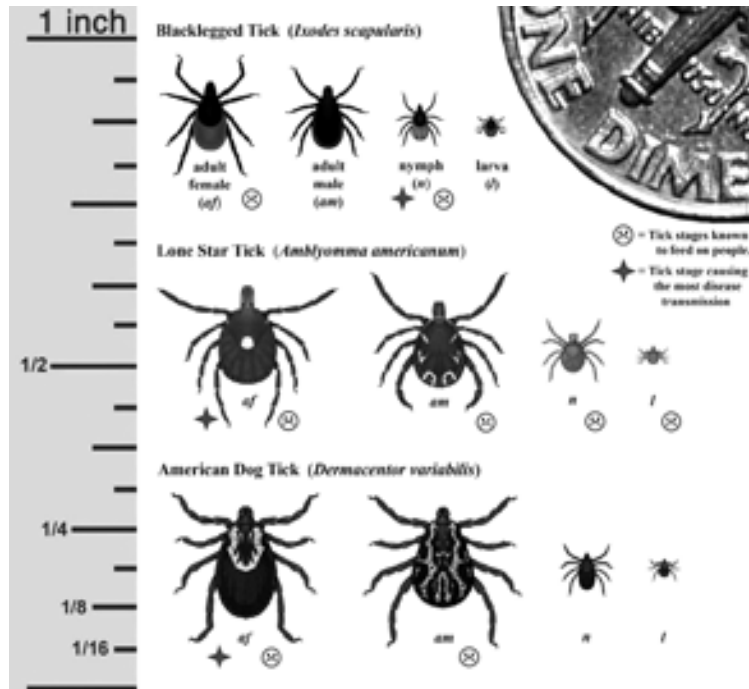
the fluid in the blisters does not contain urushiol.

The best protection is to avoid the plants and anyone or anything that has touched them.

Despite its undesirable attributes, poison ivy is an interesting plant. It is native to North America. John Smith was probably the first European to write about it. In 1609, he described it as “the poisonous weed, being in shape but little different from our English ivie; but being touched causeth reddness, itchings, and lastly blysters, the which howsoever, after a while they pass away of themselves without further harme; yet because for the time they are somewhat painefull, and in aspect dangerous, it hath gotten itselfe an ill name.” The name poison ivy may be attributed to him due to his comparison of it to English ivy.

Like many plants, it has a variety of common names. According to the book Just Weeds, by Edwin Rollins Spencer, it is also called mercury, picry, poison creeper, poison vine, and three-leaved ivy. Despite its name, it is not a true ivy, heder, which is a ground creeper or climber and has only two leaves.

While the saying, “leaves of three, let it be” is a good rule of thumb to avoid poison ivy, it only looks like it has three leaves. Actually, it has a compound leaf, which is defined as two or more leaflets attached directly to the same stem. In this case, poison ivy has three leaf blades in a tri-



The three most common tick species in Pennsylvania are the Deer Tick, the American Dog Tick, which is probably the most familiar, and the Lone Star Tick.

foliate pattern: one leaflet at the end of the stem and two below it that are directly across from each other.

It tends to grow at the edges of where humans live, work and play, sprouting in ground that has been disturbed. Unfortunately for us, it does not have any pests and requires little nutrition or water.

Also, it has three different forms in which it can grow. As a vine, it attaches itself to a tree, fence, or other lateral surface, by aerial roots, which support, but do not absorb nutrients or water. When the foliage is shed in winter, the roots are easier to see, helping to identify it out of the

growing season. As a herbaceous plant, it does not have a permanent wood stem. Many garden and house plants fall into this description. Finally, as an upright shrub, it has a woody stem and can grow quite large.

For more information about poison ivy, visit the website [www.poisonivy.us](http://www.poisonivy.us)

In addition to poison ivy, ticks are a huge concern. With an increasing number of deer ticks in Pennsylvania, awareness of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases has become even more important than before. Sources include Penn State Extension, East Stroudsburg University and data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pennsylvania is the #1 state in confirmed Lyme disease cases. Ticks and the risk of Lyme disease exist in every county in Pennsylvania. All 67 counties have residents who have been diagnosed with the disease.

Lyme and other tick-borne diseases (TBD) can be serious but are preventable by avoiding high-risk areas, wearing proper clothing and repellent, carefully examining yourself and pets, and properly removing and disposing of any ticks you find. A study found that people wearing permethrin-treated sneakers and socks were 74 times less likely to have a tick bite. 74 times less likely! Permethrin is a chemical class of insecticide. It is available online and across the counter under several name brands.

Ticks are tiny arachnids that cannot jump or fly. They carry disease they pick up from other animals. They are opportunists that jump on any ride they can get. Deer ticks can survive the winter by riding on the warm body of a deer until spring when they may jump off into the brushy edges of meadows and woodlands and then lay up to 4,000 eggs. Their life cycle is two years; the nymph stage is most likely to transmit disease. A

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Small Town Gardener

A gardener's progression towards cruelty

Marianne Willburn

'One must be cruel to be kind' is a hackneyed phrase that must have originated in a garden setting. Where else do men and women of good conscience perpetuate extreme acts of violence without a moment's thought or consideration of that conscience? Once the deed is done – be it dismemberment or execution – 'tis done. We rest easy in the knowledge that were our actions to be scrutinized by our fellow gardeners, we would emerge triumphantly vindicated – perhaps even admired. The end almost always justifies the means.

Yet there exists a soft heart locked away in even the most hardened of horticulturists; and at this time of year, that lock is jiggled to the point of breaking by sweet determination, the promise of beauty, and, that Achilles heel of all gardeners, something for free.

In short, by volunteer seedlings.

In my Instagram feed last week, the noted British food writer and Observer columnist, Nigel Slater, forgot about that night's dinner to snap a shot of an ivy-leaved toadflax flowering gently in a crack in his stone doorstep. "How could anyone not love something so sweet, delicate and determined?" he penned (or rather, thumb-typed between courses).

How indeed? Though I loved the sentiment and might have shared it in this case, experience still prods me to offer the following three-step progression in answer:

### Step One: The Early Years

The beginner gardener is usually so overwhelmed by the natural cycle playing out in his garden beds (instead of his garden books) that volunteer seedlings not only go untouched, but are coddled. If they grow with any measure of vigor, they are adored. It matters not that the purchased plant ten inches away will suffer – losing nutrients and moisture at best, foliage and flower at worst. The Universe has spoken! Life cannot be stopped!

As the season progresses, he will have underestimated the size and determination of this volunteer (and no doubt its fellow invaders) to such an extent that the shape and flow of the garden will now be affected. Where once stood a bed of healthy leeks, now there is larkspur. Where once there grew rare beans, now exist thousands of common cherry tomatoes.

Once the beginner lifts the scales from his eyes after a bean-less dinner in mid-July, it is far too late. The garden bed is irrevocably committed to the invader and large voids will result from any type of defensive violence. And yet, large voids are unavoidable, for these crafty volunteers are mostly annuals with one life ambition – to seed and to die.

Death will not be pretty, and after the carcass has been cleared, the remnants of the spring's actual garden plan emerge, bent and broken and festering with resentment. The beginner resigns himself, makes an attempt to tidy that which cannot be tidied, and makes a mental note to be crueler next year.

He will repeat the exercise for several years at least. We are at our most vulnerable in the spring months and it takes a harder heart to progress to Step Two.

### Step Two: Hope Over Experience

Having once lived the idealism of previous decades (and bearing the sunspots to prove it), this gardener may be less enthusiastic, but he is not unmoved by a pretty face. There are other options, he decides. He has the experience and skill to implement them, and does so.

He transplants a few – knowing little of eventual color, size and vigor.

He gives away a few – absolving himself of guilt and granting it unto others.

Thus does he add to his workload and burden his friends. And yet he still suffers some measure of chaos. He may have graduated to pulling out tomatoes when he sees them, but he still has weak moments which are craftily exploited.

Cleome blocks his path to the water barrels and snags his clothes, but he smiles at its tenacity, and endures its barbs. Wild violets push themselves deeper into fragile mortared joints, but he selects the unusual ones, feels justified, and hopes for the best.

Perhaps he has been trying for years to grow poppies, and when the stars align, he is so overwhelmed by the act of germination he cannot bring himself to thin even a leaf. Skinny, undersized plants result – plants that may have thrived had but their competitors' lives been ended by a thumb and forefinger.

He will continue to let his heart bleed for several more years, seldom applying fall wisdom to spring decisions. Indeed, many of his fellow gardeners will remain here for the rest of their careers – gambling on those rare seasons that sweet Serendipity scatters only a few of her tastier crumbs.

Cultivating callousness, cynicism and ruthless conviction is the only way forward.

### Step Three: Experience Over Hope

And so we come to the horny-handed sons and daughters of the soil. The cruel. The pitiless. The envious.

This beady-eyed inquisitor approaches each volunteer as guilty until proven innocent. Will it add to, not detract from, the overall plan? Will it play well with others? Will it stay true to the bloodlines of its parents? Will it be kind to all structural features? Will it refuse special treatment such as staking or feeding? And lastly – perhaps most importantly – will it die quietly and with dignity?

Very few can answer yes to all six questions. Thus, the thumb and forefingers of experienced gardeners are callused and arthritic from a lifetime of laudable cruelty. If those fingers are attached to a gardener blessed with creativity and vision, the resulting garden – whether formal or cottagey, is deceptively unconstrained and vibrant.

There will be volunteers that squeak through – the doorstep toadflax, the convenient bit of parsley – but they do so with the experienced gardener's eye fixed squarely upon them. They will live out their usefulness and be relegated to the compost pile before issues are created. Period.

How can anyone not love something so sweet, delicate and determined? From the tiniest seeds spring some of our biggest struggles. One must be cruel to be kind.

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nymph is the size of the 12-foot period.

When not traveling through thickets, ticks dwell in grass, leaf matter and on wood. They latch onto your lower legs, crawling upwards on your body, seeking warm, dark areas on which to attach. When hiking, stay in the middle of the path. Urban sprawl has contributed to a growing habitat for ticks. Tick habitat is on the rise in grassy edges of woodlands and fields as land is subdivided, and ticks love it.

Wear light clothing, long pants and shirts, socks and suitable footwear. Ticks will not survive 30 minutes in the dryer when they have attached to clothing, so anytime you have been in tick territory, take extra precautions – even with laundry. Apply insect repellents – both traditional and conventional in nature. Consider purchasing permethrin as recommended above. Check yourself, your children and your dogs.

The deer tick is one of four common ticks in PA – the other three are the American Dog Tick which is probably the most familiar, the Groundhog Tick and the Lone Star Tick which has a white dot (or star) on its back.

While Lyme is the most prevalent tick-borne disease in PA, there are at least 9 others including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has identified Lyme disease as the fastest growing disease in the U.S. For more information on Lyme disease, other tick-borne diseases and as-

sociated risks, please visit [www.palyme.org](http://www.palyme.org).

In the unfortunate circumstance of an attached tick on you or anyone else, grasp the tick with tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Gently pull up slowly. Wait for tick to release. Do not twist.

Clean hands and bite area with soap and water or antiseptic. Tape tick to an index card and store in sealed bag in the freezer for 2-3 months. If symptoms develop, see your doctor. Otherwise, discard the segregated, frozen specimen. Symptoms can include a bulls-eye rash and flu-like symptoms.

Finally, become familiar with the word DARE to remember how to best stay safe here in tick country:

D – Defend you, your family and your property.

A – Avoid tick habitat.

R – Remember to dry clothes on high heat and shower within 2 hours of possible exposure to flush off a tick before it has an opportunity to attach.

E – Eliminate ticks.

As with any threat to our health and well-being, quality of life is paramount and simply considering what puts us at risk is important. Know what and where to look for ticks and take necessary precautions.

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# 2017 Mount St. Mary's University Water report

## Important Information About Your Drinking Water

We're pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2017. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Maryland Environmental Service (MES), an Agency of the State of Maryland, began operating the water treatment facility in June 2014 and prepared this report on behalf of the Mount St. Mary's University.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates Public Water Systems and the contaminants found in water through the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA sets regulations and guidelines for how public water systems operate and identifies several hundred drinking water contaminants, establishes monitoring frequencies and limitations. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is responsible for the enforcement of the SDWA and routinely complete Sanitary Surveys as part of their ongoing inspection and monitoring program. MES provides safe dependable operations of the water system and is dedicated to consistently providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds the SDWA standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Tood Otis, Director of Capital Projects & Energy Management at 240-344-4765, e-mail: otis@msmary.edu. Copies of this report will not be mailed to consumers but are available upon request from your utility.

The Mount St. Mary's University water works consists of three drilled wells. Before the water enters the distribution network chlorine is added to protect against microbial contaminants. The water is then pumped into a storage tank. The Maryland Department of the Environment has performed an assessment of the source water. A copy of the results is available. Call Maryland Environmental Service at 410-729-8350.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. 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 (1-800-426-4791).

## Important information Regarding Gross Alpha Emitters

Mount St. Mary's University's water system was placed on quarterly monitoring for Gross Alpha beginning in October 2014. Compliance with the MCL will be determined based on a annual rolling average of quarterly results. Alpha emitters are naturally occurring radiations in soil, air and water. These emitters generally occur when certain elements decay or break down in the environment. The emitters enter drinking water through various methods including the erosion of natural deposits. There are no immediate health risks from consuming water that contains gross alpha, however some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the highest level of gross alpha detected is 12.4 pCi/L.

## Definitions:

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (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.

**Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow

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

**Turbidity** - Relates to a condition where suspended particles are present in the water. Turbidity measurements are a way to describe the level of "cloudiness" of the water.

pCi/l - Picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation.

ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter

ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter

## Special Points of Interest:

The water at the Mount St. Mary's University is tested for over 120 different compounds. The Mount St. Mary's University's Drinking Water met all of the State and Federal requirements. Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

The table on this page lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2017 calendar year. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2017. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

## Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Important Information About Arsenic

Arsenic is a semi-metal element in the periodic table. It is odorless and tasteless. It enters drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth or from agricultural and



industrial practices. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the arsenic levels are being monitored quarterly. We are constantly evaluating alternatives and treatment options for reducing the arsenic levels to less than 10 ppb.

## Lead Prevention

If present, elevated levels of 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 Mount St. Mary's University is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Mount St. Mary's University Treated Water Quality Report 2017

Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (EPA's MCL)	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)
<b>Regulated at the Treatment Plant - Point of Entry</b>			
Nitrate	10 ppm	2.9 ppm	10 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: Runoff from fertilizer use (range from 0.8 to 2.9 ppm)			
Barium (2016 Testing)	2000 ppb	741 ppb	2000 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 239 to 741 ppb)			
Selenium (2016 Testing)	50 ppb	1.52 ppb	10 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines (range from 0.0 to 1.52 ppb)			
Fluoride (2016 Testing)	4.0 ppm	0.13 ppm	4.0 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: Water additive which promotes strong teeth (range from 0.0 to 0.13 ppm)			
Arsenic	10 ppb	5.60 ppb	10 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 5.12 to 5.60 ppm)			
Combined Radium (226 & 228) (2017 Testing)	5 pCi/l	1.6 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 0.0 to 1.6 pCi/l)			
Uranium (2017 Testing)	30 ug/l	12.9 ug/l	0 ug/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 0.015 to 12.9 pCi/l)			
Gross Alpha (2017 Testing)	15 pCi/l*	15.0 pCi/l*	0.0 pCi/l*
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 1.9 to 15.0 pCi/l)			
* Please read page 4 of the Consumer Confidence report for more information on Gross Alpha Emitters			
Gross Beta - (2017 Testing)	50 pCi/l*	5.9 pCi/l**	0.0 pCi/l
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits (range from 0.0 to 5.9)			
*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles			
** Because the beta particle results were below 50 pCi/l, no testing for individual beta particle constituents was required			
<b>Regulated in the Distribution System</b>			
Chlorine	4 ppm	1.11 ppm *	n/a
Water Additive used to control microbes. *Annual Average (range from 0.66 to 1.49 ppm)			
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (2016 Testing)	80 ppb	30.1 ppb	n/a
(range from 11.1 to 30.1 ppb)			
Typical Source of Contamination: By-product of drinking water chlorination			
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (2016 Testing)	60 ppb	6.2 ppb	n/a
(range from 0.00 to 6.2 ppb)			
Typical Source of Contamination: By-product of drinking water chlorination			
<b>Regulated in the Distribution System</b>			
	Action Level	90th percentile	Ideal Goal
Copper (2015 Testing)	1300 ppb	202 ppb	1300 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems			
Lead (2015 Testing)	15 ppb	0 ppb	0 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems			



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## WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

# U-boats attempt to stem the tide



For the first two weeks, the focus for the American's was not on Europe, but on our coast, as German u-boats attempted to sink troop transports in the hopes of slowing the flow of American troops to the Western front.

### June 7

#### German's Prepare To Advance On Paris

German legions are now within 45 miles of Paris, and the situation is admittedly serious. The Germans, in their new offensive, are hammering the Allied lines apparently with the hope of opening up the way to Paris by way of the Marne. The Germans are using well over 750,000 men in this effort.

