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Seton Apartments set to open doors

If all goes according to plan, by the time this paper is placed in your mailbox on Saturday, the long-awaited Seton Apartment complex will be officially open and the new residents will be moving in. All that is necessary is the final inspection by the town and county.

Originally developed by the Daughters of Charity in partnership with Homes for America, the low-cost affordable senior apartments was created through the renovation of the northern 51,262-square foot wing of the St. Joseph Provincial House.

The project was acquired in 2012 by Homes for America, a non-profit organization that specializes in developing and preserving housing for low and moderate-income households and special needs populations. Homes for America owns, and is responsible for, the full northern wing of the building. The remainder of the Provincial House continues to be owned by the Daughters of Charity.

Constriction for the apartments began in the spring of this year with the gutting of the entire wing. The renovation of the four-story wing included the installation of all new heating, electrical, and plumbing. The wing was subsequently divided into

43 apartments, 12 two-bedroom and 31-one bedroom, as well as beautifully appointed community spaces such as a computer room, TV lounge, and meeting room. Each apartment comes furnished with a full kitchen, a spacious living room, an amply sized bathroom, and gorgeous views.

While the apartments are designed for independent living, each resident will be issued a health alert pendant, which will be monitored by a 24-hour manned surveillance system. In addition, the center will provide a Resident Service Coordinator to help residents with issues such as Medicare, arranging travel, etc. Residents will also be treated to frequent get-togethers including potluck dinners, holiday parties, talks, and educational opportunities hosted by the management. "Independent living with a flair" is how it was described to the News-Journal.

Seton Apartments residents will be restricted to individuals 62 years of age or older who earn 30 to 60 percent of the area's median income, which ranges from \$22,500 to \$51,000 annually. The monthly rent amount for the two-bedroom apartments ranges from \$675 to \$725 and the monthly rent for the



Current County Commissioner and candidate for County Council District 5 Kirby Delauter (above) and County Council at Large candidate Bud Otis (below) have demonstrated their ability to serve the citizens of northern Frederick County. Their willingness to listen to the people, make hard decisions, step beyond petty party ideology and do what is best for citizens of Frederick County is refreshing. They have earned your vote and this paper's endorsement. (See the editorial on page 6 for additional endorsements)



one-bedroom apartments are calculated at 30 percent of the resident's monthly income.

As of October 30, all but two of the apartments have been rented out.

8th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour

The 8th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour has been scheduled to take place on November 22 and 23 entailing nine locations in the Fairfield area. Ten Adams County artists will open their studios in a special pre-holiday show and sale. The studios will feature paintings, pottery, calligraphy, stained glass, photography, and jewelry created by the local participating artists including: Geoff Grant, Becky Carter, Dorothea Barrick, Mark Brockman, Jack Handshaw, Dan Mangan, Don Rinehart, Ann Ruppert, Rod Stabler, and Sheila Waters.

According to Grant, "the purpose of the tour is to give people an opportunity to meet local artists in their homes or studios and to buy handcrafted art for themselves or family and friends for the holidays. This is my second year to participate with the Foothills Artists and it is a thrill to get to know and associate with such an artistic group."

Brockman noted that he has shown his paintings in many different venues during his forty-year art career, but this is the first time he has opened his studio to the public. "It's not fancy, it is a work place, but I also think that being able to experience an artist's stu-

dio can help the art collector and public at large, better understand the artist and what he or she does."

Grant, who took second place in last year's Gettysburg-Adams County Barn Art show, is a fine art photographer. His subjects include landscapes, architecture, and street photography. Carter will display award-winning works of handmade beads, as well as oil, pastels, and colored pencil. Barrick will feature air landscape/nature painting and abstract monotypes. Brockman, an award-winning participant in many juried shows, will feature landscapes, the human figure, and works in pastels, watercolor, and oil.

Handshaw is a potter working in all forms of clay, and particularly reduction fired glazed porcelains. Mangan, another past winner of the Gettysburg-Adams County Barn Art Show will feature stylized photographic subjects ranging from landscapes to florals to birds and street photography. Rinehart creates stained and etched glass, watercolors, pastels, pencil, and charcoal. Ruppert, an award winner in Franklin County Art Alliance creates works employing pastels, oils, watercolors and colored pencil. Stabler is a fifth-generation wood-



Orrtanna resident Mark Blockman will be one of many local artists who will be opening their studios for the public.

worker and retired cabinetmaker and creates one-of-a-kind woodcraft "with a flair." Waters, founding president of the Washington Calligraphers Guild, will show her Calligraphy work.

The artist's tour began at the invitation of Tom and Madelia Wajda to join their Christmas event at Willow

Pond Farm. "We are grateful to them for birthing the idea and supporting us for 7 years," said Barrick, "their participation will be greatly missed."

For additional information on the artists or the event, or for a tour map, visit www.foothillsartists.net.

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State to replace Flat Run Bridge

The bridge on Route 140 (East Main Street) over Flat Run in Emmitsburg is to be replaced, according to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA).

Charlie Gischler, spokesman for the SHA, said the bridge is slated for replacement most likely beginning in the fall of 2015, and completed in the summer of 2016.

The Flat Run Bridge project is presently in the design phase, so costs and target dates would be better known when the design is completed.

"We don't have a construction cost yet," Gischler said. "Technically, it's not funded for construction right now," but the money will be available once the cost is determined.

The plan presently calls for the replacement of the bridge, which will also entail shifting the bridge slightly from its present location.

The bridge, he said, "will be shifted slightly – five feet – to the south," which will move the bridge away from the Jubilee property to enable a sidewalk to be added to north side of the bridge.

There are no plans at present to put a sidewalk on the south side, since pedestrian traffic would primarily use the north side to access the shopping center.



The present bridge over Flat Run was built in early 1912, replacing a much older wooden bridge.

Gischler also noted that some adjoining land may also have to be acquired to facilitate the addition of the sidewalk, which will result in the finish bridge being wider than it is presently. "There may be a sliver of right of way we might purchase."

The SHA does not expect the construction to affect the flow of traffic. "We can do this under traffic," Gischler stated. "We can build this new structure without inconveniencing motorists. It won't be a dramatic difference to the motorists (getting across the

bridge during replacement)."

The shoulders will be removed during the replacement work to help with the flow of traffic.

The Flat Run Bridge was originally constructed in 1912, the spokesman said. "We're talking about a very old structure here."

The only previous work on the bridge Gischler could find was when it was widened in 1932, a "deck puncture" repair in 2006, and concrete repairs and preventative measures made in 2011 to the bridge pier and siding, along with some realignment of drainage.

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Emmitsburg ambulance back in operation

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company (Station 26) is back on-line as the result of a unanimous vote of the county Board of County Commissioners. The county commissioners lifted the suspension at their October 23 meeting. Eric Smothers, president of the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Association (FCV-FRA), stated that after a meeting with the FCV-FRA's executive board, it was agreed to recommend reinstatement

of the company.

Smothers said the FCV-FRA was still concerned about five students being listed as qualified responders. "Looking at the list they have provided they have five people that live within the required area. The other five are residents at the Mount, which, for the executive board, we still have a concern over because those folks are not permanent."

Particularly, Smothers said the

county commissioners should consider the following FCV-FRA recommendations: Reinstate the ambulance company back to a Code 2-only status, "which means they would not be dispatched on the first primary call," reinstatement of the funding sources that had been held in abeyance when the company was suspended, reactivate the ambulance company on a probationary period with an unlimited timeframe, implement immediate suspension if they do not meet requirements or stipulations spelled out, and provide a quarterly "ten list" to the FCV-FRA executive board as an update of the status of their ten list of qualified responder.

Smothers noted that, once the students went home or graduated, it could place the ambulance compa-

ny in jeopardy. "These (five Mount students) are transient folks that do not support a permanent list, which I think, down the road, we will still have issues with Station 26."

During a recent visit to Ambulance Company, County Commissioner Kirby Delauter was shown the areas where the Company plans to house the Mount St. Mary's students that volunteer at the Ambulance Company. "I think that is a great idea," Delauter stated, "this allows students to reduce their room and board costs of attending college while encouraging volunteerism within the community". Delauter also had high praise for newly appointed Director of Volunteer Services Chip Jewell, who, according to Delauter, "was able to be an integral part in assisting Emmitsburg

Ambulance Company to comply with the ordinances and bylaws of the Volunteer Association." "I don't think Co. 26 is out of the woods yet," noted Delauter, "but we are all working together to make sure they have every opportunity to succeed."

In commenting on the decision, County Commissioner Blaine Young said: "It is in Emmitsburg's, Frederick County and the tax payers' best interest to do everything we can to help the Emmitsburg Ambulance succeed."

The Emmitsburg ambulance service was suspended in April of this year, primarily for the failure to maintain the necessary ten qualified responders. The board of commissioners subsequently voted on June 24 to extend the suspension for another 60 to 90 days, again because of the failure of the company to produce a certifiable list of ten qualified responders.



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State bulks are fully funding wastewater station

While the sale of a wastewater treatment plant will go through as planned, a \$252,000 shortfall associated with the sale remains unresolved and a half million dollars' worth of project equipment sits idle. The shortfall is associated with the sale of the Orrtanna wastewater treatment plant to the Pennsylvania America Water Company, Hershey. Hamiltonban Township Solicitor, Matthew Battersby, told the supervisors at their October 7 meeting that how the more than \$200,000 shortfall would be recouped remains to be seen.

The board of supervisors stated at their August 6, 2013 meeting that the

township had decided to sell the problematic treatment facility and its associated infrastructure to the independent water company for more than \$339,000, less the affiliated spray fields.

If the sale had not been proposed, the township was facing a tremendous expense in upgrading the facility to appease the demands of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), who had previously found the facility to be deficient and too old, and ordered that the facility had to be upgraded to current standards.

However, as part of the ridding itself of the treatment plant, an agreement was reached in which wastewater

generated in Hamiltonban would be pumped to the Franklin Township facility, one that Pennsylvania America Water Company is also acquiring. This necessitated the construction of a pumping station and associated infrastructure in Hamiltonban that were approved for a state DEP \$496,500 H2O grant.

To date, Battersby noted the township has only received \$244,500 of the grant towards the money expended and is now balking at providing the township with the balance, stating the state did not feel the township was lawfully entitled to it. Township Board of Supervisors Chairman, Robert Gor-

don, told the News-Journal that the grant indicated it would provide two-thirds of the estimated \$750,000 cost of the project which "qualified" for reimbursement.

"Now the argument we're having now (with the DEP) is what qualifies as expenses," he said. "The state maintaining what we're claiming (as expenses under the grant) is not acceptable and that they have paid us the amount is permitted under the grant."

In the meantime, Gordon said, there is \$500,000 worth of project equipment "we have already purchased 500,000 sitting on township property." Regardless of the out-

come concerning the questioned \$252,000, the supervisor said that if the state cannot provide it within their guidelines, there may be other ways to recoup it. This could include just taking it as a loss from the settlement price of the Orrtanna plant.

"I hope the state will do the right thing (in reimbursing the outstanding \$252,000)," Battersby said. "I wouldn't (however) let this cloud the issue (sale)." The transfer of the property to the Pennsylvania America Water Company is slated for November 3, the attorney stated, when the deed and easement are to be signed in Harrisburg.

School Board leadership survives no-confidence vote

An attempt to remove the president of the Fairfield Area School District Board of Directors from that position failed in a 3-5-1 vote at the board's October 21 meeting.

More than 200 individuals attended the meeting, Rigler declined after the board asked him to remain.

The issues which led to the attempted removal revolve around the process employed in developing the 2014-2015 budget; the process employed to fill a vacancy in the board, and most recently, the revelation of the existence of a host of old You Tube videos made by Rigler in which he mocks liberal positions on a array of national issues. Rigler has apolo-

gized repeatedly for the videos.

With the passing on a \$16,788,057, no-tax-increase budget with a projected \$1 million surplus in June, the ageist against Rigler's management of the board had been dissipating, but the recent revelation and nature of the You Tube videos re-ignited the debate over Rigler's suitability for leading a school board, resulting in the position drive to have him removed.