Since the offensive began last Monday, the German advance was unexpected by Allied military experts. 20 German divisions were thrown against seven of the Allies. The territory taken by the Germans was regarded as easily defended, and therefore, the comparatively small force of Allies was left in charge.

Success of the enemy was subscribed to improve the use of gas shells. In the present drive the Germans have been using nine-inch gas shells to shell territory seven to eight miles behind the Allied lines, instead of sending gas across the front lines. Instead of being able to retreat to second-line defenses three to four miles in the rear, the Allies were forced to retreat 10 to 20 miles as the gas made

their second and third lines of defense untenable.

#### U-boats Off The American Coast

Submarines sank the schooner, Edward Cole, on Sunday afternoon, 50 miles southeast of Barnegat, New Jersey. The Captain of the Cole stated the crew of the German submarine boarded him, took away his papers and placed bombs on board. The captain and the crew took to the lifeboats and the ship was sunk. The Captain stated that the submarine was about 200 feet long and carried two large guns, one forward and one aft. A second schooner, the Jacob Haskel was also sunk by gunfire in the same general vicinity Sunday.

Members of the crew of the British steamer Harpathian, sunk off the Virginia capes Wednesday, stated that they did not see the U-boat until their ship had gone down and they were in the lifeboats. The Commander of the submarine called the lifeboats to the underwater craft, which popped up on the surface near them, and gave them water and American tobacco. The crew described the German Commander as a gentleman who did all he could to

make the survivors comfortable.

All along the coastline naval flying boats, submarine chasers and other small naval craft immediately got into action. Officials declared that the Navy Department was fully equipped to meet the thrust at the very fountainheads of the flow of American troops to Europe.

The torpedoing of ships off Barnegat, followed by the report of more destructions off Nantucket Shoals, nearly 200 miles to the north, was an indication that the hostile submarines were operating in numbers and that the plan of the German Admiralty probably was to concentrate the U-boats in a partial blockade of the principal ports used by American transports.

By striking with submarines at the very doors of America, Germany has admitted to the world that the American Army will turn the tide against her on the battlefields of France. Driven to desperation at the rate at which American troops have been pouring into France, and having been checked by the American destroyer flotilla in the war zone, the German Admiralty has concluded to carry the submarine warfare to America in hopes of stopping the flow of American troops, which will turn the balance against the Central Powers on the western battlefield.

In New York, the Police Department issued an order to turn off all display lights at night until further notice. Coney Island will be darkened under the terms of the order, which was issued by the Police Commissioner after consultation with military authorities.

Meanwhile, naval officials say there is no chance that German submarines will attempt to enter the Chesapeake Bay. To attempt to force an entrance through the Virginia capes would be practically suicidal. Even if a submarine were able to gain entrance to the Chesapeake Bay, it would be practically impossible for them to pass through the submarine nets that guarded the waters leading to the national capital.

### June 14

#### U-boats Elude Sub Chasers

The men on shore-leave tell the story of a transport race up the Atlantic to elude German U-boats, closely hugging the coast, with darkened lights at night and under full pressure of steam. Members of the crew declared that they were warned in ample time of the nearness of the sea wolves and were advised to keep close to the coast to make all possible speed to this port. They asked that the ship be met at once by American destroyers.

Two of the U-boats were sighted and the race began between the submersibles for the transport and the troopship for the harbor. It lasted for 12 hours, and although they were handicapped by the fact that a zigzagging course had to be run, the transport maintained her lead until three American destroyers were

sighted. The U-boats disappeared before the destroyers appeared on the scene, their close proximity evidently having been picked up by wireless.

#### German's Review Western Offensive

On Monday, the Germans renewed their Western offensive and succeeded in gaining ground along a 20-mile front to a depth of about two and a half miles at certain points. Comparatively slow progress attended by losses described as enormous is being made by the Germans in their latest effort to break the Allied front in France. The advance against the line, coming quickly after the force of the offensive on the Aisne had been spent, has encountered stern resistance.

According to reports, the Germans are employing a classic pincer movement, which Field Marshal Mackensen applied so brilliantly in Russia, Serbia, and Romania. Mil-

opinion that the capture of Paris is not the aim of the Germans. They hold that opinion because they believe the enemy would be intelligent enough to know that the capture of Paris, however desirable for its effect on the morale of their own people, would not be a decisive military victory. The French people have prepared to evacuate Paris once before, and thus the shock to them, if they had to do so now, would be minimal. Instead, the Germans are seeking to menace Paris, which is different than trying to capture it.

The penetration of the Allied lines at Amiens, with the consequent separation of the main bodies of the Allied forces, or the capture of the Channel ports and the menace to England and handicapping of her transportation facilities, constitutes the sort of advantage which Germany would regard as decisive victories that would bring her a step nearer to winning the war.



With American troops quickly filling the ranks of the Allies on the Western front, Germany knew time was against her. A decisive victory was needed before the fresh American Armies were in place.

### June 21

#### Austrians' Open Drive On Italians

The long-awaited Austrian offensive against the Italians has begun. For a distance of 75 to 100 miles, Austrian troops and heavy artillery are endeavoring to break down the resistance of the Italians, who were aided by the French and British.

The last great Austrian-German offensive, begun in October 1917, rolled back the Italian lines from the Trieste front and along the Venetian plains. More than one million enemy troops were engaged in this operation, and it was not for many weeks that the Italians were able to stay the advance. Around the middle of November, British and French troops came to reinforce the badly-shaken Italians, and the Austrian advance was checked.

Since the start of Germany's current western offensive, there have been insistent cries from Germany for the Austrians to take some type of action along the Italian front, which will cause the Allies to withdraw troops on the French front, thereby aiding the German offensive. For months the Allies have been preparing for such a blow.



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Germany hoped to open a new southern front on the Western front by reopening the Italian front and driving west across the top of Italy into France.

The tactics employed by the Austrians were similar to those that brought success to the Germans in the Somme and Aisne offenses. The enemy advanced, under cover of smoke barges, against portions of the line believed to be lightly held. In France, the Germans succeeded by this method in gaining the rear of strongly held positions of the line, which forced the Allies to retreat quickly to secondary lines. The Austrians are also relying on gas attacks to a degree unusual to them.

Austrian losses are described as frightful. In the mountainous country, where the British have been holding their positions solidly, thousands of the enemy have perished, while they have paid heavily for every foot they have advanced along the Piave River. While no exact figures are given in reports of the losses, it is believed that the Austrian casualties have been heavier, by five to one. In the fighting in the mountain regions, where the Austrians were repulsed with terrible slaughter, the ratio is much higher.

The Austrian drive already shows marked signs of failure. The advances achieved in the initial assault, necessarily the most powerful attacks in any offensive, are so limited as to indicate that the Austrians virtually have been halted in their tracks.

Should the Austrians be held, it seems to observers here, that General Foch may decide to strike his first counter blow there. If he does so, and if he gains any headway, the German high command would be compelled to move German divisions from the western front to support the Austrian line. The Germans could not permit their allies to be seriously menaced, as a popular uprising in Austria-Hungary might well result, which would upset all German calculations.

The announcement of the arrival of the American troops in Italy is expected any time. No official word about their entry into the war field is expected until they actually get there. A principal reason for sending American troops to Italy, in addition to the effect on the morale of the Italian soldiers, is the disheartening effect they will have on the Austrians, who had been trained to believe that the United States would extend no help to Italy.

**Central Powers  
Rocked By Food Riots**

Food conditions in Germany are becoming worse. There is great dis-

content owing to a reduction in the bread ration. The German people are fearful to grumble openly lest they be sent to the front. One popular saying is that the people pay 100 Marks for a sick dog to eat. The war is becoming unpopular among the workers, but the feeling ebbs and flows with the tide of Germany's success.

There have been reports from various sources recently of trouble in Austria, notably in the capital, because of the bread ration reductions forced by the virtual exhaustion of the Austrian grain supplies. The bread allotment to each individual in the city of Vienna is now less than one and a half pounds weekly; it was stated in a dispatch.

In many provinces of Hungary there is only one third or one quarter of the food necessary to maintain the population's health. Vienna newspapers are quoting a socialist party manifesto, which declares that workers and small office holders in Austria are at their wits' end to maintain an existence because of the food situation. In many Austrian towns, the manifesto declares, these classes are threatened with absolute famine, while similar conditions prevail in Prague, the Bohemian capital and in towns in Galicia. The situation is declared to be so terrible that certain populations have not seen bread or potatoes for weeks.

**U. S. "Sub" Sinks U-boat**

A German submarine and crew were destroyed by an American submarine off the Virginia coast several days ago, according to a report by passengers aboard an American steamship. Officers on the vessel claim to have been told the story of the submarine combat by members of the victorious American undersea boat's crew.

The American minor had put into the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay for shelter in response to submarine sightings. Officers of the vessel stated that they were anchored near an American submarine tender, alongside which was moored the undersea craft which was taking on provisions and fuel. An exchange of wireless messages followed, in which the submarine crew spread the news of its victory.

The U-boat was sighted while the American craft was patrolling with only her periscope visible. When within range, a torpedo was released, and 20 seconds later microphones re-

corded the traffic explosion. Rising to the surface, the American submarine circled about on the lookout for survivors, but oil coming to the surface was the only trace of the vanquished raider. Naval reports state that the submarine made a clean hit and sunk the underwater craft or disabled her.

**June 28**

**American Casualties  
Greatest In One Week**

The steadily increasing participation of American troops in the fighting was sharply marked in this week's casualty lists. 53, including three officers, were killed in action, the heaviest death toll from the battlefield yet.

Last week the British casualty list passed the 20,000 mark. The comparison of the American and British losses, however, in some measure forms a gauge of the limited extent to which the United States has yet been able to bring its power to bear against the German invaders.

American troops have done well, according to reports from Gen. Pershing. It was stated that the fighting in which the Americans engaged was gratifying because of the teamwork of the infantry, field artillery and the staff. This signifies that the staff training of American officers, which is considered one of the most important factors in a modern army, was of high caliber.

Definite word from Rome of the repulse of the Austrian drive in Italy, coupled with the announcement that American troops in France now exceed 900,000, and that the United States is five months ahead in its war program, added to the growing cheerfulness apparent at the War Department.

The speed with which the Army is being moved to the front is sharply indicated by the fact that approximately 200,000 men have embarked during the last two weeks. The total movement during May was more than 240,000. The million-troop target should be passed by July 1.

Gen. Pershing made it clear that getting enough American troops abroad is critical to giving General Foch mastery in numbers over the enemy. Every day spent by the Germans pressing their efforts to achieve military victory before Americans can arrive in overwhelming numbers is regarded as a day nearer ultimate defeat for them.

**Austrian Nears Crisis**

The Austrian offensive has turned into retreat. The enemy is hurrying back across the Piave before the closely pursuing Italians. The Austrians have lost 45,000 men and great quantities of material. The true extent of their casualties may be indicated by the thousands of bodies floating in the waters of the swollen river.

Unable to force their way further than the immediate vicinity of the west bank of the river, and with bridges thrown across the stream being swept away by the swirling waters of the floods pouring down from the mountains, the enemy began a retreat Saturday night. So hasty was their retreat that a great many can-

nons were left on the west bank of the river.

Complete readjustment of the German high command's plans, in view of the disaster that has overtaken the armies of Emperor Charles, is certain. The course of events in France will be penned according to the extent of the defeat.

The Italian front must be secured before German designs in France can be executed. While there is an imminent danger that the Austrian-Hungarian government may collapse, Germany cannot devote herself to the attack she has undertaken in the West before American manpower can swing the scales finally against her. For this reason, there was high speculation regarding the German high command's moves to support Austria already.

The German's problem in rushing troops to Italy is a difficult one. Not only will the withdrawal of men from France weaken their whole western offensive effort, the transportation of a sufficient force to offset the Italian victory must necessarily be slow.

Meanwhile, official reports show the growing seriousness of the food riots in Austria. The people are apparently in no condition to stand the great military reverse they must now face. Immediate German action to support her allies seems absolutely necessary, unless the back door to Berlin itself is to be left unguarded.

The present pause in the monotonous campaign in the West is a good time to study the Austrian situation. Remember that the strength of the Central Powers is no greater than its weakest member, and that Germany's war policy is dependent, to a large extent, upon developments in the Dual Monarchy.

As far as Austria is concerned, the war ended with the conclusion of the treaties with Russia and Romania. The war has been more costly proportionally for Austria than for any of the other chief belligerences, except Russia. While she contributed heavily to the economic support of Germany, she lacked the internal organization and showed little capacity for efficiency in molding the empire into a war machine.

Within Austria's various groups are dissatisfied peoples, who, like the

Irish, consider the war an opportunity to further their personal interests and lost no chance to obstruct their rulers.

When rations ran low, the Austrians fought on with little complaint, accepting the word of their rulers that unless they did, they would suffer military dominance by Russians. When Russia collapsed and Romania fell out and Italy staggered under the Austrian-German blow, the subjects of Emperor Charles saw visions of an early peace and relief from sacrifice and suffering of war. From the Ukraine, great quantities of food were to come immediately and Italy was expected to make peace. Instead, the Ukrainian stores never materialized and the Italian peace became the colossal Austrian failure.

The Austrian people believe Germany is blocking a general peace, and that most of their economic suffering is due to the greed of Germany. They assumed the offensive against the Italians was undertaken because the German militarist demanded they attack the Allied right-wing, in hopes of lightening the German task on the Western front.

**Former Russian Czar Executed**

Former Russian Emperor Nicholas has been killed by Bolshevik troops. The first report of the assassination of the Emperor was received on Tuesday, although it appears that rumors that the former Emperor had been killed by the Bolsheviks have been circulating in Russia for some days. Russian newspapers say that Russian Red Guards had murdered the ex-Emperor in his residence at Yekaterinsburg. Reports also are being circulated that Alexis, the former crown prince, died a fortnight ago after a long illness.

Meanwhile, Grand Duke Michael, the younger brother of the former Emperor, is reported by way of Berlin to have placed himself at the head of the new Siberian government and has issued a manifesto to the Russian people calling for them to resist the Bolsheviks.

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## HISTORY

# On the close of the Chronicle

(Printed in the last edition of the Emmitsburg Chronicle, June 28, 1918)

(Baltimore Sun)

The Emmitsburg Chronicle goes out of existence tomorrow. After an existence of 40 years, it will occupy a lot in the populous graveyard of the fourth estate. In the twenty-eighth year of its life, just twelve years ago, the Chronicle was taken over by Sterling Galt, a man who loved the smell of printer's ink and preferred the life of a working, fighting country editor to the daily grind that the metropolitan newspaper offers. He was possessed of many other fine qualities of the old-time newspaperman and his individuality soon began to express itself in every line of the paper. His artistic typographical tastes, his sense of humor, his cleverness as a writer, his stance for good government and his youthful enthusiasm and energy made the Chronicle stand out among the weeklies of the country as a model for many of his contemporaries. The old town of Emmitsburg, and the state of Maryland, will sustain a real loss when the Chronicle gives up its place among the things that are.

(Carol Record, Taneytown)

It is difficult to properly estimate, or characterize just what the passing out of existence a long-established weekly newspaper means. It is much more than merely a regrettable occurrence. It is a community loss difficult to measure. Perhaps it may be a condemnation of the community itself resting against it as a sign of unappreciative this - or worse. Whatever the cause, or causes, they be, they

should not be accepted unless absolutely insurmountable; not until every possible community effort has been made to overcome them.

The announcement of the discontinuance of the Emmitsburg Chronicle - a paper that has been in existence for 40 years - cannot be passed over as a mere news item, the outcome of conditions brought about by the war. The question is a deeper one than that for the town and community to consider - for many other towns and communities to consider.

We do not know local conditions, nor how loyal the paper was supported, therefore do not presume to lecture Emmitsburgians for lack of proper appreciation and support, but we do know that no town of its size - no such prosperous section as served by the Chronicle - can't afford to do without a newspaper for long, and we trust that the suspension will be but a brief one.

It is rarely the case that any weekly paper and printing business connected therewith, is given the support and consideration that it should receive. It gets too little credit for the hundreds of big favors and boosts it gives, locally, every year without charge, and how it serves, profitably, its constituency, rather than itself.

Take our word for it, that those who in any way withhold their support from country newspapers, at this very serious period, are doing a very unwise and dangerous thing. There have been hundreds of suspensions within the past year - that of the Chronicle serving to bring the fact home to us, as a fact, and not as a "scare" story - and unless conditions change for

the better, there will be hundreds of others, all community losses to a greater extent than private business losses.

The intimation, even, that a newspaper may discontinue publication in a town - except, where the local field is fully occupied with one or more other papers - should call for a town meeting in which all should determine to remedy the situation responsible for the immediate discontinuation. If it be more local support, more pay for work, prompt pay for services, an opportunity to supply needed help, it should be the public's resolve to supply the needful, for the local paper is really a public local enterprise with everybody as an interested stockholder. It should be a matter of local interest, and pride, to keep its paper going and fully supported.

The death of a newspaper is equivalent to the death of a public benefactor. A voice and influence is stilled that we need, and profit by, more than we know. We are perhaps so accustomed to luxury of city daily papers, that we grow critical and contemptuous of the little home paper; but, after all, it is this same little home paper that is our neighbor and best friend, when we sorely need one, and there is no other that can take its place. Give your home paper more support, in order that it may pay increased expenses and live!

Editor's Note: For the last ten years, thanks to the generosity of Eric and Audrey Glass, the last owners of the Emmitsburg Chronicle, I have had access to bound copies of the old Chronicles. Every year I would return the

prior year's book and retrieve the new years. In 2017 I came home with the 1917/18 volume, I never gave it a thought that come July of this year I would be returning that volume for the 1918/1919 volume. It was only as I was finishing this month's 100 Years ago column that I realized I would not be returning with another volume.

While we will be able to continue with the 100 Years Ago column by accessing 100 year old copies of the Gettysburg Times and the Catoctin Clarion, we will sorely miss Sterling Galt's "artistic typographical tastes, his sense of humor, his cleverness as a writer, his stand for good government and his youthful enthusiasm and energy [that] made the Chronicle stand out among the weeklies of the country as a model for many of his contemporaries."

Because Galt understood the

importance of capturing daily life in Emmitsburg, we know more about those who called Emmitsburg home 100 years ago then we know about those who call Emmitsburg home today.

In many ways, the closing of the Chronicle could not have come at a worse time. For four years this paper has recounted the events of World War One as reported by the papers of the time - providing our readers an opportunity to learn about the war not through revisionist history texts, but from actual news reports read about the war as their great-great grandparents had.

Knowing full well that in July 1918, the young men of Emmitsburg who had signed up to serve, finally started to see action, we were looking forward to publishing detailed biographies of those that would give up their lives, like

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# HISTORY / OBITUARIES



As a result of the close of the Emmitsburg Chronicle in June of 1918, the supreme sacrifice made by Captain Henry Higbee Worthington, the first resident of Emmitsburg to die in the war, has gone without recognition by later generations of Emmitsburgians.

Captain Henry Higbee, one of the youngest Captains in the U.S. Army at the time, and winner of decorations of valor, who on July 18, was the first Emmitsburgian killed "somewhere in France."

Had the Chronicle still been printing, we would have known about Captain Henry Higbee Worthington. Instead, his sacrifice has been relegated to the dustbin of history. To add insult to injury, his name doesn't even appear on the Town's WW1 hon-

or roll plaque. All we know about Worthington is from one line in a July 1918 Gettysburg Times, which reported: "News of Captain Higbee's death reached Emmitsburg Sunday night and caused widespread grief in that section of the county, where he was well known."

We don't even have a photo of the first Emmitsburgian to give his life for his county in WW1; all we have is a photo of his grave marker. Captain Worthington's

body was returned home in 1921 and he was buried with full military honors May 11, in Gettysburg. Sadly, that's all we know about this man.

Nor do we know anything about Private Martin Luther Hahn, the second Emmitsburgian killed in France. There is nothing in any paper other than notice that "his Grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Ovelman of near Four Points, received word of her grandson's death."

Because Emmitsburg was not served by a paper that documented historical facts, subsequent groups and organizations made decisions based upon false information. Such as the American Legion, which named their "new" building based upon the mistaken belief that Francis Elder, not Captain Henry Higbee Worthington, was the first Emmitsburgian to die in WW1. While Elder did die in WW1, he was the third member of our community, not the first, to do so. Had the Chronicle never closed its doors – this error in history would never have occurred.

In 1918, when Sterling Galt closed the Chronicle, Emmitsburg not only lost its paper, it lost its history.

## Alan Lee Carroll, M.D.



Alan Lee Carroll, M.D., who returned to his Maker on Thursday, May 17 was the second son and third of eight children, born in Washington, D.C. on October 25, 1946.

Married to Rita and father of Sarah, John, Eric, Brendan, Peter, Amelia and Ruth. Bonus father to Colleen, Keri, Heather, Kendall and Justin. Grandfather of eight: Liam and Rees; Noah and Emma; Mackenzie, Darby and Finn; and John. He was the bonus son of Ruth Kemple and Rita's Mom. Sib-

ling to Eric, Martha, Linda, Mary, Claire, Barbara and Betsy; and bonus brother-in-law to Dianne, Wylie, Ernie, John, Phil and Warren and uncle to all their children. Godfather to niece Jennifer, Phil and Mark.

He graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1974 and completed a residency in Family Medicine there in 1977. He practiced family medicine for over forty years in his well-loved community of Emmitsburg, having joined the practice of his mentor and teacher, George L. Morningstar, in 1977.

A faith-filled member of St. Joseph Parish, Emmitsburg, his life will be celebrated there on Saturday, May 26. Visitation with his family and friends will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m., followed by his final mass. The church address is 47 Depaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stauffer Funeral Homes, P.A., Thurmont.

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## Dr. Alan Lee Carroll

### Remembering Dr. Carroll

I want everyone to know how extraordinary Dr. Carroll was. With his humble, reachable, laid-back demeanor you would never guess how much this man knew and how much he could do. He was a rare diagnostician. He was able make a diagnosis purely on your symptoms and didn't need to send you to a specialist or do the full gamut of testing unless truly necessary. He had same day appointments for those of us in need, did small procedures in office, and you could even talk to him on the phone! He saved so many of us from urgent care, emergency, and specialist visits. This is rare. Some of us are already finding this out as we are seeing our new family doctors.

He was there for me from birth through adulthood and at least a half of a dozen after-hours emergencies in between ranging from head lacerations to asthma attacks. I

remember one incident when I was playing soccer on the weekend at The Mount and I collided with the keeper causing laceration. I wanted to get back into the game so badly that my parents called Dr. Carroll, and he sewed me right back up. I was back in the game at the start of the second half.

So many of us will remember his boisterous laugh, jovial radiating voice, gum chewing smile, kind heart, humble confidence, extraordinary patience, and 70's office décor that gave you familiarity and comfort.

He was a simple man with so much to give and was a doctor for two reasons alone; one, because he cared about people and two, because he wanted those people to have a happy, healthy life. Never once did I feel rushed or unheard. We would talk about my family and my life at every visit. He would remember what was going on in my life, my family's lives, and I'm sure, many other patients'

lives as well. He was a friend.

He dedicated his life to his patients in our little town of Emmitsburg. He was like an extension of our own families. He will be sadly missed, as we will never have another doctor like him.

It should also be remembered that his work would not have been possible without the support and generosity of his wife, Rita, and their children. Thank you, Rita and all of your children, for allowing him to share so much of his time here on earth with all of us. Your sacrifice will not be forgotten.

I can only hope that one day I will be a fraction of a doctor he was.

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## MOM'S TIME OUT

# Dear high school student . . .

Mary Angel

I can't thank you enough for your friendship with my son. He has cherished his time growing up with you, from hanging out at the movies to hanging out in our basement. I watched you grow up and loved seeing how the Nerf battles slowly matured into military maneuvers in our yard. The pool parties with all of the friends yelling and splashing were some of my favorite pictures to scrapbook. I am so proud of the young people you two have become.

It seems like only yesterday you were having sleepovers and playdates and now you are in high school, looking forward to your future (whether it be college, military, or a full-time job). I miss the days when a playdate and a sleepover were all that was required to make the "best weekend ever!" Now it seems you are not entirely satisfied with such simple things. It

has come to my attention that now you have turned to driving recklessly and texting to find excitement in life. I am truly not sure what to say to you concerning this and not for lack of much thought and prayer on my part.

I have been genuinely disturbed and saddened by the thought of your bright future being snuffed out so carelessly. Although you are not my child by birth, you have spent enough time in my home to be considered one of us. We love you like our own and wish only the best for you. So I have given a lot of consideration to this letter and what to say to get through to you. I feel I only have one chance to reach you with reason, sincerity, and love. So with my whole heart invested, here I go...

I would like to ask you to stop driving so recklessly. I would like you to think about yourself and your future and the plans you have discussed with my son and

us around our dinner table. How much you are looking forward to going to college and getting involved in some of the clubs and joining the band. How you are sure you are going to meet your future wife and have three kids and a great job that you love. I want you think about that all going away because you wanted to speed around that bend while texting. I know right now you think you are invincible and God knows I wish that were true, but unfortunately I have seen too many funerals for teenagers who are far from invincible. If none of these thoughts ring true to you, then I would ask you to consider how your parents would feel when they are told you are never coming home again. Think about how their hearts will ache for the rest of their lives.

I suspect none of this is getting through to you. Not that I think you are being disrespectful, but more that you are reading this and thinking how silly I sound. To this I would say, "What if you were fine after you drove recklessly while texting?" What if, you were fine, but my child was in the car with you and I was the one hearing that he would never be coming home again. You are fine except for the fact that you have to live the rest of your life knowing that you killed your best friend. That you had to face me and my husband at the funeral, knowing that you were solely responsible for the death of another hu-



man being, the one human being that you made a pact with when you were ten years old to be best friends forever. The person who was going to be the best man in your wedding and Godfather to those three children. The fact is that you will not be the Godfather to his kids or be in his wedding because you have erased those events from existence. I will never see my son graduate from college, get married, or have children. For heaven sake, I will never meet my grandchildren.

At this point there would be nothing I could say, nothing anyone could say. It would be too late and there would be no turning back the clock. So that is why I am writing now instead of wait-

ing. I know this is not the future you would want for anyone. This is a future that can be avoided and avoided very simply. Consider those around you, consider how much you are loved (by your family and ours and so many others). Would it be terrible if you waited until you stopped the car to read that Tweet, or pulled over to the side of the road to read your Instagram account or keep up a streak? If I told you that you could save a life by not texting for fifteen minutes, would you wait?

Sincerely,  
Your Best Friend's Mom

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# COOKING

# Strawberries!

Carol Cogliano  
Hollabaugh Brothers

A May storm of the magnitude of the beast that moved over our farm on May 10 is really unheard of. But the conditions were right, and we experienced what I'm referring to as the "the storm of the century for May" when the heavens opened and we had a solid 10 minutes of hail ranging from pee to quarter size accompanied by torrential rain. It was horrible. It was truly terrible for anyone in this area, but for a fruit and vegetable grower?

We had been set up with a spectacular bloom – truly on everything. We had already begun to "count our chickens" on what looked like a full crop of apricots, plums and pears! And in 10 minutes time, all those hopes were dashed. As I write this article, we are still assessing the damages. The apricot crop is nearly 100% hail-hit. Some plums were spared. We are still hopeful that we will be able to thin out some hail-hit peaches. Our apple crop was just past full bloom so tiny little apples had scarcely begun to form, so the hope is that the apple crop will come away largely unscathed. We grow about 17 acres of pears, and sadly – they were hit very hard.

The morning after the storm, one of our workers brought in the asparagus harvest of the day. Our next crop to harvest will be strawberries. For now, many of those early ones are hail-hit and will be discarded, but later-forming berries should be o.k. But they desperately need some sunshine! As are we all! Typically in south-central PA, strawberries are

picked right around Memorial Day, and for this reason our annual Strawberry Fest is held Memorial Day weekend. Whether or not we will be picking our own berries yet for this Event is the big question. Time will tell. That said, I thought I'd share some of my favorite berry recipes. I hope you enjoy them as well!

### Strawberry Vinaigrette Spinach Salad

- Salad:
- 2 bunches fresh spinach leaves
  - 1 c. sliced fresh strawberries
  - ½ c. chopped walnuts, almonds or sesame seeds
  - 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
  - fresh blueberries for garnish
- vinaigrette:
- ½ c. halved fresh strawberries
  - 1 t. balsamic vinegar
  - 1 t. sugar
  - ¼ tsp. salt
  - 1/8 tsp. dried tarragon
  - 1/8 tsp. pepper
  - 1/3 cups plus 2 t. olive oil

**Directions:** Place all vinaigrette ingredients except olive oil in blender. Cover and process for 15 seconds. Gradually add oil in steady stream. For salad, remove stems and veins from spinach and tear into bite size pieces. Place in large bowl. Toss spinach with dressing to coat. Add strawberries, nuts, onion and toss again. Garnish with blueberries.

### Frosty Strawberry Squares

(My mom's recipe and one of my favorites!)

- 1 c. flour
- ¼ c. brown sugar
- ½ c. walnuts or pecans
- ½ c. butter, melted

Stir these 4 ingredients together and place into bottom of 9x13" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside 1/3 cup of this mixture.

- 2 egg whites
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 c. sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 t. lemon juice
- 1 c. whipped cream (cool whip)

**Directions:** Combine egg whites, sugar, berries and lemon juice in large bowl. With electric beater, beat at high speed until stiff peaks form – about 10 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon over the crumb mixture in pan. Top with remaining crumbs. Freeze 6 hours or overnight. You may garnish with whole strawberries, although this is optional.

### Strawberry Whipped Sensation

- 4 c. strawberries, divided
- 1 c. (14 ounce) sweetened, condensed milk
- ¼ c. lemon juice
- 1 tub (8 oz.) cool whip, thawed and divided
- 8 Oreo cookies, finely chopped
- 1 t. butter, melted

**Directions:** Line 8x4 inch loaf pan with foil. Mash 2 cups of berries in large bowl. Stir in condensed milk, juice and 2 C. of Cool Whip. Pour into pan. Top with Combined Chopped Cookies and Butter and press into mixture. Cover. Freeze at least 6 hours. To serve, invert onto plate. Remove foil. Frost with remaining Cool Whip. Top with remaining strawberries.

### Triple Berry Angel Food Cake Roll (A Red, White and Blue Dessert)

- 1 angel food cake mix (plus the ingredients to prepare the mix)
- ¼ c and ¾ c. powdered sugar, divided
- 8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 ½ c. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 ½ c. fresh strawberries
- 1 ½ c. fresh blueberries
- 1 ½ c. fresh raspberries

**Directions:** Preheat Oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of a 10x15x1" rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Do not grease the pan.

Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Pour into prepared pan and bake for about 20 minutes until the top is golden and the edges start to crack.

NOTE – it will rise up in the pan significantly, even over the top. It won't flow over. If you're worried, slip an extra baking sheet underneath to catch any excess – but there shouldn't be any.

Loosen cake from the edges of the pan while it's still warm. It's going to be a little sticky, like angel food cake is, but it will come away easily. Spread out a clean kitchen towel and sprinkle evenly with ¼ C. powdered sugar. Flip warm cake out onto the towel. Peel off the parchment paper and immediately roll up – starting at the short end, with the towel inside. Let cool completely (at room temperature) for 1 to 2 hours.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth. Add ¾ C. powdered sugar, vanilla and cream. Beat on low until combined, then on high for 3 to 4 minutes until fluffy and stiff peaks form.

Unroll cooled cake. You can just let it lie on the towel. Spread with half of the filling and top with half of the berries. Carefully roll back up (this time without the towel) and placed on a serving plate. Spread top and sides with remaining filling and top with remaining berries. Serve immediately. (This one is perfect to a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and is delicious!)

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# LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

## Blue Ridge Free Library

### Standing Events

Mondays starting June 11<sup>th</sup> - Our newly added Summer Story Hour starts at 4:30 p.m.. It will be immediately followed by Legos and Wee Build Imagineering until 5:30.

Wednesday - Coffee club in the community room from 4 - 5:30! Mingle with the gang for coffee, tea, puzzles, board games, coloring books, etc. Food donations appreciated.

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

Saturday - Join us at 10:30 a.m. for Story and Craft Hour and all of its festivities! What could be better than a great book and a fun craft?

### Upcoming Special Events

It is that time of year again, hooray! The Summer Quest Summer Reading Program kicks off at the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library with Glamping Palooza on June 2nd! We are starting at 9 a.m. with our glamping set ups and story time starts at 10:30 and Mark DeRose will be performing his energetic audience pleasing show at 11:30. The jamboree ends at 1 and the best glamp site will win a prize.

Introducing "Musical Mondays" at the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library starting June 4th! Every Monday in June and July we will be showing a classic or modern musical. Movies will start at 6 p.m.. At the end of the series we will include a trivia quiz about the musicals that you viewed. The person with the highest score wins the prize!

June movies: June 4 - Hairspray, June 11- The Little Mermaid, June 18 - An American in Paris, June 25 - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

On June 5th Scherenschnitte class with Bill Hamman will be at 6 p.m. with a musical theme in honor of the Summer Quest theme "Libraries Rock". New members are welcome and old members are appreciated. Please bring your knives and boards if previous students.

Join us on June 12th for "Songbird Serenade" at the library. Larry and Sharon Williams from the Renfrew SOAR program and the Conococheague Audubon Society will be hosting a program about our backyard warblers. The program starts at 6 p.m. and is free to the public.

Movie night at the library will feature the film adaptation of the award winning fantasy book "A Wrinkle in Time" on June 14th. "Meg meets three supernatural beings who transport her through the universe to rescue her father, who mysteriously disappeared and is being held captive by an evil force." Movie starts at 6 p.m..

On June 19th The Summit Stitches Quilt Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. New members and new projects are always welcome and any skill level may attend. These ladies love a challenge so if you are stuck on a project stop by and see what they can do.

A Mini-Science workshop for kids will be offered on June 20th from 5:30 - 6:30. This month's workshop will feature echoes and other sound phenomena.