At the October 21st meeting, board member Marcy VanMetre motioned to remove Rigler as member of the board. The motion was seconded by Lonny Whitcomb. The motion was quickly nixed by board Solicitor Brooke Say, who suggested such a move would not

hold up under the law as Rigler was an elected official.

Having had her first effort shot-down by legal counsel, VanMetre then motioned to remove Rigler as the president of the board, a motion seconded again by Whitcomb. The motion failed in a 3-5-1 vote. Voting in favor of the motion were VanMetre, Whitcomb, and Pamela Mikesell. Voting against were Agatha Foscatto, Chuck Hatter, Bruce Lefebber, Richard Mathews, and Mickey Barlow. Rigler abstained.

VanMetre told the News-Journal, "I made the motion to have him removed because that's what these people wanted to have done. They're (what the opposition perceives as a six-member co-

alition) running their own agenda. The delays, arrogance and disrespect are the major issues."

Bruce Lefebber, one of the five board members who voted-down the motion to remove Rigler, told the News-Journal that Rigler's opposition basically "wants to spend what we take-in, and that's not right." Lefebber said the district is spending more, while at the same time, enrollment numbers are declining. "He said the project enrollment for 2014 is 1,050 students, and by 2020 the student body has been project to be around 908. A typical class at Fairfield "now has about 13 students to each teacher." According to the National Center for Education Sta-

tics, the national average is nearly 15 students per teacher.

Regarding questions over the appointment of Richard Mathews to the board, which had Rigler's opposition crying foul, claiming it lacked "transparency." Lefebber said, "We followed same process that had been used by the previous board to carry-out an appointment, which went without challenge."

Regarding the budget, Rigler stated, "I can't imagine how or why any responsible director would have voted for a tax increase. We didn't need a tax increase. We all want to spend money on children," he said, stating that the issue was "a matter of spending it wisely."

Fairfield area news briefs...

Fire companies receive funding

The Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors approved disbursement of state-provided funding for local fire departments at their October 7 meeting. This allocation year, the state Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association provided Hamiltonban Township with \$17,889, representing the municipality's annual share of a two-percent tax imposed by the state on fire insurance premiums. It was written by insurance companies that are not incorporated in Pennsylvania.

The township then re-distributes the funds that were based on the percentage of emergency responses provided by each of the fire companies to the municipality.

The allocations approved include: *Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department* \$8,944; *Fairfield Fire & EMS* \$5,366; *South Mountain Volunteer Fire Department* \$1,788; and *Cash-town Community Fire Department* \$1,788.

School district group receives award

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) awarded a \$500 cash award to a local high school group for a project addressing youth drug and alcohol awareness.

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors Vice-chairwoman, Coleen Reamer announced at the township board's October 7 meeting that the award was made to the Fairfield Area High School for collaborating for Youth Coalition in creating a positive message campaign, including the production of a video, on "Who's Looking Out for Me."

The group also distributed stickers as part of a "Sticker Shock" campaign which entailed affixing stickers to alcohol packages to make buyers aware that supplying underage individuals with alcohol was against the law. The student group also participated in other related activities as well.

The Fairfield Regional HS coalition winning the award presently con-

sists of four students, Camery Brown, Samantha Ford, Annie Roberts and Madie Sites. The official award presentation will be held at the Adams County Association of Township Officials Annual Convention on November 12 at the SAVES Community Building near McSherrystown.

Ex-police request approval rescinded

A request approved by the Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors to provide an ex-township officer with a retirement badge was rescinded at their October 7 meeting.

The board approved purchasing a retirement badge for former township police Officer Juanita Larmer at their

August meeting. The board also approved composing a letter of recommendation notice of the officer's retirement from the department. At the September meeting of the board, township Solicitor Matthew Battersby noted he had sent Larmer a letter requesting that she return two active duty badges issued during her employment by the township as a condition

to issuing a retirement badge.

At the October 7 meeting, Battersby stated Larmer had declined to return the active duty badge, which resulted in the board voting to rescind providing the officer with the retirement badge and letter. The township disbanded their police department in November 2012 and since has relied on state police coverage.

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NEWS

Iconic water tower demolished

A Thurmont water tower which bore the name of the town has been demolished, the structure having been decommissioned years ago. Jim Humerick, chief administrative officer for the Town of Thurmont, said on October 9 that the water tower had been completely demolished and was undergoing site remediation (grading and seeding) by the project contractor.

Humerick said the town contracted with Maryland Excavation Contractors to take the approximately 45-foot Flanagan Road tower down at a cost of \$14,900, which was paid-for out of operations budget. There are no options by which the town could otherwise recoup the cost. The administrative officer said the company would be permitted to dispose of or sell the scrap and keep any money raised in that manner.

The iconic tower was built in

1939, and served as “one of the primary water sources for years,” Humerick stated. He said the tower has not been used “for approximately ten years.” The tower ceased being used by the town after it was replaced with other water sources. “We’ve installed other towers and other wells,” he said. “The (old) tower hasn’t been utilized since the new towers went up. We have wells all throughout town (now),” as well as storage towers.

“Different wells and towers serve different parts of the town,” Humerick stated. “It’s a complex distribution system.” The administrator said the old tower was composed 3/8-inch thick steel, but there were no records on the history of it, nor the specifications, and the actual capacity of the tank was also an unknown.

“We didn’t have any of the specs back then (from when the tow-

er was originally erected). We had to estimate (specifications) to get costs” of what it might take to get rid of it. The tower sat on a 60x60-foot site on Flanagan Road, and the town has no plans for the use of the tract. He said town staff “will continue to maintain it. It’s such a small area and we have no plans for that (any use) yet.”

Humerick said that the board of commissioners had become concerned about the physical condition of the tower, resulting in the recent demolition. “I know it was something the commissioners planned on removing for a couple of years.” He stated. “(They were) Starting to be a little concerned about the structural integrity and thought it was time to go ahead and dismantle it.” The demolition also alleviated the town from having to continue to maintain the obsolete structure.



The old Thurmont water tower was built in 1939, but has been out of service for the past 10 years.

Thurmont film draws rave reviews

The much anticipated and long-awaited film, *Almost Blue Mountain City: The History of Thurmont*, premiered on October 26 to a capacity-filled room at a fundraiser sponsored by the Thurmont Historical Society.

Well over 300 people from across the county attended the premier that was held at Springfield Manor, located just south of Thurmont. The Manor was chosen for the debut since it was the one-time estate and home of Col. James Johnson, the first “iron-master” and proprietor of Catocin Furnace.

“It will be a very special, and appropriate, location for the premiere,” said Chris Haugh, the film’s director.

“Thurmont can thank the Johnson and the Furnace for its original creation as a town center.”

“Springfield presented the perfect ambience and venue for us,” added Donna Voellinger, President of the Thurmont Historical Society. “The limited number of seats for this event created a more personal and intimate experience for this movie.”

The three and a half hour film covers the entirety of the history of Thurmont and its immediate surroundings, from its founding to the present day, including its people, industry and natural resources. The film starts with the area’s earliest settlers and spans history to cover what would eventually become

the Town of Thurmont.

Almost Blue Mountain City is the most comprehensive history produced in 46 years, going back to George Wireman’s book, “Gateway to the Mountains,” published in 1968.

“What a memorable afternoon to be a part of, with a great audience consisting of history fans, and better yet, Thurmont fans,” said Haugh. “It was clearly evident that the film elicited laughter and tears, emotions ranging from happiness to sadness. However, the most important emotion I was looking to trigger with this particular project is pride—pride in one’s hometown. It took me nearly 20 years to do so, but I feel confident

that we accomplished this goal.”

During the intermission, an obviously pleased Voellinger was swarmed by well-wishers congratulating her on a job well done. The common refrain by just about everyone in the audience as they slowly made their way out of the spacious viewing hall after the movie was, “I didn’t know that!” The film was full of little-known details on the history of the town that kept the audience’s attention from beginning to end.

Vickie Grinder, Thurmont’s Main Street Manager, was ecstatic about the film. “The documentary was chock-full of education, history, and fun! It was the social event of the year

with many friends enjoying a perfect afternoon. Because of Chris Haugh, present and future citizens, children and adults alike, will be able to learn about the history and economic progression of Thurmont. My hat is off to Donna Voellinger, Pat Weddle and everyone else who worked diligently to provide the perfect setting and a perfect day for the event!”

DVDs of the movie are available from the Thurmont Historical Society for \$25. For more information, call 301-271-0309. The DVDs will also be on sale December 6 and December 13 at the Creeger House, 11 N. Church Street. The Town of the Thurmont will sponsor the next public viewing of the film on November 12 at the Thurmont Public Libraries.

Thurmont readies for Festival of Trees

Thurmont will kick off its Christmas festivities on November 29 with the Festival of Trees lighting ceremony, taking place in the newly renovated Thurmont Main Street Building directly following the lighting of the town tree, which will occur on the square at 6pm.

The Main Street building on Water Street at one time served as the public library for Thurmont. The li-

brary moved out in 2008, when the new Thurmont Regional Library was opened on Moser Road.

In 2010, the town received a \$150,000 Community Legacy Program grant to purchase the 1874 building. The building got a new lease on life in 2012 when the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development provided a \$75,000 grant for the renovation

of the building that will now serve as Thurmont’s Main Street headquarters and public meeting spaces.

According to Vickie Grinder, Thurmont’s Main Street Manager, the Main Street building has been fully renovated for use and is ready to support the public and the businesses in the Main Street district. “What better time to do it than the lighting of the town for the holidays?” inquired

Grinder. “We would like to invite businesses, organizations and citizens to participate in the launching of the Main Street building with our Festival of Trees.” The Main Street Board of Decorators came up with the idea, and the event will most certainly be an annual event each Christmas.

The Main Street building will be filled with Christmas trees of all shapes and sizes, from tabletop trees

to traditionally sized trees, which individuals and any businesses can sponsor and decorate. Following the tree lighting ceremony on November 29, trees will remain lighted through the month of December in the evenings.

The Main Street building will be open again on Saturday, December 6 during Christmas in Thurmont for the public to view the trees. For more information on the festival contact Vicki Grinder at VGrinder@thurmontstaff.com.

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One hundred years ago this month

November 6

Halloween

The children of Emmitsburg, observed Halloween in their usual jolly way by throwing corn and removing shutters, steps and anything that was not nailed down.

The display windows of the Emmitsburg Clothing Store and a Candy Shop were very tastefully decorated for Halloween. The window exhibited specimens of choice fruits and vegetables as well as products of the field, with a border of autumn leaves surrounded. In the center was a hobgoblin, electrically lighted, made from a prize-winning pumpkin. The corn-cob pipe in its mouth held a miniature advertisement. The pumpkin was suspended from the top of the window, thus rendering the entire exhibit in keeping with the season, at the same time giving prominence to the fine qualities of clothing in the store.

Matthew's Brothers also displayed autumn products, while their electric sign flashed "Inside for the Halloween party." An old witch mounted on a broomstick with a bodyguard of black cats around her, was also a feature in their display. These exhibits were not only attractive and rightfully demanded the attention of all, but showed the progressive spirit of these local businessmen.

Boozers Celebrate Rejection of Suffrage and Prohibition

Loyal members of the Emmitsburg Chapter of the Former, Former Boozers Association reveled well into early morning hours on Wednesday as the results of elections related to Suffrage and Prohibition were received by the Chronicle Office.

Intelligent men in Missouri, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nevada awoke to the dangers to society that would result for of allowing women the right to vote. Suffrage amendments in these states suffered defeats described variously as decisively complete to overwhelming.

But the loudest cheers from the thoroughly inebriated boozers came when word was received that California men buried prohibition by a majority of over 200,000, and adopted a referendum prohibiting another vote on the question within a period of eight years.

One Boozer told the Chronicle that: "The decision prohibiting another vote on prohibition showed how smart the men of California were, as everyone knows womenfolk never take 'no' for an answer, but will keep nagging until they get their way. Now," the boozer continued, "California men have the law on their side. We need to do the same thing here and stop all this women voting and prohibition non-sense once and for all."

On Wednesday night, the Boozers resumed their celebrations with a renewed gusto. A moment of silence was held for the men suffering in the 14 states that have made laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages. It did not go without notice that each of these states allowed women to vote,

and that their votes were instrumental in removing a man's God given right to 'tip a glass or two.'

November 13

Hoof and Mouth Disease

The hoof and mouth disease, for which Frederick was put into quarantine last week, was discovered near Emmitsburg on the farm of the late Edward Foss. County inspectors found 10 head of cattle that were suffering from the disease and ordered all the livestock on the place - 39 head of cattle and 32 hogs - be killed and their carcasses burned. Miss Mary Fuss, owner of the slaughtered stock, which was appraised at \$1,950, will not suffer a monetary loss, as the government will reimburse her.

It was stated at the Fuss home that the cattle which were affected have been bought about three weeks ago from Patterson Brothers who, it is understood, secured the stock from the neighborhood of Lancaster. The 10 cows affected by the disease were purchased from a lot, which Patterson Brothers unloaded at Littlestown.

The present outbreak of Hoff and Mouth first appeared in southern Michigan. Shipments of deceased hogs from this place which passed through Chicago are believed to be responsible for the infection of the pens in the Union Stock yards. Once the pens became infected every shipment of livestock through Chicago to other parts of the country were exposed to the germs of disease and the contagion spread. A large force of federal inspectors are now running down every shipment and examining the animals at their place of delivery.

Thrilling War Pictures

The all-absorbing topic of the day is the European war. Everyone is reading about it, but few have any idea of how the different armies appear when in action. Tonight an opportunity will be afforded the people of Emmitsburg to see the nearest approach to real war they had ever seen since the North and South collided at Gettysburg. Moving pictures will be shown at St. Euphemia Hall depicting the various branches of the services of the more important countries now in conflict in thrilling maneuvers - cavalry, artillery, and infantry. The building of pontoon bridges will be an interesting feature - also submarines, the war craft that is paying such a remarkable part abroad just now. Eight o'clock is the hour. No charge is made for admission - you can give what you like. The public is most cordially invited.

November 20

Drought Broken

The inch and three quarters of rain which fell on Sunday put an end to one of the worst fall droughts that Frederick County has experienced for years. The day's precipitation was heavier than for the entire month of October. The situation had become very serious for the farmers. The wheat

had begun to suffer for want of moisture. On account of the dryness of the fodder corn husking had to cease and plowing was impossible because of the hard, dry soil. The rain effectively checked the forest fires that have been raging on Catoctin Mountain for 10 days, destroying thousands of dollars worth of timber.

Moving Picture Crook Works Town

A man representing himself as a moving picture photographer appeared in town last week and after obtaining a goodly sum of money from several firms on contracts to film various departments while the workmen were busy, left the town and has not been heard from since. The pitchers to have been taken of the industries were tried and shown in local moving picture theaters.

Tax Collector Gets \$1,882.91

The County Treasurer was in Emmitsburg Tuesday for the accommodation of the taxpayers of this district. 110 persons availed themselves of the opportunity to pay in person their taxes and \$1,882.91 was collected. This is a considerable amount in view of the fact that a great many people send their payments by mail, while others pay their tax bill at the local banks.

Counterfeit Note

A United States five-dollar silver certificate bearing the number E72113791 and considered by federal officials to be the most dangerous counterfeit a recent years has made its appearance in the area. The notes passed have been rumped and subject to sufficient handling to give a better impression of genuineness and are said to have been so nearly perfect as to deceive anyone except the most experienced money handler. It is said to be the best work of counterfeiters since the \$100 silver certificate of half a dozen years ago.

November 27

Union Thanksgiving Service

The annual Union Thanksgiving service was held yesterday morning and the Presbyterian Church. The music for the occasion was furnished by the united choirs of the Protestant churches of this town. The sermon was deliv-



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ered by Rev. Mr. Higbee. The offering, as has been the custom for years, was placed in the hands of the committee representing the Protestant churches. The money will be used to alleviate the needs of worthy persons in this community.

Seminarian Hurt in Auto Accident

Mr. Charles Eck, of Williamsport, a third-year seminarian at Mount St. Mary's, sustained a badly fractured leg on Sunday by being struck by an automobile as he was about to go over a fence to the college athletic field on the state road near Emmitsburg. A Ford Runabout belonging to Mr. Meade Patterson, which was being driven by Howard Johnston, colored, was struck by a passing Overland Touring Car, driven by Mr. Liddle Gloninger. The smaller car swerved to the side of the road and crashed into the fence striking the seminarian. The injured man was removed to a hospital in Baltimore where his leg was set and where he is now recovering.

Fire at Hotel Mundorff

The use of a glass of gasoline instead

of order in the restaurant of the hotel Mundorff on Friday night caused the fire, which was extinguished with the help of the Vigilant Hose Company. No serious damage was done.

Horse Thief Caught

On Thursday Deputy Sheriff Adelsburger took off in pursuit of Vernon Fogle, who, it is alleged, stole two horses. Several sheriffs and three other men were pursued. Fogle had turned both forces lose and was making for a hiding place which was a secluded spot near Slabtown. The alleged theft of the sorrel horse, which was taken from Thomas Saylor on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday night, Fogle is charged with having taken a black horse belonging to Charles Garber. Accompanying Deputy Sheriff Adelsburger, were Constable Rowe and Henry Sprenkle, in whose custody the prisoner was brought to Emmitsburg. A hearing was held before Magistrate Shuff on Thursday afternoon. On default of \$500 bail he was committed to jail at Frederick.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

It's November. As of November 1st we are 28 days to the unofficial or official start of the holiday shopping season. I guess if you want to make it seem like it is a longer period of time, you could always say you have 672 hours or 40,320 minutes left before you start on Black Friday. If you are wondering why it is called Black Friday it is because it relates to businesses recording their losses in red ink and gains in black. I don't think that helps.

One good thing though and that is this year we turn back the clocks and say goodbye to Daylight Saving Time during the overnight hours heading into Sunday, November 2nd. That means an extra hour of sleep and at my age I want all the sleep I can get even if the rest of the nation wants to join in. You always could use that extra hour to go online and shop. It is also a good time to check your smoke alarms.

Election Day is November 4th (Tuesday). The polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. The two polling locations remain the same: Carroll Valley Borough Office and Ski Liberty Children's Learning Center. Be sure to go to your correct location. If you have any questions regarding the election polls and vot-

er ID, contact Ms. Monica Dutko, Adams County Director of Elections and Voter Registration at 717-337-9832. A sample of the Official General Election Ballot can be seen at www.adamscounty.us.

On November 10th, our nation celebrates the birth of the United States Marine Corps. Did you know that the Marine Corps was created during the Revolutionary War? They are celebrating their 239th birthday. On November 11th, we honor all Armed Forces veterans who have served our country. As they do each year, Fairfield School is holding a "Veteran's Day Breakfast" on that day from 8:30 am to 10 am in the Fairfield High School cafeteria. All veterans as well as their spouse or guest are invited to attend. However, RSVP's are necessary by November 5th. You can call the office at 717-642-2045 or email fasdvets@fairfield.k12.pa.us. As a 20 year veteran, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. We celebrate Thanksgiving this year on November 27th.

Around this time of year, the question always comes up as to whether someone can hunt in Carroll Valley. To clarify the rules, Carroll Valley cannot by law change

state law regarding hunting; however, current state rules make legal hunting in Carroll Valley difficult. Pennsylvania has what are called "Safety Zones". In a safety zone, it is unlawful to hunt for, shoot at, trap, take, chase or disturb wildlife within 150 yards of any occupied residence, camp, industrial or commercial building, farm house or farm building, or school or playground without the permission of the occupants.

It is unlawful to shoot into a safety zone, even if you are outside of the zone. Driving game, even without a firearm or bow, within a safety zone without permission is unlawful. For comparison, think of a safety zone as about one and a half football fields. Hunting on hospital and institutional grounds, and in cemeteries, is also prohibited. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a Game Com-

mission vehicle whose occupants are releasing pheasants. The safety zone for archery hunters statewide, including those using crossbows, is 50 yards. Archery hunters carrying muzzleloaders during any muzzleloader season must abide by the 150-yard safety zone regulation. Around playgrounds, schools, nursery schools or day-care centers, the safety zone remains 150 yards. For further information, refer to www.pgc.state.pa.us.

As Carroll Valley has grown over the years, it is more and more difficult to find a location outside these safety zones. Should you think someone is hunting too close to a residence, you can call the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Dispatch Center in Huntingdon at 814-643-1831 and an officer will check for violations. If you see persons hunting from vehicles or after dark, call County Dispatch at 717-334-8101 or 9-1-1 to get the quickest response."

If interested, you can view the

pictures taken at Pippenfest, Fairfield Fire and EMS Open House, and CVCA Art Show at www.ronspictures.net.

Based on the results of the October 8th Finance Committee review of the Carroll Valley draft 2015 Budget prepared by our borough manager, Dave Hazlett, the current Borough tax rate will remain at 2.45 mills or .00245 of assessed value of land and buildings – meaning No Tax Increase. The next steps – Council approve the advertisement of the budget for public review at the November meeting and will sign the ordinance at the December meeting. The Borough Office will be closed November 4th (Election Day), November 27th and 28th (Holiday). Please reduce your speed to make sure you, your loved ones, your friends and neighbors will be safe. If you have any questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email at MayorRonHarris@comcast.net.

Happy Thanksgiving folks!

State Representative Dan Moul

The House concurred in Senate amendments to a bill I sponsored that would expand the scope of background checks for individuals whose jobs involve children.

This legislative session, the House Children and Youth Committee, on which I serve as vice chairman, has advanced many crucial child protection measures stemming from the Sandusky child sex abuse scandal. My bill is the latest addition.

House Bill 435, which stems from recommendations by the Task Force on Child Protection, would extend current clearance requirements for professionals who work with children to include anyone applying for a paid or unpaid volunteer position in which they would be responsible for the welfare of a child. The bill seeks to strengthen the screening process to help ensure the safety of children.

Under current law, teachers, child care providers, foster parents, prospective adoptive parents and other professionals who work closely with children are required to undergo background clearances by the state police and the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) child abuse registry, and anyone who has resided in Pennsylvania for fewer than 10 years must also un-

dergo an FBI background check.

My legislation would require professionals and volunteers who work with children to submit to initial background checks and repeat them once every two years thereafter. The bill specifies offenses that would permanently ban employees from jobs involving children, and would require DPW to develop a form that employees and volunteers would be required to use to disclose whether they have been arrested or convicted of an offense that would permanently ban them from employment. The same form, which would also apply to foster parents, would be used to report any new arrests or convictions of this nature within 72 hours.

Anyone convicted of a felony in which the victim is a child, or a felony involving drugs, would be banned from employment with children for 10 years after the expiration of their sentence. Any person found guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor involving a child victim or a founded report of abuse in DPW's child abuse registry would face a five-year ban, unless the offenses fall under the definitions of a permanent ban. The bill also enhances confidentiality protections.

Senate amendments provide for a

study to come up with recommendations on what employment bans should entail for those having contact with children. Another amendment addresses provisional clearances to address employment at the Little League World Series held annually in Williamsport.

Other child protection bills that became law this session include a measure that strengthens the definition of child abuse, allowing more perpetrators to be brought to justice. We have new laws that strengthen penalties for child luring and child pornography, establish the offenses of sexual assault by a sports official and filing false reports of child abuse. There are new laws governing mandated reporters – those required by law to report suspected child abuse. A study showed that an overwhelming majority of mandated reporters in Pennsylvania were not confident in their ability to recognize signs of child abuse and how to report it. Act 31, which I co-sponsored, requires mandated reporters to receive ongoing training.

While I am pleased to say that Pennsylvania now has laws in place to protect children as never before, I know that we cannot rest until all children are safe.

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Randy Phiel

On September 26, the Board held their 13TH Adams County Commissioners Community Forum at HACC's Gettysburg campus. Since taking office, the Board has held these forums in all corners of Adams County covering a broad array of subjects that are important to Adams County.