The Dining Car Food Club will meet on June 21st at 6:30 p.m.. We

will be pulling into the Gare Saint Lazare Station in Paris, France for an unforgettable evening of cabaret style food at the famous Moulin Rouge. Please bring your dish to share (and a recipe!) and we will see you here!

June 28th at 6 p.m. will be the next meeting of the Train of Thought Book Club. New members are always welcome. The book theme for June is "Music". So grab a book and join us!

## Frederick County Library

### Emmitsburg Branch

Junior Gardener: Summer Blooms (Grades 2-8) - June 2, 10 - 11 am, create beautiful summer planters for the library entrance and a take-home project for yourself with Silver Fancy Garden Club.

Seven Dragon Studios Paint Night (Adult) - June 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., special hands-on art class and a unique opportunity to learn to paint on glass with local artist Michele Maze,

Storytime with the Maryland ZOO-mobile (Ages 3-5), June 11, 11 - 11:30 a.m., Wildlife-themed storytime and craft, plus visit from a Maryland Zoo Animal Ambassador!

Art Zone (Grades 2-5), June 16, 11 - 11:45 am, explore art through fun, hands-on project, Tropical Clay Fish.

LEGO Brick + STEM Party (Grades K-5), June 18, 2 - 3 p.m., build with

LEGO and try out a variety of other STEM activities.

Teen Volunteer Pizza Party (Grades 6-12), June 19, 1-3 p.m., summer is here! Teen volunteers meet, eat, and play.

Volleyball/Badminton Play Day (Grades 2- 5), June 20, 2 - 3 p.m., gymnasium, Get some exercise while having fun playing volleyball and badminton!

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

Teddy Bear Picnic (Ages 2-5), June 23, 11 - 12 p.m., bring your favorite stuffed animal, a blanket, and lunch to enjoy while listening to stories and songs.

Sewing Workshop (Grades 6-Adult), June 25 - 28, 10 - noon, use basic sewing skills to make a retro chic apron. 4 sessions.

Sewing School (Grades 3- 5), June 25-28, 2 - 4 p.m., learn basic sewing skills while making a rockin' 50s poodle skirt.

Family Storytime, June 26, 6:30 - 7 p.m., Songs, stories, and fun for the whole family. Designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver.

### Thurmont Programs

We Love Our Pets Photo Contest (Ages 2-10), June 1-22, bring a photo of your pet for display through 6/22!

Chess Club (Grades K-Adult), June 2, 11 - Noon, beginners to advanced players welcome. Learn, play, and sharpen your skills.

Make a Duct Tape Wallet (Grades 5-12), June 7, 6 - 7 p.m., Make a great gift! All supplies and instruction provided.

Library Fun Fair, June 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., our annual celebration of community featuring a wide variety of activities. Crafts, live animals, music, games, and fun for all ages courtesy of the library, local organizations and our Summer Challenge partners. Face Art by Elizabeth too!

Storytime with the Maryland ZOO-mobile (Ages 3-5), June 11, 1 - 1:30 p.m., wildlife-themed story time and craft, plus visit from a Maryland Zoo Animal Ambassador!

Thurmont Friends Book Club, June 11, 7 - 8:30 p.m. hosted by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library and open to adult readers in the community who are interested in discussing books.

Radio Frederick: Music Through the Decades - 30s & 40s with The Rocky Birely Combo, June 14, 7 - 9 p.m., tavel back in time and enjoy popular standards from the era of big bands and the greatest generation on the library's outdoor deck.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## MSS recertified as Maryland Green School

Lynn Taylor

Mother Seton School is pleased to announce that The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) has recertified MSS as a 2018 Maryland Green School. Maryland Green Schools are part of a national and international community of sustainable green schools. There are 618 active Maryland Green Schools, over 27% of all Maryland schools, a 2% growth from 2017. Mother Seton School was the first Catholic school in Frederick County to receive Green School certification, having first been certified in 2009.

The Maryland Green Schools program encourages educational opportunities for Pre-K-12 schools that increase awareness and un-

derstanding of environmental relationships that impact public health and the local community. The program is aligned with Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement 2014 goals and supports Maryland State Department of Education graduation requirements and standards. A few of the initiatives adopted by MSS include lunchtime composting, the Monarch Waystation, and integration of the Trout in the Classroom program, where seventh-grade students raise trout from eggs to fingerlings before releasing them into the wild.

Over the past decade, MSS has demonstrated and documented a continuous effort to integrate sustainable environmental management practices, environmental education curriculum, professional development oppor-

tunities, and community engagement into daily operations. "Our recertification demonstrates our commitment to teaching our students values such as stewardship, that we are responsible for God's creation and have a duty to protect and care for the earth," said Mother Seton School principal Sister Brenda Monahan, D.C.

"Our state has one of the strongest Sustainable Schools programs in the Nation. Students, teachers, school personnel, parents and community partners work together to create a positive learning environment. Student actions are essential to becoming a Maryland Green School," says Laura Johnson Collard, MAEOE Executive Director. "Schools that participate in the program save energy; reduce waste; conserve water; and



Mother Seton School Green School Coordinator Danielle Kuykendall gives a hands-on lesson in environmental science to her 7th-grade students. Studying local water resources is just one of the many ways MSS continues to integrate environmental awareness and stewardship in their Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) curriculum.

create and restore habitat. More and more teachers are using the school grounds as an extension

of the classroom; getting students outdoors is crucial for their connection with the environment."

School's Out Party, June 15, 1 - 2 p.m., School's out for summer! Meet on the deck for music, games, prizes and refreshments.

Hula Hooping with Soolah Hoops (Ages 3-14), June 19, 10 - 11:30 am, learn hula-hooping techniques and try them out for yourself! Chalk Party

Teen Theater, improv with the MET, June 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., join actors from The Maryland Ensemble Theatre for an improvisation class.

Kitchen Chemistry (Grades K-5), June 22, 10:30 - 11:30 am, science exploration using common household products.

R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope (Grades K-5), June 23, 11 - noon, children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Music on the Deck - Bluegrass Chapel Band, June 24, 2 - 3:30 p.m., bluegrass and gospel kick off the 10th season of Music on the Deck.

Curious Minds, turn your existence into your legacy - June 25, 2 - 4 p.m., take charge of your estate and plan for your future. Learn about the documents you need to prepare for a health emergency or financial

emergency, the ins and outs of your Last Will and Testament, the importance of a Financial Power of Attorney, and creating a Healthcare Advance Directive. Planning for - and having these documents in place - will save you and your family thousands of dollars. Join us for an informative and entertaining (yes even this topic can be entertaining!) ses-

sion. Also, Maryland Room Historian Mary Mannix will discuss how your family heirlooms and possessions of historical importance can be preserved.

Musical Masterpieces (Grades 3-12), June 26, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m., create art inspired by styles of music.

Rockin' Kids - 50s Music (Ages 3-8) June 27, 2 - 2:45 p.m., celebrate fun music and movement from the 50s.

Catoctin Forest Alliance Speaker Series: 150 Years of Resource Protection, June 28, 7 - 9 p.m., Historian Greg Bartles of the Maryland Conservation Agency Museum discusses the history of the National Resources Police back to their beginning as Oyster Police. This preservation Program Series is presented in a partnership

between the Thurmont Regional Library and the Catoctin Forest Alliance.

Friday Flicks (Ages 3-12), June 29, noon-2, round up the kids, pack a lunch, and head over to the library for a fun movie on the big screen.

Chess Club (Grades K-Adult), June 30, 11 -noon, beginners to advanced players welcome. Learn, play, and sharpen your skills. Visit FCPL.org to register for an event or call 301-600-6329.

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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

*This month we asked our students to reflect on the closing of the Emmitsburg Chronicle in June 1918 and the role traditional community papers play in today's digital environment.*

### Sophomore Year Identity and community

**Kaitlin Marks**  
MSMU Class of 2021

Since I was a little girl, writing has composed a part of who I am. I could find inspiration everywhere, and could nurture that tiny spark into a vibrant flame capable of inspiring others, teaching, celebrating, or enacting change. From writing for websites, creating my own blog, and writing paper after paper for school, I've learned to appreciate the power of words in all of their forms. Further, reading composed who I would become. When we read stories, we take on their best qualities; when we read history, we preserve our culture and learn from mistakes. When I came to the Mount and, on a hopeful whim, applied for this position with the Emmitsburg News-Journal, I had never known just how impactful even a small town newspaper could be. By providing valuable information, history tidbits, recipes, gardening tips, political platforms, and infinitely more, many people could understand the surface-level value of such an organization. Perhaps even more important is the way a newspaper, especially in a small town, can weave amongst individuals a common thread, shimmering and un-

wavering, of community. Human beings need community. Simply put, we are nothing without other people; we need each other, and we need a strong sense of who we are as a community. Newspapers like this one keep the traditions, values, and ideals of a small, richly historic town alive. Words are their own form of glass, trapping stories and memories onto a page long enough for us to read them, share them, and experience them all over again.

As a writer, this newspaper means so much to me. In my first year of college, this newspaper was a glimpse into the world of professional writing, even if I was only contributing to this small section of a large, diverse product. I was able to meet other girls who were interested in writing (and phenomenal at it). I learned not only from the feedback I received on my articles, the unique articles we were tasked with writing, and from the newspaper itself, which I always try to read in its entirety; rather, I learned abundant amounts from these other writers, whose perspectives always intrigued me, styles always surprised me with their elegance, and kindness to the new, quiet freshman writer always made me feel like a

welcome part of the team. I'll admit, I was intimidated. Everyone around me being so talented made me feel like I couldn't keep up, but as the feedback on my first, second, and third articles landed in my inbox, I shifted from feeling inadequate to feeling much more confident. However, this newspaper is both capable of and means so much more than providing me with a place to grow.

As a reader, the newspaper, practically bursting with information, facts, and opinions, comes to life through the power of the voices within it. Without a newspaper, even now in the age of social media, flash news, and instantly accessible stories, a community would lose an overwhelmingly large part of its identity. With the loss of the Emmitsburg Chronicle in 1918, Emmitsburg lost a portion of its history. There are no records of war casualties from Emmitsburg. There are no insights into what life was like back then. There are no stories, memories, or more importantly, voices to be heard from within the pages. I can share my voice with readers, and I can experience the unique voices of others. Without ever having met me, a reader of my work can often peer into my soul and come away knowing, at least in part, who I am. Without ever having met the authors of recipes, opinion pieces, environmental columns, or historical recollections, I

can learn who they are in addition to what they are saying.

Newspapers hold within them, especially within a town like Emmitsburg, the capability to bring people together. They encapsulate the unique nuances of a town, particularly the ones only recognizable by those who live there. Inside jokes with the newspaper staff may only make sense to citizens of the town; the picture of the old, abandoned building may remind residents of the town about a time long past where things were happy or sad. The difference between a newspaper and the more digital world of today's news is in the details. The work, time, energy, and collective effort of so many people that collide form the newspaper itself. On the internet, news races by so quickly and in such abundance that it is impossible to form a genuine or meaningful relationship between readers and writers. The thing is, without connection, words are just words. The people of a town know one another. They care about what is going to be said. There is a deeper, personal connection between newspaper and town. The words and stories capture the vibrancy of life within even a small town, and further, allow people to connect with one another in a way unparalleled by other forms of written and broadcast news.

To me, this paper is so much more than a cultivation of stories,

news, and history. It is a community in itself. The community is built during our Four Years at the Mount meetings, on those comfortable chairs in the Mount's library, sharing ideas and reflecting on our past month's work. The community stems from the stories contributed by people across Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and Frederick County as a whole. The community belongs to the words spilling across page after page, that become more than just words; the community blooms out of stories and shared experiences, of common knowledge and of hope and of history. Without a newspaper, a town loses its identity. It loses that binding element that starts with the cliché landing of a newspaper on a white, chipped porch swing and ends with the satisfied flutter of paper onto a kitchen table after reading its contents. Without a newspaper, a town loses the best and most authentic way to preserve its history: both historical events and the day-to-day history that makes us who we are. Overall, for me as a writer and a reader, the value of a newspaper is in having an opportunity to share, develop, and express who I am, while gaining the knowledge, experiences and stories of others.

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

### Junior Year Fortunate of the forgotten

**Morgan Rooney**  
MSMU Class of 2020

In 2018, each and every person may receive their news in a variety of different ways. You may receive your news through the television, a car radio, smartphone news apps, or perhaps even a newspaper, like you are reading right now. Although newspapers remain in existence across the world, they don't have as big of an effect as they used to because of the variety of different news sources to choose from. Even those who still frequently read their local Sunday papers could easily find another way to get their news if the newspaper were to suddenly fall completely out of existence. However, this wasn't the case in Emmitsburg 100 years ago. In June 1918, the Emmitsburg Chronicle was discontinued after 40 years of print, leaving Emmitsburg without a newspaper in the throes of World War I.

Losing a paper in this way, I imagine, was a great loss for the town of Emmitsburg. Even though a discontinuation of the sort would not be so devastating today because of the ready availability of other ways of communication, when the Chronicle went out of print, decades of important information were lost and people forgotten. Word of mouth

isn't always the most effective way to get news across, and our memories come, go, and eventually die with us. Ink, however, makes those memories permanent.

One of those gaps in the history of Emmitsburg is the soldiers the town lost in the war. By the time that this particular article is published, I will have traveled overseas to study in Tours, France where I will remain for over a month in an attempt to improve my French language skills and take in the French culture. This is an amazing opportunity that I am very fortunate to have, yet I wouldn't have this amazing opportunity if it hadn't been for those who fought for this country, many losing their lives along the way.

With the records of time lost after the discontinuation of the Chronicle, the men of Emmitsburg who lost their lives during the first world war did not get the recognition that they so rightfully deserved. Names include Frances Xavier Elder, Charles F. Gelwicks, Martin Luther Hahn, John Reading Schley, and Henry Higbee. It is rather unfortunate that these men could not have been recognized in the local newspaper for the sake of keeping their names in history, and immortalizing the sacrifice they made for the US military.

Very little is known about the circumstances of their deaths, although

they all died in France, where I will be spending the next month of my life. All that is said about Captain Henry Higbee, who was 24 at the time of his death, was that he died "somewhere in France."

These are just a few of the men who died fighting for our liberty. Because they died in France, I am able to travel there shortly to study and learn another culture in the world. This is something I am very grateful for and these men deserve some recognition for aiding in giving me, and many others, the opportunities we have today that we often take for granted.

Thinking back to everything I ever learned in history classes, both in high school and college, much, if not all, of history, science, let alone literature, would have been forgotten if it weren't for the written word. There is so much that is unknown about history because it was not written down. So many holes are left unfilled. We wouldn't know nearly as much about past empires and civilizations. Their written records open the door to understanding their entire culture, and why they fell. We learn from history every day, and our past writings helps us do that. Our recordings of philosophy, science, and mathematics are crucial to expand upon. Without writing, so much of our development would be lost. Writers are the ones who hold history together.

For our generation, and later down the road, and for the generations after us, the written words hold many of our most important stories and the

outlines of our lives. Although not everything we experience can be expressed through ink, ink keeps much longer than our memories do. To put our memories on ink and pass it to the next generation makes a big difference, even if it is just a local news article for a local event.

This newspaper has also given me powerful insight into the community here in Emmitsburg. As someone who came from a large city in Texas, I hadn't even seen a community paper quite like this before. It is something that a small town can benefit from much more than a large city can. It preserves the town better than anything else. A newspaper seems to be a form of establishment for any town. There are some things that every great town has, like a post office and a library. Without these things, a town wouldn't feel like a town. I think that a newspaper has the same effect as a post office or a library does.

The archives of a town newspaper show the growth and development of the town (check out the 100 Years Ago column for proof!). The growth and downfalls are a part of each and every developing city, and it is important for the citizens to know of it.

Although many years were lost when the Chronicle was discontinued, it still had a great effect on the town. For example, this newspaper, the Emmitsburg News-Journal would not be the same had the Emmitsburg Chronicle never been in existence, as it is one of the newspapers that the News-Journal is modeled upon. Yes, it is unfortunate it didn't carry on through those years, but the paper you're reading now could almost be thought of as the child of the Emmitsburg Chronicle, therefore, it will always have its place in Emmitsburg.

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# On the closing of the Emmitsburg Chronicle - June 1918

## Senior Year

### Building a community with words

Shea Rowell  
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Over 100 years ago, Emmitsburg's local paper, the Emmitsburg Chronicle, went out of print. Amid the turmoil and demands of the Great War, the small country newspaper crumbled under the blow after serving the Emmitsburg community for 40 years. The newspaper article covering the Chronicle's closing was mournful of the future of the town, as it no longer had the little town paper that had been its "neighbor and best friend." The town lost the news source created by its people, for its people, and the loss was felt in the following years.

One of the things that stands out to me about the article about the closing was the personal touch the Chronicle had. Unlike the newspapers of nearby big cities, the Chronicle was edited by a true Emmitsburgian, Sterling Galt. The article states that Galt brought humor, cleverness, and enthusiasm to the little town paper and used the forum to take a stand in favor of clean, ethical government. The personality of the editor and the values of the town came through

in the paper's content and quality, making the paper a true mirror of Emmitsburg culture.