The Serious Impact of Prescription Drugs in Our Community was the topic for the forum. Adams County Coroner Pat Felix spoke to the increasing problem of prescription drugs and the increase in prescription drug overdoses. Adams County District Attorney Shawn Wagner related the increase in property crimes and driving under the influence due to prescription drug abuse. Shawn also emphasized the need for better prescription drug monitoring in the state and provided information on the Adams County District Attorney's installed medicine drop boxes at the Cumberland Township Police Departments. WellSpan Medical Director Robert Fawcett said our community has a huge problem with prescription drugs. He said the entry drug used to be marijuana - but now it is prescription drugs. He is concerned that doctors very readily prescribe opioid

drugs for pain. He also pushed for a state-wide prescription drug monitoring. Sharron Michels from the Center for Youth & Community Development presented how prescription drugs can and are affecting the youth of Adams County.

To view the entire forum go to <http://communitymedia.net>. In the next two months we will be headed to another corner of Adams County. We will start the New Year with our annual State of the County Forum where we review the previous year - and relate our vision for the upcoming year.

Adams County Human Services Building Update

The courts and the county have engaged in an initiative to determine whether it is feasible to build a new Human Services Building at the county site on Major Bell Lane, near the prison and 911 center, in Straban Township. The location was recommended by a citizen advisory group last March - independent of six other options they were presented by the county for consideration.

When examining and comparing county rentals and leases to a new consolidated county-owned building,

we are looking for favorable fiscal results, increased operational efficiencies and enhanced service to our residents. Although we are very confident the later two will be achieved, the upcoming bid process will dictate the fiscal result. The architectural phase preceding the bid phase has now been completed and bids are scheduled to be received and opened by March.

Planning and coordination with Children & Youth Services, Probation Services, Domestic Relations & Operational Services has been underway for several months. A highlight of Judge Michael George's update and presentation to the Board at a recent commissioner's workshop was that we have recently engaged in a dialogue with York/Adams Mental Health for them to rent and locate personnel at the proposed new facility. That option seems to be a very good possibility. Having mandated mental health services located in Adams County is highly anticipated since it has both positive resident service and fiscal applications.

At the work shop, I again acknowledged and extended the Board's sincere appreciation to the Community Advisory group, the Human Services

Building Team and the aforementioned Departments for their cooperation, collaboration and vision moving this project forward to this point.

New Adams County Planning Director

Planning and vision is important to the future of Adams County. The Board is very pleased to welcome Sherri Clayton on board as the new Director of Planning for Adams County. Sherri was selected from a pool of strong candidates. She will assume the position on November 17. Sherri has been employed by Franklin County Planning for the past twenty-one years and currently holds the position of Senior Planner. Sherri is a certified AICP Planner and has been involved in many areas of planning and public relations. Sherri told us: From personal knowledge I hold the Adams County Planning Department in high regard and am anxious to become a part of this professional team. In August, Adams County Planning Director Nick Colonna accepted another position in Georgia.

In another action, with upcoming positive action by the Salary Board, Adams County Comprehensive Planning Manager Andrew Merkel will be named Adams County Planning As-

sistant Director. It is the opinion of the Board that these two individuals will appreciably compliment the critical mission of the Planning Department for the future of Adams County.

2015 County Budget
The Board of Commissioners understands how critical the county budget and mileage assessment is to every resident. The Commissioners recently met with the County Manager and Finance to review the county base budget. It should surprise no one that revenue projections are fairly flat and new construction is very slow. Tax appeals are slowing dramatically; but continue to chip away at our tax base. With all that said, given various variables and through the efforts of county staff and administration, we hope to have a balanced budget with No Tax Increase completed in November.

The Finance Department has done an excellent job of building and drafting the 2015 budget. Departments are quite aware of the need for fiscal conservatism with effective operations. There are a million details that need to be taken into consideration compiling a budget and this year the process has gone very smoothly. Thank you to Adams County Finance, Administration and Department Directors for a constructive budget experience.

State Senator Rich Alloway

Any time I vote on life changing legislation, I feel it's important for my constituents to know the facts and the rationale behind my decision. Without question, this issue has been a controversial one, and understandably so. There are those out there who feel that this is nothing more than a pathway to recreational marijuana, including "boardwalk doctors" prescribing marijuana for any person that claims to have a minor medical ailment. I've heard that argument and shared those concerns with my colleagues. These concerns remained on the forefront of my mind as we discussed the regulatory environment that will need to be constructed in order to prevent abuse.

While I remained undecided for quite some time, it wasn't until I met the families and potential medical marijuana patients that I truly started to see why this was so necessary. These resilient individuals, particularly the children who have suffered their entire lives from seizures and are out of traditional medicinal options, deserve to have access to a medication that could help treat their condition. Senate Bill 1182 will allow them, as well as many others, that access to medical marijuana, prescribed by a medical specialist in a tightly controlled environment. Simply stated, we are in a position to help children and adults suffering from select illnesses, to get the help they need.

With certification from a licensed physician, Pennsylvania residents would be able to apply for a medical cannabis access card from the Department of Health. The bill also includes a strict regulatory framework that covers growers, processors, and dispensers. The legislation would not allow any individual or entity to grow, process or dispense cannabis without a state license or meet state-mandated security specifications and quality regulations.

It is my hope that the House will act expediently on this legislation, otherwise, the bill could expire when the fall session ends in November, and it must be re-written and start all over again next term, which would only prolong the suffering of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Senate Bill 1182 establishes a mechanism that would allow physicians that specialize in a specific area of medicine, recommend the use of cannabis to treat a limited number of medical conditions. The bill would only legalize the use of oil-based medical cannabis and specifies that the substance may not be ingested by smoking or vaporization.

As you can see, the rules and regulations will prevent the recreational use of this drug.

This bill, unlike any other in the

nation, narrowly limits the scope of medical cannabis and establishes a private-sector managed industry with strict government oversight to ensure that only those with a medical necessity have the ability to obtain this treatment. This ground-breaking legislation will finally bring relief to our friends, family and neighbors who so desperately need it due to a debilitating medical condition.

Parents pushing the bill say time is critical. Their children suffer from epilepsy that is not controlled by traditional pharmaceutical products that have been prescribed. Children are at risk every day they cannot access a medical-cannabis oil that has been effective in treating intractable epilepsy.

The bill has wider possibilities, as the treatment could also help adults

such as veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, cancer, ALS, and the list goes on.

The bill also includes prohibitions, such as driving or operating machinery when having a blood alcohol level of 10 nanograms of THC or more.

Having researched the medical properties of this God-given plant and hearing the struggles of our neighbors, who so desperately need this natural product to live a life free of seizures or to combat their cancer, I whole-heartedly support this legislation.

I've had the unique opportunity to meet many of the families with epileptic children, many of whom live right here in the 33rd District, and fully understand that medical marijuana may be the best treatment for their illness. If there is an opportunity for us to im-

prove the quality of their lives, I feel I have an obligation to try.

I applaud my colleagues in the Senate for properly researching, vetting and examining the legislation. As vice chair of the Senate Law & Justice Committee, where this bill was originally introduced, we held two hearings.

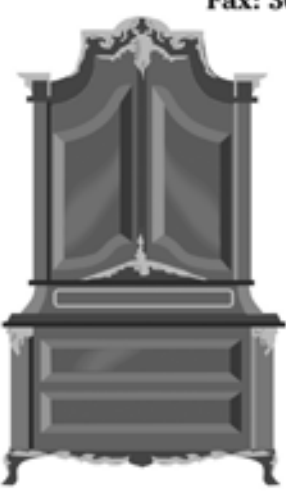
After passing the Senate by a 43-7 vote, the bill now goes to the House for consideration at the committee level. There isn't much time left on the legislative calendar for this bill to move forward.

For more information on the General Assembly's steps to cut costs and make state government spending more open and accountable to the public, please check out the "It's Your Money" link at www.senatoralloway.com.

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Letter from the Editor

Michael Hillman

Back in January, I made a decision to open the paper up to all of the candidates, regardless of party, and offered them space in every edition to allow them to communicate to the readers directly without being “filtered” by a reporter who would pick and choose what they think the readers should hear. Most candidates jumped at the chance, while others couldn’t be bothered.

My goal was to provide candidates an opportunity to engage in an ongoing, detailed conversation with the readers to allow the readers to better understand the positions the candidates are taking and why. My hope was, and still is, that this will enable our readers to make a more informed decision when they enter the voting booth.

The reality is that this county is faced with a multitude of complex issues that need to be addressed, and to address them we need more than “filtered” ten word answers. To quote my favorite TV line:

“Ten-word answers can kill you in political campaigns. They’re the tip of the sword. Here’s my question: What are the next ten words of your answer? Your taxes are too high? So are mine. Give me the next ten words. How are we going to do it? . . . Every once in a while, there’s a day with an absolute right and an absolute wrong, but those days almost always include body counts. Other than that, there aren’t very many unnuanced moments in leading a country that’s way too big for ten words.”
— President Josh Bartlet, The West Wing

We applauded all the candidates, of both parties, who have gone beyond the simple ten word answers and have taken the time to reach out to our readers.

Recently, the Frederick News-Post ran an editorial indicating it felt that candidates trying to attract independent voters in the coming election are somehow on a fool’s errand. The premise of the editorial was that independent voters didn’t leave the Democratic or Republican parties because they had become too extreme, but rather because they were not extreme enough.

I completely disagree. I believe voters are sick and tired of divisive negative partisan politics. We are tired of gridlock. We want leaders who are capable of sitting down with members of the opposite party and talking in a civilized fashion.

It’s time to stop voting the party line. Instead, we need to vote for the person with the best ideas, regardless of their party.

I truly hope that the past ten months of columns by the candidates have helped you decide for whom to vote. They’ve helped me. When I walk into the voting booth on November 4, here is who I will be voting for and why.

Kirby Delauter (R) – County Council District 5. In my June endorsement for Kirby for the Republican primary, I said, “There are not enough positive adjectives in the English language to describe Kirby, so let’s just make it simple—Kirby is the type of guy you want in a foxhole next to you. His priority is and always will be taking care of the community first.” I stand by those words.

Recently, the Christ Community Church held a “Take Back the Night” festival. A key success factor that night was portable light generators that lit up the whole park. The generators were not provided by the town or the county, but rather they were paid for by Kirby out of his own pocket. The only reason I know is that I asked. He didn’t ask to be thanked or ask to have his name in a brochure. He simply did it because it was the right thing to do. That is Kirby in a nutshell. Honest, caring,

and community-oriented.

Kirby is often the recipient of bad press that claims he has a temper when dealing with issues he disagrees with. That’s the “Ten Word” sound bites we are fed and supposed to swallow. The reality is that Kirby gets mad when he sees taxpayers’ money being wasted—but I for one want our leaders to get mad when they see taxpayers’ money being wasted, and more importantly, do something to stop it. Kirby has and Kirby will!

Kirby has, and always will, continue to look out for the best interests of the taxpayers and of Frederick County. Kirby got my vote, and deserves your vote.

Bud Otis (R), Candidate for County Council at Large. If I made one mistake in my June endorsements, it was not endorsing Bud then. It’s been a long, long, long time since I’ve had the opportunity to work with someone who can be described as a “statesman.” Bud is an incredibly talented, knowledgeable, and hardworking individual who does not see issues through political lenses. He will do what is right for all of Frederick County. His ability to work with all parties will serve him well, not only on the county council, but also in Annapolis and Washington. He would be the perfect person to lead the County Council.

Linda Norris (D), Candidate for County Council at Large. As a former Frederick news reporter, Linda developed a reputation for getting down to the facts and straight shooting. She is passionate about the future of the county and the environment. Like my other choices, she does not make her decisions based upon a political ideology, but rather upon what is best and right.

Dan Rupli (D), Candidate for State Senator. Choosing Dan is a no-brainer for me. His Republican oppo-

nent, Michael Hough, represents all that is bad in politics. Hough’s message is one of hate, fear and deceit and if elected, he will only bring shame upon this county. Rupli on the other hand is cut from the same cloth as Ronald Reagan. Rupli will be able to represent all the voices in the county: liberal, moderate and conservative, and will ensure that any legislation coming out of Annapolis serves, not burdens, the citizens of Frederick County.