Another point that the writer of 100 years ago made that caught my attention, was that the loss of a small-town paper is like the loss of an involved community volunteer. The newspaper serves the community by promoting its events, informing the public about upcoming civic events such as elections and town hall meetings, and allowing its people to voice their opinions and observations to their fellow townspeople. The town newspaper fulfills said services often for free, and with little desire to profit beyond the costs of its operation. In essence, the town newspaper is a service to the town that a town should prize and cherish.

It is the responsibility of the town to promote its paper; both the readers and the writers must fight to keep it alive. On the writers' side, it is imperative that the paper serves the community with integrity and high quality standards. The paper must voice the concerns of the community and celebrate its victories, be present with it in times of both struggle and joy, and

promote the values the community cherishes. On the other side, the readers of the paper must reward such invaluable service with their loyalty and sponsorship.

In my short year as a writer for the Emmitsburg News-Journal, the Chronicle's successor, I have learned more about the value of the small community paper than I ever thought I would need to know. I admit that besides viewing occasional online articles from my home town newspaper, I have never really valued it as I should have. In a town out of rural Virginia, bigger papers like the Washington Post easily overshadow my small county's paper. I have realized, however, what a grave mistake this has been.

One thing I never knew about small newspapers is that they not only report about communities, they create communities. As a Mount student from Virginia, I had very little connection to the town of Emmitsburg before coming to school, and very little community involvement even after moving onto Mary's mountain. The Mount sometimes feels isolated from the outside world, as if the students and faculty there live in a bubble with a different culture than all the surrounding regions. The Emmitsburg News-Journal has connected me to the Emmitsburg community by reach-

ing out a friendly hand, and reminding me that there are more people in this little town than my roommates and classmates. There are schools with students of all ages having events and celebrating achievements. There are businesses opening, closing, and changing each day. There are candidates seeking office, and elected officials who want to share their goals with the town. There are churches dedicated to seeking God by a variety of means. The list goes on. Through the Mount and particularly through ENJ, I now feel like I am a part of that community more than I otherwise would have been. I enjoy knowing what is going on in town, and taking a part in the "bridge" between town and campus life.

It has also taught me the value of the "personal touch." I have had many edits returned to me with the criticism, "you took out the personal touch." I hope I have since learned to keep it in! The personal touch is the voice of the writer who sounds like a person and not a machine. It is the understanding of a person who knows the people he or she is reporting about and loves the community he or she serves. It is the humor, the content that relates to the daily lives of readers, and even the honesty of the writers about who they are and what they really think—even if

the opinion will not be universally shared.

Big papers cannot afford such liberties. They serve the wider community, and therefore must adhere to a wider set of needs. Their survival depends on popularity on a grander scale, and they must pander for readers and sponsors. They cannot be simply people who care about their communities—they are too scattered to know the communities they write about. The small paper knows you and serves your needs to the best of its ability. It combines the best quality standards with the familiarity of your "friendly neighborhood newspaper."

When a town does not have a paper, it loses its voice. It loses the medium to draw people together from across town, and to unite them under their love for their community. It loses the informer who cares about it and who desires to bring out the community's welfare through its very existence. It loses its access to history, dialogue, and local news. It suffers a great loss.

Therefore, (jokes about self-promotion aside) I encourage you to support your local paper to the best of your ability. The town benefits from the service of the paper, and will not be the same without it.

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## The Graduate

### Start the presses

Sarah Muir  
MSMU Class of 2018

Thomas Jefferson, is credited to have said, "Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Newspapers are one of the first forms of mass communication. This country was built on newspapers and printing presses. Today news outlets have, no doubt, spread to the corners of the internet and grown to encompass all forms of social media. We are now constantly in the know about what is happening in the world at any given moment. However, this has led to the common belief that physical newspapers are unnecessary and decidedly old fashion. This is a point of bitterness in the evolution of publishing; that hard copy editions are no longer valued. I am a firm believer that there should always be a hard copy for reference. I know I run the risk of sounding like an old codger convinced that all technology will fail and plunge us into darkness, but as a student that has been the product of many dark screens where once was scholarly research, it is better safe than sorry. This translates to printed newspapers. With the de-

cline of the printed word and the movement to more digital platforms, so disappears what marks we have made on history.

One hundred years ago, in 1918, The Emmitsburg Chronicle's presses ceased their printing and the Emmitsburg area was left without a local newspaper. This, as I am sure you can imagine, was a severe travesty. For a long period of time an entire community was left without a source of local news, and to a greater degree, without a voice. Newspapers are important for any society. They are a means of connecting individuals, and are a way in which a community voices the concerns and possibilities that it faces. It is a place for information and for platform where individuals can be heard.

I have said it many times before and I will say it again; I have spent the last four years involved with the Emmitsburg News-Journal. I cannot imagine a time when this newspaper would stop printing, nor do I want to. During my time as a part of the staff and had the opportunity to work with a team of writers that understand the importance of producing a quality local newspaper. While we are small compared to other news outlets, we value our community and strive to impact it with our words. In these last four years,

I have come to love everything about this paper. What is more is that I have come to an awareness of what a newspaper should be. A local paper is an integral part of the threadwork of any community; something that ties individuals together by providing information and education. I have grown to expect more from the news I read. Newspapers should be responsible for the content they produce and I have become a consumer that is more prepared to discover which ones are more trustworthy.

However, I seem to have danced around the question of what it is that makes a quality local newspaper. There are many ways you can answer this because there are many facets to a paper: reliable reporting, high caliber writing, a staff that is devoted to the integrity of the content, and an overall acceptance of the responsibility the newspaper has to the community. It is no secret that the Emmitsburg News-Journal prides itself on the reliability of its reporting. It strives to give to the surrounding communities thought provoking, intelligent, and informative articles that are held to a high standard of writing. I have worked closely with the people who make this paper possible, and I have yet to find a group of people more devoted to giving the community the best paper they can than the people who are responsible for mak-

ing this paper a reality.

Newspapers, as I am sure you know, are a primary source for information. National papers strive to provide their readers with the glories and catastrophes of an entire nation. Local Newspapers, on the other hand, I have found to be more intimate. They are acutely aware to where the heartstrings of a community are tied; the problems that concern them the most and the victories that reflect well on all individuals. They are informative, and if they are any good, reliable. A community is dependent on the quality of their newspaper and I know that the surrounding community is provided a high quality paper in the Emmitsburg News-Journal. I am not just saying that because I am a part of the staff, but rather I say it because I know it to be true. It would be impossible to work closely with this paper and not see the dedication that is placed in each edition.

All in all, a good local newspaper is a community talking to itself. In it, it has the concerns, promises, and values of the locals. It survives and lives in the hearts and minds of the individuals in the community. In working for a small newspaper like the Emmitsburg News-Journal, I have grown to respect a good newspaper when I see it, and I do not think there is one better than this in the whole world. I search for the same reliability and intellect I have come to receive from this newspaper. I suppose all of this can be boiled down to the seven words on the front page of our newspaper, words from the immortal Edward R. Murrow that perfectly sum up what a newspaper should be, which is, "exulting the importance of ideas and information."

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## FASHION

# Summer shades

Valerie McPhail  
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It takes an eye for fashion to see that the future of the sunglass industry is bright. The summer shades have not only complemented outfits in the Spring 2018 runway season, but this small, and yet pivotal piece of fashion has overwhelmed the advertising world — reaching skyscraping billboard campaigns and video promotions in the busiest neighborhood of New York City. The impact gives the public a nod to the future of fashion. Sunglasses are not only trending, they are the nucleus of a summer outfit.

The oversized, bug-eyed lens, pointy, cat eye fashions and sleek, tinted, pilot aviators represent animated forms of design, that not only make one feel hip and cool, they provide fashion health benefits worth sporting. As Fox News shared online, sunglasses carry “UV Protection, Blue-light protection, [allows for] comfortable vision [and is] skin cancer [preventative.] People should wear sunglasses outdoors whether they are working, driving, participating in sports, taking a walk, running errands or doing anything in the sun.” While wearing sunglasses may inspire one to inflate their status, or shade their identity, in the same way a celebrity would act, sunglasses have a fundamental safety net quality shared

by every human being. Sunglasses are fashion’s most forward piece of design because they are the most practical and inclusive.

Warby Park is a company unlike any other — for its mission stands to advance the eyewear industry by offering affordable optical healthcare and an overall approachable perspective to eyewear. Charging \$75 for eye exams and glasses — sunglasses included — at a base price of \$95, Warby Park is determined to bring luxury lens at a decent price point while building a business founded on social consciousness. At the purchase of a pair of glasses, another is donated. The New York based, entrepreneurial company was among the first brands to create a buzz around fashion-forward glasses, marked at an unbeatable price.

Practical things aside, sunglasses have surfaced the waves of design as a focal point of summer fashion. A form of fashion communication for “do not disturb,” celebrity status, and cool factor, sunglasses have become more than a beach accessory, the last thing you throw in your bag with your keys, on your way out the door. Rather, an accessory of modern interest and a runway piece of art, sunglasses are the one and only item that pulls a summer outfit together. Sunglasses are an accessory of modern interest, a runway piece of art and are undoubtedly practical.

Fashion shows were first to start making bold sunglass statements. More than creating cultural references from John Lennon’s small circular shades, or the Matrix replica, miniature, oval glasses — styles in vogue stand as a more cultural statement, whereas the high fashion shows ran with dramatic appeal. These designs at times make a louder statement than the collections at show. Gucci’s playful approach to accessorizing reaches a maximum level with white block animated square shades shedding a blood red, tear drop paired to a simple, lime green jumpsuit, while girly, heart-shaped sunglasses with deep purple tints outfitted to a silky, polka dotted blouse and trouser set. A final impressionable style was a slick, razor thin design with ski mask appeal decked out in gems of kaleidoscope colors. This fashion was a reoccurring look but made a strong first impression when paired with a star-dust-animating top and sleek navy pants, at the beginning of the show. Gucci makes its mark this season through comical eyewear that catches everyone’s attention.

With similar sentiment Dolce & Gabbana presented the most re-creative “Do It Yourself,” DIY sunglass designs experienced on the runway throughout the Spring 2018 season. Filled with personality, individuality in the way DIY creations inspires, but also colorful and uniquely made. A pink tiki hut rimmed pair of sunglasses matches with a zebra and fruit printed maxi dress. Flower petals round the rim of a gold pair of sunnies, to match a radish printed dress and bedazzled shrug layer. A matching pair of Queen of hearts cards layer of a pair of glasses, eyeholes cut in the shape of hearts for visibility is another pair of shades that complemented Gucci’s Spring 2018 collection of artistic and eye-catching sunglasses.

Off the runway brands are also in fashion. Son of Oliver People’s



Persol rebrands through print advertisement and social media app Instagram.

founder Garrett Leight is advancing the eyewear industry by adding a little heart and soul to an opulent industry. Based in Venice Beach, California, his namesake label offers designs named after the streets of the beach, grounding the brand in a laid back, bohemian foundation while launching collaborations with fashion brands including Amelie Pichard and Robert Gillard, that refresh its perspective with eccentric and cult-followed brands. In recent news, the protégée released a collaborative collection with a kindred spirit, Ulla Johnson. The New York designer known for her free-flowing bohemian dresses and feminine touch shares a quaint collection of Barbie doll square frames, bubble gum pink tinted lens that are reminiscent of moments driving in a convertible with the top down. The Ulla Johnson x Garrett Leight collaborative collection sets the tone for a summer mindset on cruise control.

Sunglasses are also trending in the world of advertising. In a film campaign featuring UK pop star Charli XCX, Marc Jacobs presents its latest eyewear collection. The color-tinted shades of lemon, lime and strawberry comple-

ment the color palette of the seasonal, Spring 2018 collection, a 70’s point of view. The aviator shades elevate her rock star mentality, as they pair with her loud printed dresses and faux fur outfits. The advertising campaign creates a dream through the lens of the sunglass collection. In this recent film, Marc Jacobs shows how a pair of glasses completes an outfit.

Persol, yeto is another brand that has surfaced in the world of social media and advertising. A recent video campaign in Times Square breaks the Italian crafted label into a Western market with a rebranded look. Classically known for habitually featuring Steve McQueen in an archive of their advertising, the label redefines its rebellious nature by featuring the same simple frames in the context of witty jargon. “The truth lies between the lines,” “Nostalgia is a thing of the past, the past is present” and the brand’s leading line, “Good point, well made” shares the label’s fundamental intention to make sleek-looking, yet practical eyewear first made for sports drivers and pilots. Persol is on the rise of comeback, in perfect timing, when eyewear has reached a pinnacle of interest in fashion.

Sunglasses are the strongest statement this summer. Through the runway and advertising, fashion brands make the statement through a variety of mediums this year. The beauty of this trend is that the rules are not too stiff. Aside from the tiny rectangular futuristic Matrix shades, the trends range from classic Persols tinted Marc Jacobs Aviators to art pieces from the Dolce & Gabbana runway. The diversity of brands show just how a key piece of fashion can reinvent itself and still remain a classic piece of fashion. After the runway shows end, and the film comes to a close, sunglasses have a final impact: supposedly, as my mother says, sunglasses enhance your outfit. Maybe it’s time for me to find my perfect pair.

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# COMMUNITY NOTES

## Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club Show

On June 8, 9, and 10, the Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club will host their 40th Annual Gas Engine, Tractor and Truck Show. The Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club is composed of members having the desire to promote the restoration, preservation, and use of antique tractors and machinery in activities which are educational in nature and the sport of tractor pulling, and improving the standard of community through providing education, interest and general participation in these activities.

Admission to the show is free, and there will be plenty of family friendly activities for all ages include-wagon rides, barrel train rides, a combine slide, shingle mill, gas engine displays, tractor and truck displays, flea markets, crafts and more. Vendors are welcome.

The beginning of this show was originally started by a Middletown Vol. Fire Co. member, who was also one of our club members. Then the two groups joined and did the show together with the fire co doing the food and CMATC doing the tractor pull and other activities until, the fire company was ready to do the improvements on their grounds and a new location had to be found. That's when Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club took the whole event over and we moved to Gladhill Tractor.

This year we are doing something new. Our tractor pull on Saturday is a Benefit Pull. All proceeds will go to a local 4-H member, Kaisy Knott, who is battling brain cancer. Her treatment protocol is not approved in the United States, so it is not covered by insurance, but it is working, so the fami-

ly must pay out of pocket for all her treatment and it is very expensive.

The show begins Friday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m., with antique and collectibles auction, Consignments accepted. For more info contact John Roop 240-674-6815. At 7 p.m. we will have the Dave Boyer and Clayton Lenhart Scholarship Fund Memorial Cake Auction.

On Saturday, the show opens at 10 a.m., with the Antique Tractor Pull. The Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (ages 5-10) will take place at 1, and at 4 there will be free Watermelon for all!

On Sunday the show opens at 11: a.m., with the Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull. The Parade of Tractors will take place at noon, and the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull (ages 5-10) will take place at 1 and The Slow Tractor Race will take place at 2.

Billy Steers, the author of the Trac-

tor Mac series of books will be on the grounds with his books both Saturday and Sunday. This is really a special treat for us.

The show will take place at

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# ARTS

## 2018 Gettysburg Brass Band Festival

The United States Army Herald Trumpets return to the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival along with 14 bands from five states.

The 2018 brass festival will begin Thursday evening, June 7 on the Main Stage at the Lutheran Seminary with the Adams County Community Band and The Gettysburg Big Band.

The Gettysburg Brass, Hot House Jazz Band, Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps, Antebellum Marine Band and others will perform Friday evening, June 8 at locations around the town of Gettysburg.

The festival will host the Atlantic Brass Band (2017 North American Brass Band Association Champion and US Open Champion) from New Jersey, the Chesapeake Brass Band (former North American Brass Band Association Champion) from Delaware, Spires (former North American Brass Band Association Champion), Rockville (2017 North American Brass Band Association 2nd Section Champion) and Benfield Brass Bands from Maryland, the

Brass of the Potomac from Virginia, the Allegheny Brass Band from Pittsburgh and the Capitol Bones from Washington DC. All will perform on the Main Stage on Seminary Ridge, Saturday, June 9.

The Gettysburg Brass Band Festival closes with the moving "Taps" Tribute as buglers bring honor at historic sites at sundown. A popular part of the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival is the Instrument Petting Zoo where youngsters of all ages have the opportunity to try brass instruments. A Saturday Gettysburg Lions Club Community Picnic will also be held at the Main Stage site.

The United States Air Force Heritage Brass 10-piece ensemble will perform a brass band festival encore performance concert Monday, June 11 at 7 pm in the air-conditioned Seminary Chapel. This free event is organized by community volunteers in partnership with the Lutheran Seminary Music, Gettysburg! Concert Series and Destination Gettysburg.

"When we see a town with flourishing enterprises, such as newspapers, schools, libraries,

picture galleries, literary and scientific societies, concert halls, theaters, Brass Bands, etc., we need not be told that it is the dwelling place of intelligent and cultivated people." This excerpt from George F. Patton's A Practical Guide to The Arrangement of Band Music, published in 1875 describes our town, made famous as the place where Abraham Lincoln delivered his "Gettysburg Address" four months after the Civil War battle which bears its name.