Kelly Schulz (R), Candidate for House of Delegates. Again, voting for Kelly is a no-brainer for me. Like Bud Otis, Kelly is an incredibly talented, knowledgeable, and hardworking individual who does not see issues through political lenses, but rather makes her decisions based upon the facts and what is best for the county. Her ability to work with all parties has served her well in Annapolis. She is a shining example of the very best of Frederick County and deserves to be re-elected.

Gene Stanton (D), Candidate for House of Delegates. Gene is an example of a candidate who won me over with his columns in the paper. I’ve been impressed with his level of knowledge and his bipartisan approach to solutions. He will be a tremendous asset for Frederick County in Annapolis and deserves your vote.

Scott Rolle (R), Candidate for Circuit Court Judge. Of all the people I’m voting for, I’ve known Scott the longest. I’ve known him the longest because he long ago proved to me he is an honest, honorable, and fair person. Add into that mix his exceptional background in law and you have the perfect candidate for State Judge.

Lisa Munyan (D), Candidate for Clerk of Court. With hundreds of files being added or accessed in the courthouse, an effectively organized process needs to be in place or the court system will grind to a stop. As a former Olympic Team Manager, Lisa has demonstrated

world-class organizational skills. Add in the fact that she is a paralegal, and we have a great candidate for this office.

Chad Weddle (D), Candidate for Register of Wills. Chad is another example of a candidate who won me over with his columns in the paper. I’ve been impressed with his level of knowledge and as a lawyer, his understanding of the legal system will be a great asset to anyone seeking help in filing or dealing with wills.

Blaine Young (R), Candidate for County Executive. I will be the first to admit my opinion of Blaine has changed over the past four years. I didn’t vote for him four years ago. I bought all of the bad PR being said about him. But over the past four years he has religiously reached out every month to the readers of this paper to explain all of his decisions. It’s been refreshing to see such open and honest communications.

I’m not making the mistake on biting on the bad PR again.

Four years ago, Blaine was swept into office over public outrage over what many saw as an out of control, inflated county bureaucracy, a bureaucracy that had ceased to serve the citizens of the county. Blaine was elected on a platform to reign in county spending. A man of his word, Blaine has done exactly what he said he would do. That is rare and refreshing in today’s world of politics. We trust him to keep his word if elected as County Executive.

I like Jan Gardner personally, but four years ago we threw her spend-thrift bureaucracy out for a reason. Do we really want to go back to it? That in a nutshell is what you are voting for in the County Executive race. Blaine’s policies have more than demonstrated that he will always put the interest of the county taxpayers first. I’m going to give him four more years to solidify those policies. He’s more than earned my trust and my vote.

Scott Rolle, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge (R)

While it is a rare occurrence to have a contested Judge’s race in Frederick County, the importance cannot be understated. Circuit Court judges preside over the most complex and important cases in the justice system. All jury trials, including murder, sex offenses, robberies, arson and other felony cases are heard here. Appeals from District Court cases, juvenile matters and family law, divorce, adoptions and custody cases are all heard in the Circuit Court. Also, complicated civil trials, such as medical malpractice cases, negligence actions, breach of contract cases involving, in some cases, millions of dollars, are all heard by Circuit Court judges.

It goes without saying that experience in this arena is paramount in deciding who should take the bench. My courtroom experience began long ago in law school, when I made it to the finals in the annual mock

trial competition. While the case was not real, the facts and evidence and the courtroom itself were authentic, and I began to gain the experience and skills that would serve me well later in the real practice of law. Fresh out of law school, I was sworn in as an Assistant State’s Attorney for Frederick County, where I “cut my teeth” trying misdemeanor cases, DUI’s, simple assault and other crimes. I tried my first jury trial 2 months after I was sworn in. I quickly gained a reputation as a young lawyer who enjoyed the courtroom, and I volunteered to take any case the State’s Attorney’s Office had that needed to be tried. Eighteen months later, I was promoted to the Circuit Court Division, where I was named the Chief Narcotics Prosecutor.

In those days, crack cocaine was the scourge of our county, and I was sometimes handling 3-4 jury trials a month. These were complex drug

and violent crime cases that involved serious constitutional issues, search and seizure and 4th amendment issues, and mandatory minimum sentences. The rules of evidence are more complicated in these Circuit Court cases, and I tried over 100 of them during the next 4 years.

I left the State’s Attorney’s Office for private practice where I tried by first jury trial with a client next to me. I also began to handle divorce and custody cases along with civil cases. My jury trial number continued to grow and 4 years later the citizens of Frederick County honored me by electing me State’s Attorney for the first of my three consecutive terms. During my term as State’s Attorney, I tried many murder trials, sexual assault, robbery, arson, assault and many other types of cases. And now, for the last 8 years, I have been in private practice again, handling some of the most compli-

cated cases that come before the Circuit Court. I have literally appeared in the Circuit Court thousands of times over the years.

In 2001, several weeks after the events of 911, I felt the need to do something, as most Americans did. So, I signed up for the US Army Reserve and left for basic training shortly thereafter. Fast forward 13 years and I am now a Major in the JAG Corps Reserve. During two tours of active duty, including a short stint in Iraq, I tried cases in front of juries or “panels” as they call them in the military, and my courtroom experience continued to grow. I received a number of awards for my work as a military trial lawyer.

I point out all this experience, not just for a trip down memory lane, but to highlight the huge differences between myself and my opponent in the upcoming judicial election. For example, my opponent

has NEVER tried a single criminal case ever in any courtroom anywhere. he has NEVER handled a divorce or custody case. In fact, in the last 6 years, he has only appeared in Circuit Court as an attorney approximately 6 times! And those were very minor cases. Why is this important? Because 80% of all Circuit Court cases are either Criminal cases or family law/custody cases. How can a Judge preside over serious complex cases, when he has virtually zero experience in those cases? Who would you want flying your plane over the ocean, Sully Sullivan, the “hero of the Hudson”, or and new inexperienced pilot who has never flown that kind of plane?

The race for Circuit Court judge is all about experience. When you compare the experience of the candidates, you can easily see only one of us is experienced enough to take the bench.. after all, experience counts!

GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Blaine Young, Candidate for County Executive (R)

The major issues in this race for County Executive are taxes, jobs, education, and growth. I would like to explain my vision on each of these issues.

Taxes and Jobs

Taxes and spending are a major difference between myself and Jan Gardner. I am a fiscally conservative Republican who believes in lower taxes and limited government, while Jan is a liberal O'Malley Democrat with a record of voting to raise taxes over 33 times and recklessly increase spending.

If elected County Executive, I want to continue to expand the senior property tax credit until the income limit for those eligible to participate in the program reaches a gross household income of \$100,000. We recently expanded it to \$70,000. My goal as county executive is to have Frederick County be the friendliest county in the state for seniors to live in. In addition, I will work to keep property taxes low for all homeowners.

Working with the County Council, I will continue to work to bring more jobs to Frederick County. I am proud to say that since January 2011, the Frederick County unemployment rate has dropped from 6.9 percent to

5.6 percent and the number of unemployed has fallen by over 2,000. This was done by cutting or eliminating over 260 taxes and fees, getting spending under control, and eliminating job-killing regulations.

We eliminated a number of nuisance taxes like taxes on dishwashers, garbage disposals, hot water heaters, and we mailed \$100 rebate checks to all taxpayers when we had a surplus.

Jan Gardner by contrast has never met a tax increase she didn't like. Gardner voted for increased property and income taxes and refuses to say where she stands on the rain tax – is there any doubt the rain tax will be her 34th tax increase?

Education

I am very proud of our school system as we rank No. 1 in the state and my two sons currently attend Frederick County Public Schools. Under my leadership, the Board of County Commissioners has increased education funding and I will continue to propose to the Board of Education that we increase pay for starting teachers. Teachers have received two step increases, one-time bonuses, cost of living increases and an additional \$125 to offset health care costs. As we

continue to get our budget under control from the spending mess I inherited from Jan Gardner, I will continue to advocate for higher starting teacher salaries.

I am proud to say we have increased funding for education by over \$16.7 million. Of that, \$5.7 million was above the maintenance of effort standard, meaning we invested above and beyond what was required by law.

We invested \$4.7 million in improved technology in our schools. This has enabled the school system to reach the goal of having every school equipped with wireless Internet. Online learning enables our children to have the skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

The current school system capacity is at 88 percent. One of the reasons we are significantly under capacity is because this board made school construction its top priority. We approved a record \$34.5 million in repairs to aging schools.

Growth

Growth planning is a major difference between myself and Jan Gardner. During her time in office, Jan Gardner mismanaged both the budget and growth.

Despite Gardner's anti-devel-

oper rhetoric, 2,329 residential building permits (county/non-city of Frederick) were issued under the Gardner board (2007-2010). This compares to the 1,751 permits issued under the Young board (2011 through July 31, 2014).

This means that 578 less homes were built under my watch to date.

Jan Gardner is attempting to mislead voters with a typical O'Malley/Obama Democrat campaign. Gardner's attacks that I voted to give money to developers are a flat out lie. I have never voted to give one dime to developers.

While Gardner did not slow the pace of overall residential development, she did, however, go after a select number of individuals and downzoned their properties. A perfect example is the Ingram property in the Jefferson area. Mr. Ingram had a couple of residential lots he had been paying property taxes on for many years. He planned to sell those lots for his retirement. Jan Gardner, after taking over as the president of the Board of Commissioners, suddenly downzoned his property, which would have in part robbed him of his retirement.

Gardner did not slow the pace

of residential growth. She did, however, wage the full force of the county against a couple of politically unconnected individuals like Mr. Ingram.

When I came into office, I restored the property rights to many of these individuals. We were able to do this while effectively managing growth.

In part, thanks to our effective growth planning and increased school construction funding, we have reduced school capacity from where it was under Jan Gardner. For the first time we actually have a plan moving forward.

This is an important election for the future of Frederick County. Are we going to continue to be a successful Red County in a Blue state, where taxes and unemployment are low? By electing Jan Gardner we would be bringing the liberal tax-and-spend fiscal policies of Martin O'Malley to Winchester Hall.

In order to keep Frederick County on the right track, I would greatly appreciate your vote for County Executive on November 4th.

To learn more about Blaine Young visit his campaign website at www.blaineyoung.com.

Jan Gardner, Candidate for County Executive (D)

I am running for Frederick County Executive to fight for the things we love and value in our community. For me, this race is personal. I have invested 12 years serving Frederick County. Frederick County is my home.

Over the past four years, I have watched in dismay as the current commissioners have made one harmful decision after another. The keys to Winchester Hall have been turned over to the developers and over \$160 million of property taxes have been given away to subsidize residential housing. This is a terrible betrayal of the taxpayer. These tax dollars are our tax dollars and should be invested in public education, public safety, road maintenance, and other core county services.

In my view, the current commissioners have made a series of bad decisions. They gutted ethics laws and eliminated the penalties for serious ethics violations. They raised property taxes by 5% to 15% on the residents of Thurmont, Walkersville, and Sabillasville when the fire tax was merged into the property tax rate. They privatized county services at a higher cost. Worst of all, they funded our schools at the bare minimum required by law while giving away millions in future tax dollars to out-of-county and out-of-state residential developers.

Privatization has been a disaster. Many hard-working and ded-

icated county employees have been let go and replaced with contract employees often at a higher cost. While Blaine brags about less government based on fewer employees, he fails to tell you that the budget has grown larger and set new records for spending each and every year of his administration. With these decisions, Blaine Young has brought us more expensive government. I am truly saddened by the mistreatment and disrespect toward many loyal county employees.

Worse yet, developers have been in charge of managing growth. Over 200 fees and taxes paid almost exclusively by the development community have been cut. Now, all the taxpayers are paying to subsidize permitting and inspection for new development. Laws that were in place

to time residential growth with needed schools and roads have been gutted. Developer contributions to regional transportation improvements have been cut to zero. These decisions harm Frederick County, will result in overcrowded schools and congested roads, and will undermine our budgets for decades.

We have excellent public schools but our education system is at risk due to multiple years of funding at the bare minimum required by law. Blaine has pledged not "one dime above" state mandated minimums (Gazette, 3/22/2012) while diverting our tax money to out-of-state developers. He even told our Board of Education if they wanted more money they should buy a Power Ball ticket. (Gazette, 1/24/2013)

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Kirby Delauter, Candidate for County Council, Dis. 5 (R)

It's been said that politicians are people who see a light at the end of the tunnel, then they go buy more tunnel. It's rare that you get business people in government that understand that spending more money does not always solve the problems at hand. As a business owner, I solve problems and I can't afford to create more problems just to make myself look important or create a crisis in order to divert your attention from the issue of the week. I run a small business, I sign the front of a check, and I understand what it takes for you to earn your dollars. I will never spend your money recklessly and I have signed a Taxpayer Protection Pledge that states I will oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes.

This upcoming election is very important for many reasons. We have good representation in Annapolis with our Delegation but as a whole, Annapolis is run by tax and spend liberals that have a real effect on us here in rural Frederick County. The tax and spend zealots in Annapolis are constantly adding taxes to the counties and it takes someone with business knowledge and a strong will to hold them accountable when they overstep their bounds. I have a proven track record of doing just that and this article will convince you, if you're not already,

why I should be your representative in Council District 5.

Over the last four years Annapolis has shifted teacher pensions on to Frederick County of an amount over \$40 Million dollars. This board absorbed this expense without raising your taxes. They also wanted to raise your taxes by forcing the county to raise your property taxes to pay for the "Rain Tax." "I stood firm on this and voted with three other Commissioners to add just \$0.01 (one penny) to your tax bill, in lieu of up to one thousand dollars the State was looking for us to increase your taxes to pay for this unnecessary tax. I would have voted for a \$0 dollar increase, but the state made it mandatory we charge a fee. We chose \$0.01, which is not what they were looking for.

The State also cut our highway user fee revenue by 95%, millions of our tax dollars were cut. These are our tax dollars we use for roadways and improvements. They cut our police aid by 37% and our corrections reimbursement by 100%. In lieu of that, we still funded our Sheriff's office and Corrections budget. When you add these items up and include the fact that the previous tax and spend Jan Gardner Board was not adequately funding our OPEB (other post-employment benefits)

which were below 70% funded, the numbers are staggering. I voted to increase and ramp up funding to OPEB when we were first elected and today, the account is 90% funded.

We did all of this and were still able to reduce the constant yield tax rate and provide a windfall of revenue to our municipalities of over \$11 Million due to reinstating the revised tax equity and tax differential formulas that were removed by the previous Jan Gardner Board. Jan Gardner just passed the state cuts to the county on to our municipalities, when questioned about it she simply stated that the municipalities need to share the pain. The state (after raising every tax imaginable) is projecting a \$177 million deficit in FY 15. Do you think they will pass on the pain to the counties? Sure they will, and if so, who do you want in the county elected offices? Jan Gardner and a Council that embraces a tax and spend agenda, or Blaine Young and a fiscally conservative Council that will stand up to the state and look out for your hard earned tax dollars.

Among other things I voted to eliminate the Admissions and Amusement tax, the trailer tax, the excise tax, as well as over 260 other taxes, fees and regulations. I voted to initiate and expand the

Senior tax credit. We started in office with a \$37 Million deficit inherited by the tax and spend Jan Gardner board, with our leadership we were able after just one year in office provide a surplus of over \$20 million dollars and issue a rebate to homeowners of \$100 each.

I have voted to sell county owned buildings that were not needed which allows bond funds to be reallocated to schools and other core functions of the county where they are needed most. By selling the buildings, it also places tax revenue back in the system. One building in particular added \$37,000 back on the tax rolls, which is only part of the equation. It not only adds funds back into the county treasury, the county is not spending money on this unnecessary building which doubles your gain for the taxpayer.

I initiated a pilot program for the fleet department in the county that has saved \$3.7 million in onetime revenue and a recurring projected savings of \$6.5 million annually. In doing things like this, that is how you effectively run government, you take issues head on; you don't shove it off to your municipalities as well as your taxpayers, and make it their problem. We've never had a revenue problem, we've had a spending problem. If you focus on core government functions,

you can easily work within the revenue we have.

Governing like a taxpayer is what I'm about. I have done everything I said I would do, and more. Below is a partial list of current and past officials that are supporting me for County Council District 5. I have their votes and support, I respectfully ask for your vote on November 4th.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, Former Mayor and Thurmont Commissioner Marty Burns, Thurmont Police Chief Greg Eyer, New Market Mayor Winslow Burhans, Mayor of Emmitsburg Don Briggs, Former Mayor of Emmitsburg Jim Hoover, Former Emmitsburg Commissioner Pat Joy, Del. Kelly Schulz, Del. Michael Hough, Rosemont Mayor Tom Watson, Former US Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, Former Secret Service Agent and Congressional Candidate Dan Bongino, States Attorney Charlie Smith, Former States Attorney & Circuit Court Judge Candidate Scott Rolle, Former Brunswick Councilman Tom Smith, Former County Commissioner Charlie Smith, Former Woodsboro Mayor Donald Trimmer.

To learn more about Kirby Delauter visit his campaign website at www.budotis.com.

Bud Otis, Candidate for County Council at Large (R)

We're coming to the last days of the 2014 election. Some are saying "I will be glad when it is over" and I understand your feelings. Let me tell you why I enjoy the election season. When I was ten years old my

parents took me with them on business trip to Washington D. C. I took the bus and went to the White House and walked through it by myself. From there I went by taxi to the Capital and I was able to walk in the Cap-

ital and I went first to the House then the Senate. I sat in the balcony and listened to the speeches. Of course you can't do that today but for a farm boy from Indiana it was a big deal! I was hooked on how my government worked and I wanted to be a part of it. I felt impressed to go another direction when I graduated from the University; however Fifty years later I was able to fulfill the dream when I was asked to join Congressman Bartlett's staff and enjoyed working for you as his Chief of Staff. Now being retired makes it possible to run as your candidate for the County Council at Large.

While there are problems with our government at times and the people who we elect, it is still the best form of government in the world.

My name is on your ballot because the people in Frederick County nominated me in the primary for a spot of one of four, for an at Large seat on the new County Council. An "at large candidate" means that I am running County wide and I am on everyone's ballot. If you need help from the County I am there to help you.

You ask me "why are you running"? I love people and I love solving problems. I enjoy thinking of new ways to do things that will result in lower cost for the County and ultimately you as it's your money.

I am running on five points and I want you to remember them and hold me to them.

Manage Growth: You and I don't want to wake up twenty years from now and see that we have become another Montgomery County. That will happen if we don't keep an eye on growth. I fully believe in the farmer's right to sell his land and not have

it down zoned as it was four years ago. There is a place for developers; they are our neighbors and friends. Their sales depend on the economy and they can't sell houses faster than people have the money to buy them. I will watch the pace for you and with you.

Control Spending: Bringing spending under control is a constant job. When it comes to spending other people's money we have to be very careful. I serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee of my church and as a committee we have to think that way all the time. I look forward to being a watchman on the County Council in dealing with the Budget to make sure we are being very careful with your money!

Bring Jobs to Frederick County: Too many of our friends and neighbors are living from pay check to pay check. Others have lost their jobs and are working at lesser paying jobs just to keep the family together. The county needs to have a sharp team in place to go after new businesses from other counties in Maryland and from other states as well. It can happen! I helped Washington County bring in high paying jobs and I am ready to help put together another team here in Frederick County. We have the players we just need to form the team.

Keep tax rates affordable: This one is a battle as one side says give us your money, we know how to spend it better than you do. I say not so fast, it is our money let us decide what we want to buy. You want the basics such as roads, schools, police and fire services etc. Beyond that however let's have a good discussion as to what our wants and needs are. They may differ but we don't have to be disagreeable.

We need to listen to all points of view and then come to a decision. We must keep our seniors in our county and I will support all of the measures needed to so.

Listen to all points of view: The older I get the more I have found it pays to listen to what people have to say and then speak up. God gave us two ears and one mouth and I think He may have been saying something to us. When I'm elected I will listen very carefully to you as I know not all of the wisdom is in Winchester Hall. I intend to have listening days around the county and when you hear I am coming to your part of the county please come and meet with me and tell me what you are thinking. True wisdom is best learned sitting around the table with you I and hearing what you think the county ought to do.

I don't claim to have all the answers, I'm not afraid to ask questions. I will call you when it is appropriate to get your ideas and together we will find the answers. To many elected folks think you will think they are not very smart if they don't give you an answer on the spot. I may have had an idea of what the answer should be but let's stop and pull others into the conversation and I believe we will come up with a better answers.

Let's make the new County Council and ongoing town hall where we can hear what your concerns are and you will know you have a listening ear in Winchester Hall. I ask for your vote in the election November 4 and then I will be of the people for the people. This Bud is for you!

To learn more about Bud Otis visit his campaign website at www.budotis.com.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Mark Long, Candidate for County Council, Dis. 5 (D)

I was born and raised in Northern Frederick County where my family has lived for many generations. I love living here and want to ensure that it continues to be a great place to live, work and raise families for future generations. I'm running for County Council District 5 so that north county residents have a representative on the County Council who will put their interests first.

I support our public schools and students. A good education provides the foundation for a fulfilling life, and prepares students for good paying jobs and rewarding careers. Ensuring a quality education for our children is the most important investment we can make for the future of our community, and is key to our

economic prosperity. Unfortunately, Blaine Young and Kirby Delauter have put our education system at risk and shortchanged our children's future by providing only the bare minimum funding. As a County Councilman, I will work to restore support of our education.

I support responsible residential growth. Because Frederick County is a desirable place to live and work, it will continue to attract new residents. It's essential that we manage growth in a responsible and thoughtful way so that new development doesn't negatively impact current residents. Development should be managed so to preserve farms, limit traffic congestion, and have enough schools and enough space in our schools for our

students. The rollout of developments should be timed with our ability to pay for schools, infrastructure and services, and developers should pay their fair share for these services. We should end taxpayer giveaways to developers.

I stand for strong business and economic growth. As a small business owner I understand the importance of having a business friendly environment and a strong economy. We should support and reinforce the work of our County's Department of Business Development and Retention as well as reinvest in our business/technology incubator. Job growth is a top priority. I want to restore the position of Agricultural Liaison to support our agricultural community.

I will put the interests of District 5 residents first. I will listen to my constituents and respectfully consider your opinions to make sure District 5 residents have a voice on the County Council. Recently, my opponent Kirby Delauter stated in writing that he considered people speaking out at public hearings to be "mob rule". As County Councilman, one of the first things I will do will be to host town hall sessions where residents can voice their concerns and interests to me directly, so that I can better understand what's important to residents of District 5.

Recently I received the endorsements of several elected officials in Northern Frederick County, including the majority of mayors in Dis-

trict 5. These officials are Wayne Hooper, Thurmont Commissioner (R), Glenn Blanchard, Emmitsburg Commissioner (D), Wayne Creadick, Mayor of Myersville (R), John Kinnaird, Mayor of Thurmont (R), and Ralph Whitmore, Burgess of Walkersville (R). As County Councilman representing District 5, I will make decisions affecting the entire county, however, I will make it my priority to ensure that northern Frederick County residents have a representative on the county council that hears their concerns and stands up for their interests.

To learn more about Mark Long visit his campaign website at www.mark-long.us.

Linda Norris, Candidate for County Council at Large (D)

We are asked on many questionnaires and in many citizen forums about our plans for the first 100 Days on the Frederick County Council. Everyone assumes we will be churning out legislation to "make our names". My priorities for the first 100 days in office are more pragmatic: organization, money and solid waste.