The small college town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania has become home for the past 20 years to the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival. Gettysburg Brass Band Festival performers have included The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, The United States Army "Old Guard" Fife and Drum, The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, The Quantico Marine Band, The River City Brass Band, The Boston Brass, The Grammercy Brass Orchestra, the Athena, all-female all-star Brass Band, the Syracuse



University Brass Ensemble and the United States Army Herald Trumpets.

The Gettysburg Brass Band Festival, Inc. is a 501 c (3) orga-

nization. Tax deductible donations are payable to the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival and sent PO Box 3491, Gettysburg, PA. 17325.

## Community Show Arts & Crafts listing

It's time to be thinking about your entries for the 62nd annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show! Exhibits may be entered on Thursday night

September 6 from 6-9 pm, and/or Friday morning September 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. Exhibits must be removed on Sunday, September 9 between 3 - 6 pm.

There will be changes made to some of the department classes. Most notably, changes will be made to these two Adult Departments: Dept. 12 - Arts - Paintings & Drawings and Dept. 13 - Crafts as follows:

- All Painting and Drawing entries must be framed, must be ready to hang for display and

must be the exhibitor's original work (no prints or copies).

- No nude or distasteful entries will be accepted.
- By early August, the Community Show premium books will be available at local businesses; and the Community Show website ([www.thurmontandemmitsburg-communityshow.webs.com](http://www.thurmontandemmitsburg-communityshow.webs.com))

will have the entry exhibits listing and the schedule of activities.

So that exhibitors can begin preparing their entries here's the class listings for: Dept. 12 Arts; Paintings & Drawings: Arts; 1. Calligraphy; 2. Sculpture; 3. Wood Burning; 4. Other, not listed. Painting; 5. Acrylics; 6. Mixed Media; 7. Oil; 8. Paint Night Painting; 9. Decorative Painting; China; 10. Decorative Painting & Fabric; 11. Decorative Painting; Wood; 12. Decorative Painting; Misc.; 13. Tole Painting; 14. Watercolor; 15. Other, Not Listed Drawing; 16. Charcoal; 17. Colored Ink or Pencil; 18. Computer Created Technical Drawing/ Graphics; 19. Pastel; 20. Pen and Ink; 21. Pencil; 22. Other; Not Listed

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 1. Basketry; 2. Ceramics; 3. Collage; 4. Dried Materials - framed or in a container; 5. Decorations; Door (a. Wreaths; b. Misc.); 6. Decorations; Holiday (a. Christmas; b. Easter; c. Fall; d. Halloween; e. Thanksgiving; f. Misc.) 7. Fiber & Textiles; 8. Furniture (a. Handcrafted; Small (2 ft. or less in height); b. Handcrafted; Large (more than 2 ft. in height); c. Restored; Small (2 ft. or less in height); d. Restored; Large (more than 2 ft. in height)); 9. Jewelry; 10. Leather Craft; 11. Metal Craft; 12. Model; 13. Recycled materials; 14. Stained Glass; 15. Scrapbooking; 16. Stenciling; 17. Wood Craft - other than furniture; 18. Other, not listed

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# Totem Pole Playhouse opens its 68th season

Totem Pole Playhouse, America's beloved summer theatre, located in Caledonia State Park between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, will open its 68th summer season with the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat starring Broadway veteran, Matt Rosell from Les Miserables, as 'Joseph' and Marie Eife as the 'Narrator.'

The production will mark the Playhouse's new program of offering one family-friendly, large-scale Broadway musical for the entire family each season. Totem Pole is offering a special Family 4-Pack of tickets for just \$125 that can be purchased by calling the box office directly; there will be no on-line sales for this special promotion. Additional adult tickets may be purchased at \$35 for adults and \$25 for children (under 15). Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is based on the story of the "coat of many colors" from the

Bible's Book of Genesis. It was the first Webber and Rice musical to be performed and its family-friendly story, familiar themes and catchy songs have resulted in over 20,000 productions including a popular video release starring Donny Osmond.

The second production of the season will bring the Tony Award-winning Best Musical Ain't Misbehavin' to the Totem Pole stage for the first time. The musical is a tribute to the black musicians of the 1920s and 1930s who were part of the Harlem Renaissance and takes its title from the 1929 Fats Waller song, "Ain't Misbehavin'." It was a time when Manhattan nightclubs like the Cotton Club and the Savoy Ballroom were the playgrounds of high society with the new beat known as swing. Five performers present an evening of rowdy, raunchy, and humorous songs that encapsulate the various moods of the era and reflect Waller's view of life as a journey meant for pleasure and play.

Actor/musician Jason Cohen, 'Jerry Lee Lewis' in last season's box office smash Million Dollar Quartet, returns in the third offering of the season, Murder for Two. The two-person musical comedy murder mystery co-stars Gavin Rohrer who has also played Jerry Lee in MDQ at the Paramount Theatre in Chicago, the Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma, and the ZACH Theatre in Austin, Texas. Murder for Two features both multi-talented actor/musicians together on the Totem Pole stage with Rohrer playing the detective, Cohen playing all of the suspects and both actors playing a "killer" piano. In this hilarious 90-minute show, 2 performers play 13 roles - not to mention the piano - in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries. Murder for Two is described as the perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder!

The final production in the Playhouse's regular four-show subscription

season will be the international smash hit musical Mamma Mia! Closing out the summer season for one week only will be a "special return engagement" of the stage comedy The Queen of Bingo which first played Totem Pole in 2009 and marked the introduction of Rowan Joseph as an actor to Totem Pole audiences. Joseph became only the fifth Artistic Director in Totem Pole Playhouse's 68-year history, a role he assumed in 2013.

The Queen of Bingo explores the perils of Bingo, family bonds, winning, losing, and sibling rivalry. Joseph will once again portray 'Babe', a 52-year old, larger than life, sugar-crazed, bingo fanatic who is joined by her older, svelte, senior citizen sister, 'Sis', played once more by Shane Partlow. Joseph and Partlow are also business partners who competed as a team on the 23rd edition of the CBS television series The Amazing Race. Playing the dual roles of the 'Caller' and 'Father Mac' will be Totem Pole

favorite, Paris Peet, who will lead the audiences at every performance in a live bingo game with the winner taking home a 10-pound frozen turkey!

Subscription prices for all four shows range from \$133 for junior subscriptions, ages 5 to 15, and \$171 for adult subscriptions. Single ticket reserved seat prices for the season are \$50.00 for all seats. Totem Pole also offers three low-cost preview performances with all seats half-price, \$25.00, with general admission seating. In addition, a 4-play and 3-play FLEX subscription plan will once again be offered at the same prices where subscribers have the flexibility to choose the performance they wish to attend (subject to availability) rather than be locked into a set date for each production.

Tickets for groups of 10 or more are on sale now by calling the Totem Pole Playhouse Box Office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 717-352-2164.

# GCT casting for summer shows

The Gettysburg Community Theatre is now casting for local talent for their summer productions of Into The Woods, Children Of The Battlefield, and America The Beautiful.

"Community theatre is for the community by the community," says Secretary of the Board of Directors of GCT, Dr. Lori Hockley. "By day GCT's actors, musicians, technicians, volunteers, and board members are teachers, IT directors, sales clerks, lawyers, store managers, small business owners, grandfathers, bankers, electricians, bookkeepers, retirees, stay-at-home moms, students, etc. from not only Gettysburg but the surrounding towns and counties as well.

Into The Woods, a fractured fairy tales musical written by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim features a cast of adults including: Chuck Lambert from York in the leading role of The Baker. Michaela Odian from Taneytown, plays Cinderella, Kevin Foster from Mechanicsburg plays Jack from Jack & The Beanstalk, So-

phie Stromberg from New Windsor, plays Little Red Riding Hood, Nic Vaughan Ecker from Biglerville plays Rapunzel's Prince, Andrea Stephenson from Dallastown and Linda Fink from Gettysburg play Cinderella's Stepsisters, Lindsey Ringquist and Jesse Ringquist from Gettysburg play the Baker's Wife and The Steward/Wolf #2, Michael Krikorian from Gettysburg plays the Narrator/Mysterious Man, Shane Miller from Gettysburg plays Wolf #1/Cinderella's Father, Buff Wills from Gettysburg plays Jack's Mother, and Marilyn Lopes from Gettysburg plays Cinderella's Mother.

The production is under the direction of GCT Founding Executive/Artistic Director, Chad-Alan Carr, along with Music Director Nicholas Werner from York who will conduct live musicians from a piano on stage, and Andrea Stephenson assists the production greatly as the Stage Manager. Into The Woods performs 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays June 1-17.

Children Of The Battlefield, an

original one act play written by GCT alumni Katie Pellegrino, and based on true stories of the children during the Battle Of Gettysburg featuring Civil War Era music and the recorded voice of the incomparable late great Jim Getty as President Lincoln, will share performance dates with a musical revue titled America The Beautiful at various times this July perfect for tourists and residents.

The casts include local youth: Emma Greenawalt and Caleb Greenawalt from Dillsburg, Rebecca Williams from Littlestown, Reia Hogan, Emma Kirk, Maria Kirk, Liliana Hoedemaker, Kalia Hoedemaker, London Nieves, Jorja Nieves, Ivy Nieves, Audrey Norwood, Tessa Trax,

Audrey Trax, and Jordan Coscia from Gettysburg, Joshua Schriver from McSherrystown, Jeffrey Miller and Sara Miller from Biglerville, Richard Coursey from Emmitsburg, and Gaven Dingle from Waynesboro, with Eleanor Hogan and Sarah Kirk from Gettysburg as Stage Managers, Carrie Trax from Gettysburg as Music Director, and GCT Alumni and now Senior Musical Theatre Major at Catholic University in D.C., Marilyn Lopes, originally from Gettysburg, serving as Director/Choreographer.

Children Of The Battlefield performs July 6th, 7th, & 20th at 8 p.m. and July 14th, 15th, 21st at 2 p.m., while America The Beautiful performs July 7th, 8th, & 22nd at 2 p.m.

and July 13th, 14th & 21st at 8 p.m.. Tickets to either of these July productions can be purchased online in advance for \$12+tax/fees per person.

As the theatre only seats 80, advanced purchase is highly recommended for these popular shows.

Also on sale now, are performances held at GCT including A Year With Frog And Toad - August 10-26, Annie - September 7-23, and The Diary Of Anne Frank - October 5-21.

GCT is located at 49 York Street within the first block of Lincoln Square in historic downtown Gettysburg. GCT's box office phone number is 717-334-2692. Audition, ticket, educational, donation, volunteer opportunities and more can be found online at [www.Gettysburg-CommunityTheatre.org](http://www.Gettysburg-CommunityTheatre.org).

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<b>Monday, July 30</b> Having a Ball in Thurmont Games Day	<b>Tuesday, July 31</b> Emergency in Thurmont Fire, EMS, Police Day	<b>Wednesday, August 1</b> Famous for a Day Famous in Thurmont	<b>Thursday, August 2</b> Who's On First? Baseball in Thurmont

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## LOCAL SPORTS

# Little League seasons are underway

Edison Hatter

Just nine months ago, at the Maryland State Little League Tournament, a talented Little League team from Thurmont defeated opponent after opponent on their way to winning the state title in dominating fashion. Then, the team set their sights on Bristol, Connecticut for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Little League Tournament. The team from Thurmont faced many strong opponents, but fought hard to earn a spot in the championship game against a team representing New Jersey. Unfortunately, the team got into early trouble and fell 8-3 to conclude their season. Despite losing the tournament, the team accomplished a lot over the course of the season, was welcomed home with a parade in town and was even invited to Camden Yards to be recognized prior to an Orioles game. Now, the town of Thurmont and supporters of its Little League are ready for a new season to begin. After coming so close to a regional championship last season, will one of the teams this year be able to find the key

to a regional title and a berth in the Little League World Series?

One factor that may play a part in the success of the teams this spring is that the Thurmont Little League system will have an influx of new players from Emmitsburg. After struggling for the last couple of seasons, the town of Emmitsburg decided at the end of last season to merge their baseball and softball programs with the Thurmont Little League and Catoctin Recreation Council. Dwindling participation from both players and volunteers was cited as the main reason for the merge, although the town of Emmitsburg has left open the possibility of reorganizing in the future. Jeremy Johnson, a teacher and former basketball and golf coach at the high school level, will serve as president of the Thurmont Little League this season. "Smiling kids!" Johnson said when asked about his favorite part of Thurmont Little League, "I enjoy seeing kids have fun, after all that is what they all want. I enjoy the small town feel as if we are all one big family. The support the town has is amazing and much appreciated."

This season, the league features six 11-12-year-old major Little League teams: the Brewers, Cubs, Diamondbacks, Nationals, Orioles, and Yankees. At this point in the season, the teams have played over a half dozen games and are nearly halfway completed with their season. So far, the Nationals and Diamondbacks lead the way with 6-1 records, while the Brewers and Cubs are close behind at 4-3. The Orioles are 1-6 and the Yankees are 0-7 to round out the bottom of the standings. All six teams were in action on Thurmont Little League's Opening Day, but none of the games were particularly close. The Cubs beat the Brewers by a final score of 10-1, the Nationals defeated the Orioles 14-3, and the Diamondbacks took down the Yankees 12-6. The Nationals and Diamondbacks, the top two teams in the league to date, have played each other twice so far this season. In the first matchup early in the season, the Diamondbacks emerged victorious with a 6-4 win, but the Nationals got their revenge recently, defeating the Diamondbacks 2-1 behind some stellar pitching and defense.

The 9-10-year-old minor Little League division also has six teams in Thurmont this season: the Astros, Blue Jays, Cubs, Diamondbacks, Dodgers, and Orioles. These teams have also played roughly half their season at this point. The Cubs lead the way with a 5-1 record, but the Orioles are very close behind with a 4-2 record. The Astros have a winning 4-3 record, the Diamondbacks are exactly at .500 with a 3-3 record, and the Dodgers are just below with a 0-6 record. Despite being a game be-



hind the Cubs, the Orioles may have the upper hand as they have defeated the Cubs in their only matchup of the season thus far. The game was extremely high scoring, but the Orioles prevailed 16-14. Many of the games in the league so far this season have been high scoring, but close. The Astros have been in three one-run ballgames so far this spring. Early in the season the Astros defeated the Diamondbacks 15-14, then the Astros defeated the Orioles 14-13, and most recently, the Astros fell to the Diamondbacks by a 16-15 final score. The Cubs are annihilating the league in the run differential category, having scored 51 more runs than their opponents so far this season. The next team is the Orioles with a +8 run differential.

The Thurmont Little League also has a tee ball level program for younger players. Recently, two teams in the league, the Cubs and Pirates, played on the main field at the Thurmont Little League complex. Coaches from both teams stay on the field with the players during the game and there was a strong emphasis on learning how to play the game while also having fun. Coaches from both teams helped the players hit the ball, run around the

bases, field their positions, and throw the ball. Many runs were scored over the course of the game, but no one in attendance knew what the final score was. Ultimately, the final score of the game didn't matter; the fact that the players learned and had fun was what was most important. The game ended with a handshake line and both coaches talked to their players afterwards about the game.

Across the border into Pennsylvania, the Fairfield Recreation Association has also held their Opening Day ceremonies for the 2018 Little League season. Instead of limiting their opening day celebrations to one day only, the Fairfield Recreation Association chose to hold their season's opening events over an entire weekend. The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with numerous baseball and softball themed competitions, including base running relays, throwing relays, and a homerun player for the Little League aged players. For younger players at the tee ball level, there were modified base running competitions and throwing relays. The party continued early on Saturday morning with a player parade through town that ended at the ball fields where an official ceremony and player introductions were held. The association held their first fundraiser of the season, a pig roast, in the early afternoon to help raise funds for the organization. Then, the day continued with some baseball games, of course. Games started towards the late morning and continued until sundown. The opening weekend festivities were very successful and all who attended had a great time.

Despite having fewer teams when compared to some of the other Little League programs in the area, the Fairfield Little League program is still able to attract talented players to put together successful teams. This season, the league has two tee ball teams, the Fairfield Cubs and the Fairfield Pirates. The league also has two rookie level teams, the Fairfield Phillies and the Fairfield Orioles. The 10U All Stars, the Fairfield Angels, and the Fairfield Tigers are the three minor league teams and the Fairfield Orioles and Fairfield Royals are the two major league teams this season. Additionally, Fairfield has fielded a 13-15-year-old Babe Ruth team this season.

To find out more about the Thurmont Little League, visit [www.tllbaseball.com](http://www.tllbaseball.com), and to find out more about the Fairfield Recreation Association, visit [www.fairfieldrecreation.com](http://www.fairfieldrecreation.com).

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MOUNT SPORTS

# Spring sports round out season

Samantha Barbato  
MSMU Class of 2018

The school year may have ended, but that means nothing to Mount St. Mary's University sports that have kept the excitement going on campus, even when most of the students are home for the summer.