Organization: A functioning Charter Government is Job One. This is investment of time in the first two weeks could easily be overlooked by anyone in a rush to grab headlines, but it is so important. If the Council and Execu-

tive don't agree on procedures at the beginning about what issues are council issues and what are executive decisions, we could be facing constant confusion, infighting or indecision that will keep us from moving forward on future policy and legislation. My discussions with council members from Cecil County, who passed Charter Government two years before us and on whose Charter ours is modeled, told me that transition for previous county commissioners was one of their biggest challenges. Former commissioners are reluctant to let go of the powers they had grown

used to, so it needs to be clear going forward who does what.

Operating and Capital Budgets: We have a many discussions ahead to determine in determining ways to balance the budget as we recover from the recession, because even as assessments and income taxes are increasing, many needs have been cut or put off. Like our own household budget s -- where we put off fixing the roof, didn't replace the old furnace so we could keep up with rising food and gas costs, etc., -- things in our county operations and services, as well as our schools, are

strained because of inattention, and we will have holes the dam to plug up in the coming term.

Solid Waste, Recycling and Alternatives: Our solid waste program is also at a critical decision stage. We've lost about six to eight years, depending on how you look at it, focused on an outdated and expensive technology (incineration) and have taken our eye off the ball when it comes to better alternatives. Composting and anaerobic digestion, recycling and incentives for citizen waste reduction such as pay as you throw are all things we need to evalu-

ate. We have to move quickly to gather the data to set up the right mix for our county because trucking the quantities out of state that we continue to truck is costing us *dearly).

To sum up, if I'm elected I don't plan to be a generator of "bills" for their own sake; I am more focused on problem solving and legislation that leads to results. Politicians generate bills; public servants focus on results.

To learn more about Linda Norris visit her campaign website at www.lindanorris.com.

Billy Shreve, Candidate for County Council at Large (R)

Why you should vote for Billy Shreve for Council at Large on November 4th? Simple, I get results! Plain and simple. I roll up my sleeves and make tough decisions. If I make a promise, I keep it. You know who I am and what I stand for. That doesn't happen very often in the political world.

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My Board of County Commissioners produced over 5 pages of results to make your life easier, and less complicated so you can spend more time with your family. Vis-

it www.BelieveInShreve.com to see the complete list.

Here are just a few highlights of our accomplishments:

Taxes: 265+ taxes & fees reduced or abolished. No longer are you required to get a permit to install a garbage disposal or pay to register your home alarm.

Senior citizens: Initiated several programs to allow seniors to live better, and age in Place. Pilot program allows seniors vouchers for private transportation when buses do not work. Initiated a Senior Tax Credit. Started a land trust, which will allow several senior friendly living options and can be partially tax free.

Education: Wi-Fi in every school. Why turn off a Students connection to the world? Invested so every classroom is connected to the most up to date information available. School

security was enhanced, and investments were made in new schools and additions to existing schools. System wide school capacity is now less than 89%.

Roads: Partnered with the city, state, and private sector to build and enhance roads. Improvements are being made to RT 15/Opossumtown Pike, & RT 270/80. Three interchanges are planned or being built at RT 15 near Butterfly Lane, RT 15/Biggs Ford Rd, RT 70/Meadow Rd, plus improvements to RT 75 and Monocacy Boulevard.

Open for Business: Large & small business tax credits to foster create jobs, retain business, and lower unemployment. Result: More citizens live & work in Frederick County. The government must be stable, trustworthy, predictable, and establish the same rules for everyone.

Drugs & Crime: I championed

collaborative efforts with the county, state, sheriff's department, health department, state's attorney's office, 12 municipal governments, and Frederick County Public Schools to educate parents about drugs & drug related issues surrounding their children. Produced 4 events in high schools and a video that can

be viewed online. We must stop the rising 300% increase in heroin use, overdoses, and affiliated crimes.

Everything was completed during the worst economy since the Great Depression, without raising taxes.

If you want leadership and results ... I'm your man. Vote for me on November 4th.

Republican Billy Shreve

Council at Large

Promises Made - Promises Kept

- Ended double Taxation of Municipal Residents
- Ended over \$200 million in lawsuits against Frederick Co.
- Ended a legal battle between the Municipalities and County Government.
- Reduced or eliminated 250 taxes and fees
- Passed a Senior Tax credit to help Seniors stay in their homes
- Added Wi-Fi to all schools in Frederick County

By authority of the candidate: Angela L. Gregory, treasurer



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Sharon

KELLER

Current
Register of Wills

- Appointed by the Orphans' Court
- 11+ years experience
- Personally assisted thousands of Frederick County families in the probate process
- Supported by 45+ Frederick County attorneys specializing in E & T Law
- Excellent management of a state agency
- Dedicated to public service

VOTE TO KEEP
SHARON KELLER
Register of Wills

Kimberly A. Wachtel, Treas.

FROM THE DESK OF . . .

Dan Rupli, Candidate for State Senate (D)

Not long ago the Frederick news Post wrote an editorial. It made the case that candidates who are trying to attract independent voters in the coming election are somehow on a fool's errand. The premise of the editorial was that these independent voters didn't leave the Democratic or Republican parties because they had become too extreme, but left their parties because they were not extreme enough in their practices! I simply don't believe that.

What I have learned since becoming a candidate for State Senate is that most of us, no matter what our political affiliation, are feeling very disconnected from the political system and our elected leaders. We know that the government in Washington is dysfunctional and broken, and when it does work, it works in favor of the rich and powerful and against the middle class, which is being crushed. They are rightfully afraid of the future, and where it leaves

them, their kids, and grand kids.

When I decided to run for State Senate I put together an agenda that I believed would appeal to Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike:

(1) Educational Excellence: Fully fund voluntary Pre-K for all Maryland students, and follow Tennessee's example giving the first two years of State college, community college, or trade school to Maryland residents for free. Fund these programs out of lottery and casino money.

(2) Job Creation: Establish a public/private Alternative Energy Center that would allow entrepreneurs to manufacture their products on the old Eastalco site in our South County.

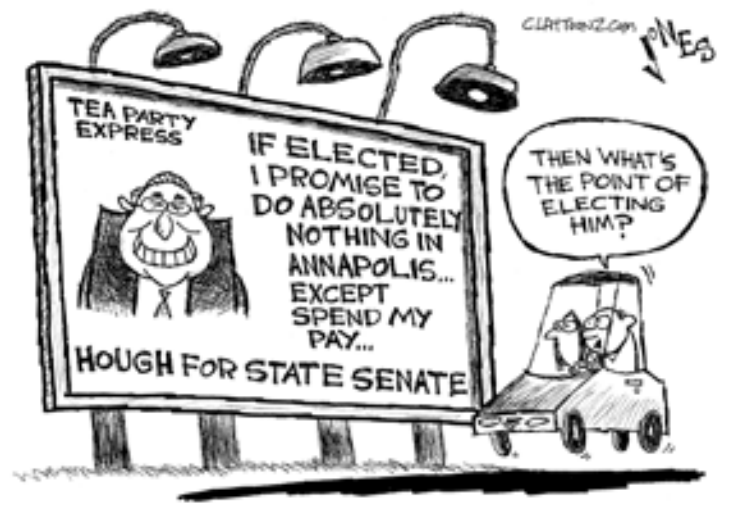
(3) Cut Government Costs: We could save a ton of money and enjoy a substantial tax cut after conducting a serious independent audit of all State agencies from top to bottom. I know that from my experience as counsel to

a former Maryland governor.

(4) Intelligent Growth: We should stop badly planned developments like Monrovia that threaten our magnificent lifestyle and our agricultural heritage.

I have done my best to reach across the aisle to my Republican and Independent friends in my campaign. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, and David Brinkley would be the models that I would follow if I am honored with the Senate seat.

My opponent, Michael Hough is a Tea Party radical who ran a scurrilous and dishonest campaign in the Republican primary against a distinguished State Senator and friend, David Brinkley. Hough learned everything he knows about dishonest campaigning from Alex Mooney who did nothing for his district except keep people divided and promote himself. If Hough goes to Annapolis it will be an Alex Mooney



replay; and we will have four years of whining and empty resolutions. He will achieve nothing for our district—he won't have the votes to block legislation or to pass legislation. All he will do is isolate our District from the rest of the State, and resources that would ordinarily come to our district will end

up in some other jurisdiction.

I am counting on a fair number of rights minded Republicans and Independents to join Democrats in sending me to Annapolis to reunite our District around our shared and common values and beliefs. There is so much at stake here. Please help me.

State Delegate Kelly Schulz (R)

I am currently going through the process of reapplying for my job to serve you as your Maryland State Delegate. As you know, I have represented District 4 over the past 4 years, and I would be honored to be able to serve this community for another term.

As you do your research about all of the candidates, I would like to take a moment to provide you with information about what I have been doing while representing your interests.

When I was elected to this first term, I had made a promise to be conservative and effective. I have not forgotten those words and continue to remind myself of them every day.

My record shows a very strong conservative stand. I have challenged this

administration on their damaging fiscal policies and never ending tax increases. I went toe to toe with the Governor during many public hearings in my committee—challenging him on everything from Offshore Wind to Minimum Wage. Many times, he was not able to produce the necessary information to make good, quality financial decisions, which resulted in altering his initial plans. I was looking out for you and your wallet at all times!

I made some very difficult decisions, especially when it came to the 4 budgets that were presented during my term. I ultimately voted against all of them, because the \$1 billion (or more) increase every year was simply unacceptable. Growing a budget by unprecedented amounts

each year simply does not make sense. I, along with some of my colleagues, proposed legitimate alternatives that would not have increased the budget, but would still fund those areas that should be our priority. Unfortunately, the majority of the legislators did not challenge the administration and we are paying the price.

Education funding has become a very popular topic of conversation lately—and it should! Marylanders passed a referendum to allow an expansion of gambling in our state based on the premise of those additional revenues being spent on education. This quite simply is NOT occurring. In 2014, the gaming industry brought in over \$460 million. Of that, \$220 million went to the education trust fund. However, the

increase in funding between the 2014 and 2015 education budget was only \$76 million when you take out the increase in federal aid. Where did the additional \$144 million go?

Marylanders are continuously told that we need to increase our revenues through additional taxes and fees. That is simply not true. What we need to do is to live within our means and fund those areas that mean the most to our constituents. Voting for the budget is easy. Voting against the budget with clearly defined alternatives to increases is the difficult part.

Although I have made tough decisions, I have also managed to earn the respect of my colleagues who have supported many of my legislative agenda items. I am the only candidate in this race that has passed any legislation during this term. Why is that important to you? Because, you need to know

that instead of just going to Annapolis and saying 'no' to their initiatives, I have been effective in authoring and passing legislation that is directly affecting the lives of Marylanders. These new laws have reduced business regulations, protected victims of crimes, supported our farming community and created an entire new business industry in our state. I am proud of my record because it shows my commitment to you.

You have many choices when you go to the polling booth. There are people that make great promises during an election. I ask you to consider my record and ask yourself if I have lived up to mine—conservative and effective.

I respectfully ask you for your vote on November 4th. Thank you.

To learn more about Kelly Schulz visit her official website at www.delegateschulz.com.

Gene Stanton, Candidate for House of Delegates (D)

In a few days, all the campaigning will be over and the voters will have their say. It is my fervent hope that when all of the voters have spoken, my service in Annapolis will begin.

I still have the old fashioned belief that

elected officials serve the people that elect them and not their own interests; that the interests of their constituents are all that matters.

Almost a year ago, I decided to offer myself in service to all of the peo-

ple in District 4 as a candidate for Delegate to our State Assembly.

For almost a year, I have traveled the length and breadth of District 4 constantly, meeting as many people as possible, to hear their hopes and listen to their concerns personally. What I found was that most people want the same things.

District 4 residents want high quality schools. They want the county and the state to provide a level of funding for our schools that will guarantee a first-rate education for all of our children. We can no longer balance our budgets by short-changing our school system. Doing so reduces our property values, erodes our tax base and lowers our quality of life.

Everybody I spoke with in District 4 expressed support for having developers pay the full cost of the infrastructure improvements their developments require—and that none of these costs should be put on the backs of existing residents!

I found lots of support for preserving the farms in our communities and helping the family farmers among us keep farming. We must value our family farms and our rural way of life. I am the only candidate in District 4 addressing this important issue.