Rounding out the academic year with one of the biggest accomplishments was men's track and field who were able to take home the Northeast Conference Championship title for the first time in 21 years, a win that was accomplished from coming from behind on the last event. The men were able to secure their win by only two points, a slim margin, ending with a score of 172, followed by Central Connecticut with 170, Saint Francis (Pa.) with 138, LIU Brooklyn with 132, Wagner with 69, Sacred Heart with 62, Bryant with 38, Farleigh Dickinson with 29, and finally St. Francis Brooklyn with 9 points.

Senior D.J. Workcuff was named the men's Most Valuable Performer. Workcuff is the first Mountaineer to win the honor since 1992. Workcuff contributed to the team with a second place in the 4x400m relay, a first place in the 4x100m relay, sixth in the 100m, fifth in the 200m, and first place in the long jump. Workcuff contributed to 35 points total for the team. Many of the team's contributors to the win were also able to qualify for the IC4A/ECAC Championships in Princeton, NJ on May 12 and 13. These included senior Brenden Chavis, first year Nicolas Fransham, first year Will Merrit, junior Benjamin Finigan, senior DJ Workcuff, senior Christopher Gabor, sophomore Justin Kimble, junior Colin Waitzman, first year Sean Fahey, and sophomore Matt Selba. Highlighting the weekend were senior Brenden Chavis was able to break his own school record for the hammer throw at the championship, and Fransham who was able to earn All-East honors after placing sixth in the 10,000m run in addition to Kimble who earned All-East honors in the 100m.

The women's team were able to finish third in the conference championship, the best finish since 2015. First year Kayla Barnes took home the Most Outstanding Rookie Performer honors, becoming the third in program history to win the NEC Most Outstanding Performer Award. Barnes was able to win gold in both the 100m and 200m dash as well as led a trio of Mountaineers to finish fourth in the 400m dash. Also scoring big for the Mount was senior Moriah Fitzgerald who won gold in the pole vault by breaking NEC records, fifth year Natalia Hinton, who secured a win in the long jump, and the team of junior Mariah McLane, sophomore Chardane Logan, first year Chalys Caruth, and junior

Clarke Hooper also were able to pick up a gold in the 4x400m relay. At the IC4A/ECAC Championships, Fitzgerald and Barnes were also able to pick up All-East honors. Fitzgerald tied for fifth place in pole vault, clearing 12' 1.5". Barnes earned her honors in the 100m dash with a time of 12.04 seconds.

The Northeast Conference also named head coach Jay Phillips and the whole Mount St. Mary's track and field coaching staff the Northeast Conference Outdoor Track and Field Coaching Staff of the Year. The team continued to get recognition with the All-NEC award winners. Earning First Team All-NEC honors on the men's team included Worckuff (long jump), Fahey (triple jump), Selba (discus), as well as the relay team of Worckuff, Martin, Kimble, Lapreziosa. On the women's side the winners were Barnes (100m and 200m), Hinton (long jump), Fitzgerald (pole vault), and the 4x400m relay team of McLane, Logan, Caruth, Hooper. Earning Second Team All-NEC on both teams included Fransham (5000m), senior Chris Wray (high jump), first year Carter Nave (pole vault), sophomore Alex Devine (discus), Chavis (hammer throw), the men's 4x400m relay team senior Brady Atland, junior Andrew Humm, first year Brandon Briscoe, and Workcuff, junior Isabell Ross (400m hurdles), and the 4x100m team of Hinton, Barnes, first year Najae Nickerson, and McLane.

Workcuff also qualified to compete in the NCAA East Preliminary in Tampa, Florida for the long jump.

The Mount baseball team has also stayed back at the Mount for competition. After the academic year ended, the men headed to the Sunshine State for a series against Florida State. They were able to return home to finish their regular season



Mount track team celebrates victory at Northeast Conference Championships.

on their home turf against Bryant University. Through the splitting of a pair of games on Thursday, May 17, the team was able to clinch a spot in the Northeast Conference tournament for the first time since 2008, where they won the tournament with a fourth seed. The team will begin their fight for the title on Thursday, May 24, by taking on Bryant, the team whom they clinched their conference spot against, but lose the series 1-2.

The team has also had a number of standouts and awards given within the past month. First year Thomas Savastio earned Co-Rookie of the Week for the week of May 7 and his first-year teammate Brenden Kennedy was able to join him two weeks later on the list to earn the Rookie of the Week title. In addition, junior catcher Zach Costello was added to the 2018 Johnny Bench Award Watch List, alongside junior teammate Sean Kelly who was added prior in the year. The award is given annually to the nations top NCAA DI catcher.

Even though the end of these athletic seasons has passed already, the men's cross country, women's cross country, women's swimming and diving, and men's tennis team were recognized for their athletic accolades. All four Mount

teams were recognized for academic excellence by the NCAA on Wednesday after scoring in the top-10 percent of their sports in the most recent Academic Progress Rates, which measure eligibility, graduation and retention each year or academic term and provides a clear cut picture of the academic performance of each team.

More exciting news that hit in May included the announcement of the men's basketball team new head coach. Dan Englestad will return to the Mount basketball program as the head coach. Englestad previously had time with the team as an assistant coach under Milan Brown from 2007-2010, where he helped lead the team to a Northeast Conference Championship in 2008. The team went on to record their first NCAA Division I Tournament win against Coppin State in the first round of the tourna-

ment. Englestad has spent his past five seasons as head coach of Southern Vermont College, a DIII school in Bennington, Vermont. He was able to lead one of the biggest turnarounds when he entered the program, coming off of a 1-24 season. Englestad, in his five seasons there, produced a 104-34 career record, was named the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Coach of the Year three times, and helped the team to its two NEC Champion titles, including the school's first in 2016.

The Mount has kept up the excitement even after the academic school year has ended and most of the students have gone home. It may not be time to grab your chairs and head to the Mount fields, but certainly keep an eye out for more news on Mount sports and exciting accomplishments and competitions to come.

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## COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

# Health through the five elements

Renee Lehman

If you have enjoyed my articles about health and wellness, please consider joining me at the 15th Annual Building Bridges of Integration for Traditional Chinese Medicine Conference. The 2018 Conference is entitled: Health Consciousness. The mutual theme uniting all of the workshops is: Giving Knowledge LIFE. It is being held October 11-14 at the Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA.

Many of my articles have discussed Traditional Chinese Medicine's (TCM) foundation in Five Element Theory. This conference will provide you with the understanding of how Five Element Consciousness is the foundation for deepening your self-awareness and developing a wellness-based approach to healing.

The Building Bridges Conference is America's premier educational event on body-mind-spirit healing. This is a landmark conference which has introduced conference attendees to an innovative framework that connects timeless ancient wisdom with the latest advances in modern science (quantum physics). Healthcare professionals (whether conventional, complementary, or integrative practitioners), and those with a thirst to live healthy, joyful lives will experience an unforgettable three days.

This unique perspective illuminates a deeper understanding of humans as energy beings. In many of my articles I have written about Qi (pronounced chee), the wise and intelligent Universal Life Force that runs through all living things. I have also written articles dealing with Oneness. Modern science tells us that everything is energy (Qi) and everything is connected. All that is, is part of the Universe. Nothing exists in isolation. Based on these discoveries, health, and healing can be viewed as a window into the body's quantum information framework. During the

conference speakers will use the ancient Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) framework to show how healing goes beyond the physical level, thus revealing that we are an expression of Oneness and Universal love.

Over the past 15 years, this conference has offered a revolutionary energetic framework (based in TCM) for bringing the whole person into balance and harmony. This framework views health and well-being from the angle that consciousness, self-discovery and health are deeply connected. Conference presenters show how this is possible. The sessions are thoughtfully integrated with practical information for participants to discover how to gain optimal health and enhance daily life. "Tools" are offered to support the understanding of body-mind-spirit integration for the purposes of self-discovery and healing.

### The Answer is Within

Healing becomes a journey to reclaim your true purpose and become aligned with your inner blueprint. This personal and ultimately private journey is one of self-discovery. Health and wellness occur when you access your "internet," not the internet! Through self-discovery, we recognize our connection to the universe and that nothing is separate.

*"Truth is not something outside to be discovered, it is something inside to be realized."*

—Osho

*"Everything is energy. Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed from one form to another."*

—Albert Einstein

*"Neither will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."*

—Luke 17:21

How is this Conference Different?

The uniquely developed agenda purposely weaves focused workshops, Qigong practices, and evening dialogues with presenters and colleagues. There are also opportunities to receive healing LifeForce: Tao of Medical Qigong sessions. The Building Bridges for TCM Conference draws our participants back year after year. It provides a way to understand how true health and wellness result from multidimensional influences of emotions and spirit. Healthcare practitioners leave this conference with tools of prevention, self-care and self-cultivation for themselves and for their patients that encompass body-mind-spirit medicine. I have been attending the conference since 2009, and have learned valuable, practical ways to support my clients as they transform their health.

A Few Conference Workshop Topics:

- Five Element Consciousness: Digesting Food Allergies Through a Quantum Framework
- Hard to Stomach: Treating the Root Cause of Acid Reflux
- Energy, the Quantum Mind, and Well-Being
- Treating Infertility Through Chinese Medicine
- Genetically Modified Foods: Consequences for You and the Environment
- Quantum Functional Medicine: The Future of Medicine in Practice Today
- Experiential Workshops that emphasize Qigong practices that balance and harmonize the body-mind-spirit for healing.

Featured Speakers:

Nan Lu, OMD, is founding director and president of Traditional Chinese Medicine World Foundation, the country's foremost educational organization for traditional Chinese medicine. As Grand Master of Wu Ming Qigong, he is a lineage holder of ancient knowledge not found in today's textbooks. He has devoted his life to preserving the unique body-mind-spirit wisdom of TCM and Wu Ming Qigong. A longtime TCM practitioner, his mission is to help patients and his Qigong students discover their healing abilities

and the effect of consciousness in everyday health. Dr. Lu's latest book is Digesting the Universe: A Revolutionary Framework for Healthy Metabolism Function, a major work that addresses the multidimensional aspects of today's chronic health issues. He holds a doctorate in traditional Chinese medicine from Hubei College (University) of TCM, China, and is a clinical associate professor at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook, School of Social Welfare.

Menas C. Kafatos, Ph.D., is a quantum physicist, cosmologist, climate change researcher and works extensively on consciousness. He teaches individuals and organizations on the natural laws that apply everywhere and are the foundations of the universe, for well-being and success. He is the Fletcher Jones Endowed Professor of Computational Physics, and Director of the Center of Excellence of Earth Systems Modeling and Observations at Chapman University; Visiting Professor, Division of Environmental Science & Ecological Engineering, and Advisor BK21 Plus Eco-Leader Education Center, Korea University, Seoul, Korea; and Affiliated Researcher, National Observatory of Athens, Greece. He has authored 315+ articles, is author or editor of 17 books, including The Conscious Universe (Springer), Looking In, Seeing Out (Theosophical Publishing House), and is co-author with Deepak Chopra of the 2017 book, You Are the Universe (Harmony).

Stephen Druker, JD, is a public interest attorney who founded the Alliance for Bio-Integrity. He is a well-known speaker and media commentator on the risks and regulatory issues of genetically engineered foods and served on food safety panels at numerous high-profile conferences within the

United States and around the world. His influential book, Altered Genes, Twisted Truth: How the Venture to Genetically Engineer Our Food Has Subverted Science, Corrupted Government, and Systematically Deceived the Public, was released in March 2015 with a foreword by Jane Goodall highlighting it as "without doubt one of the most important books of the last 50 years."

Ellen Franklin, Ph.D., is co-founder of the Acutonics Institute of Integrative Medicine. For more than 20 years she has been involved in developing and teaching programs in sound therapy rooted in classical Chinese medicine, depth psychology, and science. She is co-author of Acutonics from Galaxies to Cells: Planetary Science, Harmony, and Medicine, the author of numerous articles, and a regular contributor to Oriental Medicine Journal. Ellen received her Certificate in Jungian Studies and her PhD in psychology from Saybrook University. Her doctoral research focused on self-care with Acutonics to reduce severe stress and compassion fatigue in nurses.

There are many other speakers, including myself. So, if this article has peaked your interest, check out the Building Bridges of Integration for Traditional Chinese Medicine 2018 Conference: Health Consciousness, October 11-14, 2018. Hyatt Regency, Reston, VA. Visit <https://www.tcm-world.org/conference/conference-2018> for more details and to register. (28 CMEs granted and PDAs from NC-CAOM pending)

Hope to see you in October!

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FITNESS AND HEALTH

# Exercise can boost your mood

**Linda Stultz**  
**Certified Fitness Trainer**

The past few months have been filled with upsetting news of illness to several people in my life. The old saying of "when it rains, it pours" has really been the case lately. Talking with friends, family and the people affected can be a good way to work through the feelings and concerns you may be having. Going for a walk, run or ride on your bike will raise your endorphin level and boost your mood. Some people like to go to the gym and pump iron to release tension while others can feel better with less exertion. Whatever works for you and is something you enjoy, so you keep doing it, is worth setting aside time for.

Everyone knows exercise can improve high blood pressure, lower cholesterol and improve flexibility but not everyone thinks of improving emotional and mental feelings with a good workout. Many doctors have prescribed exercise, both cardio and weight training, to help patients with depression or other diagnosis. Our body has many ways to heal itself and often we think of medication before self-help. I always recommend seeing your doctor for a professional diagnosis but it won't hurt to talk to the doctor about anything you can do on your own that may help.

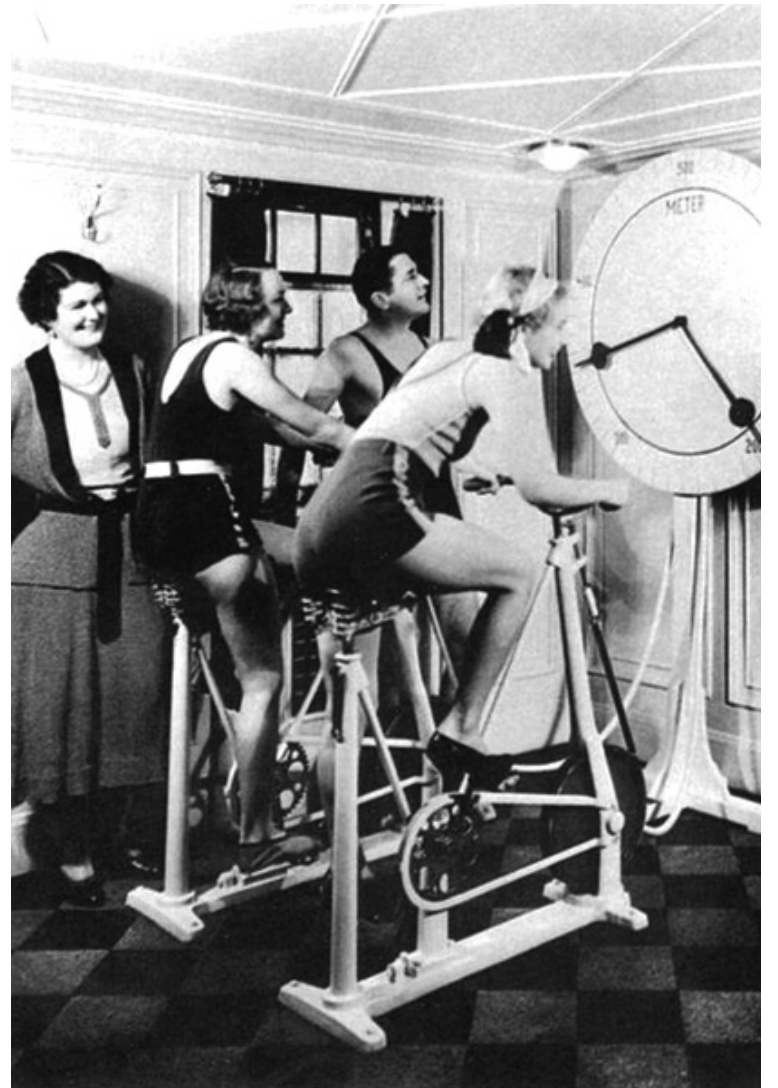
Today medical doctors are working together with professionals in alternative medicines to treat the complete patient. Medication is often needed to treat a disease but alternatives treatments like acupuncture, meditation and even exercise can ease the symptoms. People have learned that keeping active can sometimes keep their spirits up and having a positive attitude always seems to help when you are facing any hardship. Having someone to talk to usually gives you a release and may even give you a better outlook on the situa-

tion you are facing.

Finding a partner to take a brisk walk with while you talk about what is troubling you may be the answer for some. Walking by yourself and having the time alone may be just what others need. I think the most important thing is sharing your concerns with someone or being there to listen to someone's thoughts is how most of us can get through life's challenges.

A true friend is one that will put your needs first and present ideas to help you through whatever you are facing. This is the time you find out who your real friends are and believe me, they will be there for you no matter what.

Remember, Keep Moving, we now know how much it can help. *If you have any information to share or questions you can reach me at 717-334-6009. Remember to keep moving, that always helps.*





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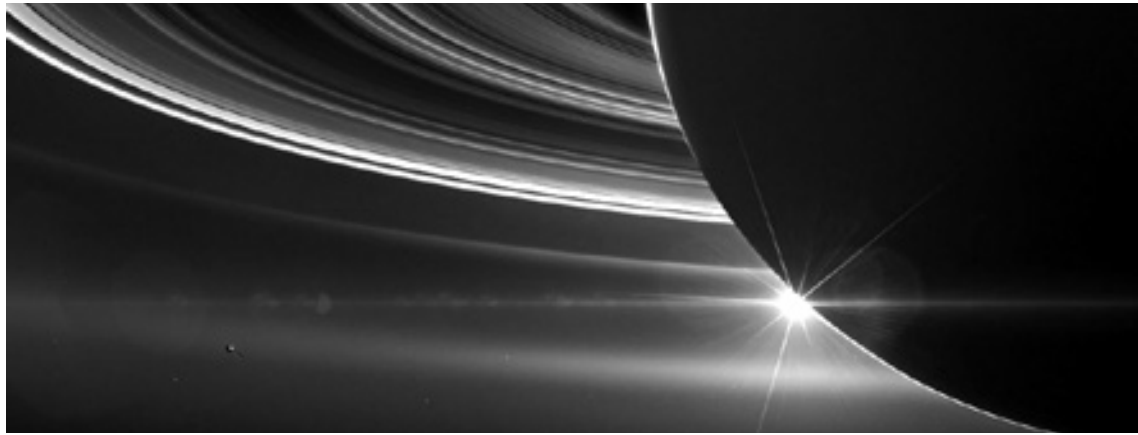
## ASTRONOMY

# The night sky of June

Professor Wayne Wooten

For June the waning gibbous moon passes 1.6 degrees north of Mars in the morning sky on June 3rd. Look how bright Mars appears this morning, and then wait a month until the moon passes above Mars again on July 1st. By then, the earth is overtaking Mars, making it much closer, bigger, and brighter than it appears this morning. It will be more than twice this bright in July! The moon is third quarter on June 6th, and new on June 13th. On June 15th, the waxing crescent moon is to the lower right of brilliant Venus in evening twilight, and by the 16th, it lies just to the upper left on Venus. So the afternoon of June 16th, if it is clear, will be a fine time to catch Venus and the moon in afternoon daylight, about 30 degrees east of the Sun.

The moon is first quarter on June 20th. June 21st is the summer solstice, the longest day, about 14 hours in Pensacola, and even longer at more northern latitudes. This event occurs at 5:07 AM CDT, and marks the northernmost point of the Sun on the ecliptic as we revolve around it annually. The waxing gibbous moon is just north of Jupiter on June 23rd, another chance to catch a planet in daylight if the skies are clear enough in late afternoon. Jupiter is fainter than Venus, so this is a far



NASA's Cassini spacecraft 8-billion-kilometer mission to Saturn, that returned some absolutely breathtaking photos of the unexplored space between Saturn and its rings. Along the way, it visited all of Saturn's major moons, laying the preliminary groundwork for humanity's first self-sustaining colony in the outer solar system.

more difficult challenge, but I have done it a few times. The full moon, the Honey Moon, passes just north of Saturn on June 28th, and returns to pass north of Mars again at month's end. Again, look at how much brighter Mars appears than on June 3rd!

This June Mercury is too close to the sun to observe. Venus dominates the western evening sky, and should be easily found in daylight on June 15th, letting the crescent moon guide you. Telescopically it is a gibbous bright disk, 80% sunlit now. No other details are noted with amateur scopes alas. Mars is in Capricornus, rising in the east at about midnight at the start of June, and around 11 PM by month's end. Its disk is still small, but getting bigger and brighter by night as the Earth overtakes it. The two planets are closest and bright-

est at opposition on July 26th, when Mars rises at sunset. We have not seen Mars this close since August 2003.

Jupiter is well placed for evening observers in Libra. It was at opposition on May 5th, and is now wheel up in the SE as twilight falls. Any small scope will also spot its four Galilean moons. The Great Red Spot is unusually red now, and should also be spotted among its clouds at 100X with even small scopes. But the most beautiful object in the sky is Saturn, which comes to opposition in Sagittarius on June 27th. Look closely for its large moon Titan, and also perhaps for smaller moons Dione, Rhea, and Tethys. Download the program Stellarium at [www.stellarium.org](http://www.stellarium.org) and you can zoom in on the planets to find the layout of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn at any moment.

The winter constellations are being swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but you might spot Sirius low in the SW as June begins. Sirius van-

ishes into the Sun's glare by mid-June, and this sets the period as "Dog Days", when Sirius lies lost in the Sun's glare. In reality, Sirius is about 20x more luminous than our star, but also lies eight light years distant, while our star is eight light minutes away from us.

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon. By the end of June, all the winter stars, like Sirius, are vanished behind the Sun.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. 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.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo (with Jupiter now to its upper right), then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four-sided grouping. It is above Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years away from us.

To the east, Hercules is rising, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. This rich cluster is one of the top telescopic sights in good sized scopes. Several other good globular clusters are also shown and listed on the best binoc objects on the map back page.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. Its constellation, tiny Lyra, looks like a parallelogram just south of Vega, but was the harp of Orpheus in Greek legends

In the southeast, Antares rises about the same time as Vega does, in the brightest of all constellations, Scorpius. Antares appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Romans) 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! Saturn lies north of the stinger tail of Scorpius, on the border of the teapot shape of Sagittarius rising in the SE after sunset.

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—Mark Twain (1836-1875)

### Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:

Storms, some severe (1, 2) with fair and warm weather (3, 4, 5); storms, severe in the southern part of the region (6, 7, 8) returning to fair and warm temperatures (9, 10, 11, 12). More storms (13, 14, 15) turning fair and warm again (16, 17, 18, 19); showers, some storms again in the south (20, 21) returning to fair and very warm (22, 23, 24, 25, 26). Showers (27, 28) with fair and warm (29, 30).

**Tornado Watch:** The Town and Country Almanack sees possible tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region the 1st and 2nd of June.

**Full Moon:** June's Full Moon will occur on Wednesday, June 27th. It has commonly been referred to as Strawberry Moon because the first

strawberries of the season become ripe for the picking (and eating!) in June. And because roses start to show their gorgeous blooms at the beginning of the month, it has been also called Rose Moon.

**Special Notes:** Summer officially starts with the Summer Solstice that occurs on Thursday, June 21st. June is a typical month for graduations so honor your favorite student this month when he or she graduates from high school or college. This is a major milestone so mark the achievement with a special event or memorable gift.

**Holidays:** Honor 'Old Glory and display it proudly on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14th, make sure you are displaying it properly. Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th. Do something really nice for the "old man" like breakfast in bed, an outing to his favorite sports event, or a special dinner out.

**The Garden:** Additional pruning may be required in June of fast-growing plants, such as juniper, privet and yew. This will help promote new growth and also maintain

a desirable shape during the growing season. Cut back perennials like Shasta daisy, black-eyed Susan, coneflower, and lavender after first bloom to encourage a second round of flowers in the Fall.

Cut back fuchsia, geranium, and margarine to encourage branching. 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.

It's not too late to start warm-season crops such as corn, beans, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and eggplant. Watch for insects everywhere! When you see them (and you will!), immediately wash them or pick them off plants before they can lay eggs and multiply. Use fungicide where diseases usually are a problem, especially on roses. If you cut flowers for fresh in-door arrangements early in the morning, they will stay fresher and more vibrant much longer.

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

"Every person has two educations — one which he receives from others, and one more important which he gives himself."



# COMPUTER Q&A

## Jester's Computers: celebrating 20 years

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Over 30 years ago my father Robert Jester became interested in computers and began completing repair jobs on the side. After several years of completing repairs out of the household basement, in 1998 he opened Jester's Court Computer Services out of a small green building located in Zora (where the intersections of PA Routes 16 & 116 meet.) At the time Robert was a full time Executive Chef at the Village Tavern in Walkersville Maryland. The business continued to grow and eventually was relocated to the back room of Jester's Hope Chest, an eclectic consignment shop owned and operated by my mother Mary Ellen Jester.

From the very beginning we established a great relationship with our clients ensuring that our services and prices were fair. After a health scare Robert was no longer able to work in the restaurant and was able to put all his time and focus on growing the computer repair business. Business continued to grow quickly and eventually after having my daughter in 2008, I too joined the family business. The consignment shop eventually closed, and Jester's Computers took over the entire yellow cottage. We were able to begin stocking products like paper, canned air, ink and various computer cables.

Later in 2008 the opportunity arose to purchase our current location at 5135 Fairfield Road where both the Jester's and the family business reside. Since moving into our new location business has grown even more. After several years of being employed elsewhere I rejoined the family business this time as a partner. Today we have over 3,300 active clients that rely on us for their technology needs. We have expanded our services significantly to include remote support, one-on-one classes and more. The products that we carry on the shelf have evolved as well, we no longer carry ink but we carry a variety of devices including flash drives, memory cards, peripheral devices like mice and keyboards.

There are some things that haven't changed much though. Our prices have only gone up ONCE in the twenty years we have been in business. Our drive and determination to provide the most comprehensive service possible while remaining friendly and affordable and our desire to be known as the best small computer repair business in the area.

Our customers speak for us as we do very little advertising and manage to stay fairly steady throughout the year. We hold annual clean-up specials in March and September providing our clients an opportunity to save \$20

off regular maintenance. We never try to upsell our clients and we are always looking out for their best interest rather than our bottom line. This is how we have managed to stay in business and provide exceptional service to all of the wonderful locals and visitors of the area. Clients who have moved out of the area ship us computers as far away as New Jersey and North Carolina. We provide remote support and antivirus for people as far away as the UK.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1**  
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**June 2**  
 Thurmont's MorningStar Family Church's 5th Annual Giveaway Day. For those of you who are new to this event, it's just like a yard sale except every item is absolutely free! This event is open to the general public. No dealers, retailers, or wholesalers. Nothing is for resale. The event and items are for those who have a need. For more information email [contact@morningstarfc.org](mailto:contact@morningstarfc.org).

**June 4**  
 Graceham Moravian Church's Served with Grace Free Community Meal. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Welcome, all!

**June 8 & 9**  
 St. Joseph Church's annual yard sale. Sponsored by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Donations are being accepted now and until the day before the sale. The sale will be held at the parish hall. For more information call 301-447-6343 or email [paorner@msn.com](mailto:paorner@msn.com).

**June 8**  
 Graceham Moravian Church's Paint Night to benefit Women's Ministries. Choose from two paintings. Instructions by Susan Baltic, retired art teacher and artist. Please call 301-271-2379 to register. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. All are welcome!

**June 9**  
 Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge will hold a festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the 'big slide.' Come enjoy good home-cooked food: Soup, Sandwiches, Iced Tea and Ice Cream & Strawberries from 4 - 9 p.m. Music by "River Bend Band" from 6 - 9 p.m. Come join us in Christian Fellowship - surely a good time for everyone of all ages.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off at the Public Safety Training Facility, 5370 Public Safety Place in Frederick. For more in-

formation call 301-600-1848.

St John's Lutheran Church's Dinner. Proceeds are to benefit Steve Wasler and infant Evelyn Guilday, menu will feature Fried Chicken, Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Garden Lettuce and Dressing as well as dessert. Parish Hall, 8619 Black's Mill Road, Creagerstown.

**June 10**  
 Graceham Moravian Church's Children's Lovefeast Service. Children will serve a lovefeast of cookies and punch as the congregation sings beloved children's hymns. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. All are welcome!

**June 15**  
 Spaghetti Dinner at Elias Lutheran Church with Special Music.

**June 16**  
 18th Annual Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival. Love the Highland Games? Imagine cheering your favorite athletes from the amphitheater-like hillside perhaps like our ancestors did so long ago. Love the bagpipe and drum bands all in kilts? Who doesn't? Love to shop for unique Celtic items for you or a loved one? Visit the Celtic marketplace for great selections at Scottish prices. Enjoy the finest Celtic foods and drinks (Haggis, whisky, beer, mead) available, plus whisky and beer tastings! Love Celtic music and dancing and cannot resist the urge to sing out loud or dance a little jig? Two stages filled with Celtic rock, acoustic music and traditional songs plus a dancer's stage. The festival will be held at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Activity Ground. 1003 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy.

For more information visit [www.sasmm.com](http://www.sasmm.com).

7th annual Emergency Services Golf Tournament to benefit the Fairfield and Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Departments. Location: Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain. Shot gun start at 8 a.m. with a 4 person scramble format \$75 per player (Includes cart, green fees, refreshments on the course and catered lunch after the tournament). Numerous team and individual prizes. To register your team: Call Sarah Ginn at 717-729-1998.

**June 17**  
 Graceham Moravian Church's 17 Thurmont's Brass Band, directed by Mr. Morris Blake will play for worship. Summerfest program for children begins. Father's Day and Graduate Recognition. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. All are welcome!

**June 20**  
 Adam's County Master Gardener's Garden Chat in the Trial Gardens at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg.

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**June 9**  
 Ladies' Summer Tea. Join us at the market for a lovely summer-themed tea time! We'll conclude our gathering by making a craft to add a touch of the season to your home. Join us for a fun, relaxing time with your friends...and make a new friend or two! This event is open to all Ladies - teens and up!

**June 16**  
 Father's Day Gift Event. We love celebrating family here! And we know that every dad is a unique and special part of everyone's family. Stop in anytime from 10-1 and make something just as unique as he is!

**June 19**  
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**June 26**

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**June 30**

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For more information on any of the events at Hollabaugh Bros., call 717-677-8412 or visit <http://hollabaugh-bros.com>.

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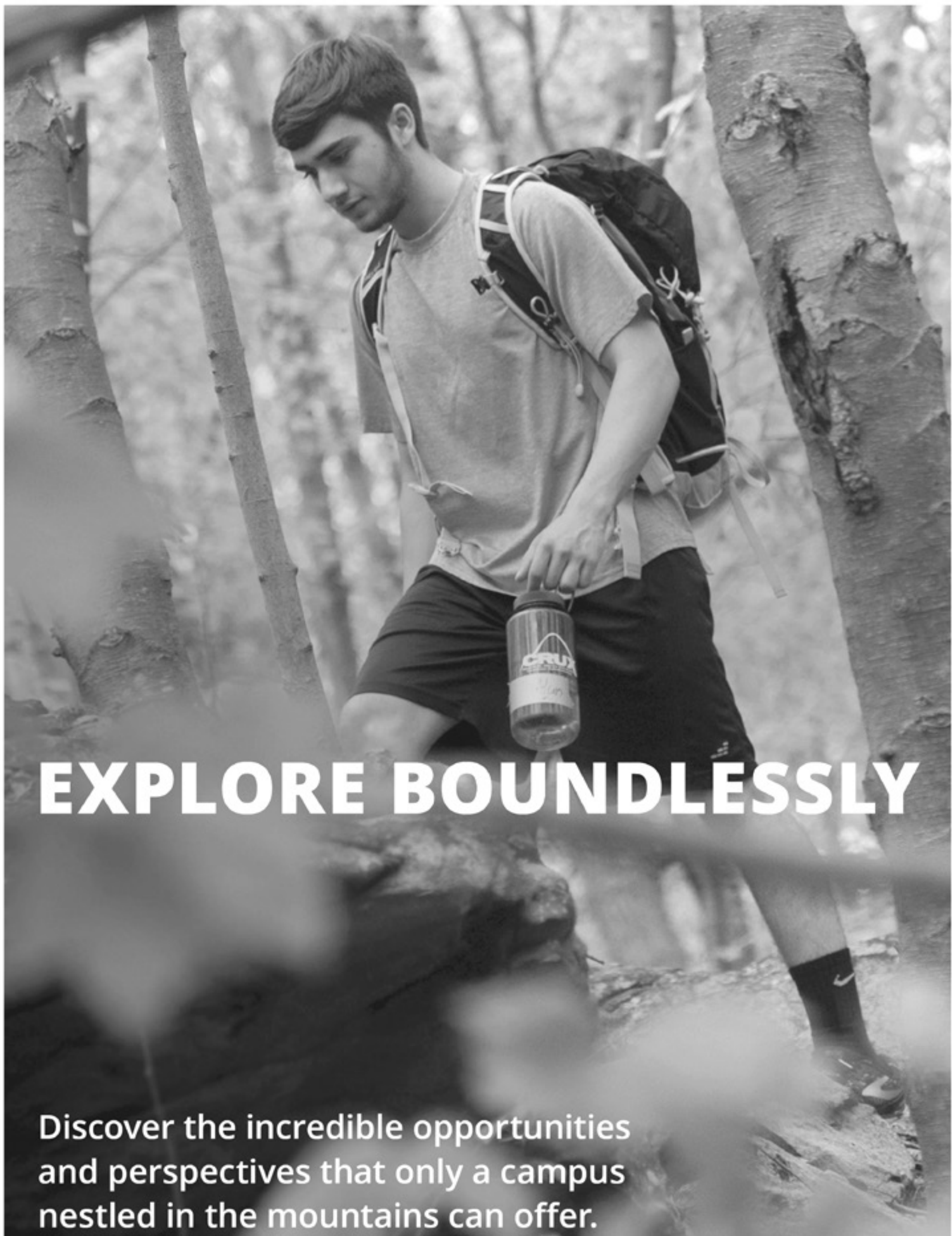
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