I found that people believe in basic fairness, for everybody. People from all walks

of life want only the best for themselves, their families, and their communities.

People also really want good government. Frederick County residents want our government to live within its means, as each of us must do when we make our own budgets.

I am proud of all of the many endorsements I have received, including but not limited to, our Teachers and Firefighters in Frederick County, The Emmitsburg New-Journal, Parents Choice of Maryland, The Sierra Club, Clean Water Maryland, RALE, and Equality Maryland.

One thing I didn't find during almost a year of non-stop campaigning was a lot of partisanship. The desire for making our communities better was just as strong among Republicans, Independents and Democrats.

This was very encouraging, especially since my opponents in District 4 seem to be basing their campaigns on appeals to extreme partisanship that have nothing to do with our District. The voters—including many Republicans and Independents I have spoken with—don't appreciate this divisiveness and have rejected it. In fact, many Republicans who reject this extremism are supporting me.

As you prepare to vote on November

4, or as you vote early starting October 23, remember:

If you want to cut taxes for our small businesses, vote for Gene Stanton.

If you want to cut taxes for our family farmers, vote for Gene Stanton.

If you want to stop overdevelopment and make the developers pay for improvements—not the taxpayers—vote for Gene Stanton.

If you want to widen I-270 and US15 Now, vote for Gene Stanton.

If you want to end school overcrowding, vote for Gene Stanton.

If you want an independent advocate in Annapolis, vote for Gene Stanton.

I am running because I still believe what my parents and my teachers taught me: that we all have a responsibility as citizens to participate in the political process, to make our communities and our country a better place.

I believe that elected officials are supposed to serve ALL of their constituents. I will always listen to all points of view; I can always be persuaded by a sound argument based on facts.


I ask for your support and your vote.

To learn more about Gene Stanton visit his campaign website at www.stantonfordelgate.org.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Jimmy Trout, Candidate for Orphans' Court (R)

On September 29, 2009 my mother, Ann Sue Metz was murdered by my father in the City of Frederick. My life has changed dramatically since that day. I spent many hours trying to protect her estate, an estate that included family heirlooms, as well as a collection of Precious Moment figurines and Dallas Cowboy memorabilia. Her collections were promised to her only two grandchildren and I was determined to fulfill her wishes. However, this process was hindered by my father's Power of Attorney acting on his direction from the jail cell. As

you can imagine, the family was split with different objectives and beliefs as to how my mother's personal belongings should be handled.

Through the process I learned that a criminal could benefit from killing another person in the state of Maryland. Imagine a convicted killer being able to collect a life insurance policy off of his victim. This was in fact something that was occurring all over Maryland. Looking for a solution to both our situation and to help future victims, I contacted Delegate Kelly Schulz for assistance. Along with Dele-

gate Schulz, my family worked tirelessly for two years to change the inequity of the system. We gathered over 1500 signatures in support of our effort. I, along with my family and friends, testified before the State Senate and House of Delegates Judiciary Committees two years in a row on behalf of victims. Support was received from Register of Wills offices in several Maryland counties who had been witnessing the injustice for years. I personally committed many hours to this effort knowing my mother would expect no less of me. She would have expected me to help

other people with her tragic death. Recalling and internalizing Pastor Paul Munday's quote "Purpose can emerge from pain", we had a tearful day when the Ann Sue Metz Slay-er Law was signed in May of 2013.

Wanting to keep my mother's name alive, I decided to run for Judge of the Orphans' Court. This court primarily handles wills and estates in probate as guided by Maryland law. During the past five years I have gained considerable firsthand experience with the court system – both through the Orphans' Court and through the Circuit Court. Be-

cause I truly understand the layman's side of the process, I promise to be a fair and empathetic judge using experience and common sense to help families fulfill their requirements for an estate under Maryland law. In my opinion, this position can only be enhanced by an individual with the personal experience as I have. I am running in honor of my mother, Ann Sue Metz, and I ask for your support on November 4. Please find me on Facebook at Jimmy Trout Orphans Court, internet at www.jimmytrout.com or email me at HOOKEDonTrout@yahoo.com.

Sharon Keller, Candidate for Register of Wills (R)

With only a few days until the General election, I thought the voters would find it helpful to give a description of the duties of the Register of Wills and my accomplishments while in office.

The Register of Wills is a quasi-judicial position; it involves law, but does not require a law degree. It is a constitutionally created elected position with a term of four years, and is a State Agency under the purview of the Comptroller. Maryland law does not require that the Register of Wills be an attorney. In fact, Section 2-202 of the Estates & Trusts Article states that each register shall devote full working time to the duties of the office and shall not practice law during the term of office. I think it is worth noting that Frederick's last two Registers, Thomas Eichelberger and Virginia Fifer, proudly served the county for a combined total of fifty-five years and, interestingly enough, neither was an attorney.

The Register is the administrative

counterpart to the Orphans' Court, and is responsible for the appointment of a Personal Representative for persons dying in Frederick County, either with or without a will. The Register must have an effective knowledge of Estates & Trusts law, Maryland Rules and the Tax General Article in order to perform duties of office and to recruit and maintain personnel who are effective in assisting the public with administration. The Register also serves as Clerk for the Orphans' Court and keeper of the docket (records).

Oversight of all Frederick County Estates – insuring that the requirements set out under Maryland law are met including proper notice to heirs, creditors, and interested persons is charged to the Register administratively, not judicially. This supervision includes reviewing Inventories of assets, Information Reports and administrative accountings. In addition, the Register of Wills has very specific reporting requirements to the

Comptroller and Treasurer of Maryland for collection of fees and taxes, and performs an active management position that entails knowledge of mandatory state procedures and policies.

The Register also assesses and collects inheritance tax. Most people will never pay inheritance tax because immediate family members are exempt under Maryland law. Bequests to spouses, children, grandchildren, and siblings are all exempt from inheritance tax. However, those individuals that inherit from, and are not immediately related to, a Maryland decedent are subject to a ten percent inheritance tax. Inheritance tax is completely different from the Maryland Estate Tax or Federal Estate Tax, neither of which is a responsibility or is within the control of Maryland's Registers. My opponent would have you believe that as Register he would be your "advocate" for lower taxes. This would be in direct contradiction to the oath of office. The Maryland General

Assembly controls legislation on taxation. Any individual can advocate to their representatives for lower taxes. However, the Registers of Wills cannot do so in their official capacity and have no authority to simply ignore the law. I would further suggest that if your situation involves inheritance tax, that you seek out an attorney specializing in Estates & Trust law and discuss your estate planning options. This planning should be done far in advance of having any business at the Register of Wills Office. By the time the issue reaches the Register, imposition of any inheritance tax has already occurred.

The Maryland Constitution intended for the Register of Wills and Orphans' Court to be occupied by "lay people". Inference suggests that the legislature would otherwise have made legal education a requirement of the position. While some would prefer to have all these positions filled by attorneys, I disagree. The role of the Register

of Wills is to serve ALL the people by retaining experienced professionals who have dedicated their careers to public service who handle estate probate matters all day, every day. Case in point, this year my office has opened 1,156 new proceedings and most were probated without counsel. That being said, personal representatives of complicated estates should always seek the advice of outside attorneys specializing in Estates & Trusts law.

Folks can be assured that they will receive professional, courteous, and friendly service from my office. Excellent public service is my number one goal. Given my decade of estate administration experience, familiarity with Maryland laws concerning estates, and my management of this office, I believe I am the best candidate. I have the knowledge, the experience, and the desire to compassionately serve the people of Frederick County. I would deeply appreciate your vote.

Teresa Bean, Candidate for State's Attorney (D)

As a campaign slogan, my opponent Charlie says, "Life is good in Frederick County, let's keep it that way." But I can't help but ask, "For whom?" Due to his mismanagement of the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office (SAO) over the last eight years, life is certainly not better for all.

Life isn't better for victims of crimes. Over a three year period, a State's Attorney's Office employee, who was handpicked by my opponent as a Victim/Witness Coordinator, stole over \$20,700 in restitution owed to victims involving 58 separate instances. Astonishingly enough, this occurred without any oversight or accountability from my opponent.

Life isn't better for the victims of domestic violence. Because of the complex issues surrounding domestic violence, it is a nationally recognized best practice to have a separate domestic violence unit. While the national trend is to get men involved in the fight against domestic violence, Charlie responded by eliminating the domestic violence unit in 2013.

Life isn't better for the families and children. The heroin epidemic hit Frederick County with such intensity that we've been listed as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Since 2010, heroin-related deaths in this county have more than tripled under my op-

ponent's watch yet heroin abuse and related crimes have gone unaddressed. In fact, my opponent's office recently plea bargained with a drug dealer who sold drugs to an undercover officer. The "bargain" was only for 30 days in jail. The "bargain" does nothing to prevent recidivism or deter others. The "bargain" is an embarrassment for justice and a slap in the face to law enforcement.

Life isn't better for the taxpayers in Frederick County either. In the midst of countywide budget cuts and layoffs, my opponent sought and received a substantial pay raise for himself. In 2013, the SAO experienced an almost 20% turnover in staff. And recently, my opponent selected a Lexus from the Narcotics Task Force for his personal use – driving his family on weekends and driving himself to political events.

My opponent makes much ado about his "leadership" experience but shouldn't leaders give credit to their staff when credit is due and take responsibility for failures that take place under their watch? My opponent takes the opposite approach. He has routinely taken credit for his staff's success while failing to take any responsibility for the numerous failures that have taken place on his watch.

I am running for State's Attorney because I can no longer watch victims get

re-victimized by the very office that is supposed to be a place of safety and justice. As your next State's Attorney, my first order of business will be to reinstitute the Domestic Violence Unit. I will also work with criminal justice leaders to establish a Family Justice Center, where victims can meet with law enforcement, legal services providers, community based advocates, and Hearty House in one location. Finally, I will attack the heroin epidemic head on by adopting a

zero tolerance policy and by using enhanced penalty statutes to vigorously prosecute repeat drug offenders.

If 21 heroin-related deaths in 2013, 42% increase in alcohol-related deaths, a nearly 20% turnover of the SAO staff, a State's Attorney who takes a pay raise on the backs of the workers and who has converted a car he selected from the Narcotics Task Force for his personal use is what we need to "keep" for Frederick County,

then my opponent is the perfect candidate. But, if you are like me and believe that the best days for Frederick County are still ahead, then I am asking for your vote. As a career prosecutor with 19 years of trial experience, I will work tirelessly to make Frederick County a safer place for our children, families, and community. Let's make life good for all of us! Vote Teresa Bean for State's Attorney on November 4th!

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

James French, Candidate for Orphans' Court

Despite these being modern times, we still need the functions provided by a probate court. In Maryland we are used to calling this court Orphans' Court, a term we have used since colonial times. Sometimes wills are more complex today than they used to be. It is probable that more people today have wills today than in years past, but they are also often more complex due the changes aspects of fam-

ily life. It is possible to change the intent of a will through an amendment, also known as a codicil.

Although the Register of Wills administers the probate process, the Orphans' Court is responsible for assessing the qualifications of personal representatives, removing personal representatives in case of dereliction of duty, and evaluating payments to personal representatives. If a person dies without a

will, or intestate in legal terms, the Orphans' Court becomes responsible for determining the proper beneficiaries or heirs, amounts to be distributed to certain heirs or beneficiaries, and guardianship of assets that may be assigned to a minor person.

Modern Maryland also provides for streamlined probate when an estate is small. The law defines "small" as being less than \$50,000

if all assets are going to a spouse, or less than \$30,000 if going to another person. The complexity of a will in modern times relates directly to the complexity of the estate. It is highly advisable to confer with heirs in advance in order to avoid complications in the probate process. When this is not possible, the Orphans' Court has orderly procedures for helping to settle difficult issues, such as how to share as-

sets left to a group of heirs when the original owner did not specify how this should be done.

I have the ability to analyze such situation and listen carefully to all concerns. I am also able to deal with the emotional impact that a difficult estate can present. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my fellow citizens as a Judge on the Frederick County Orphans' Court.

Chad Weddle, Candidate for Register of Wills (D)

Many citizens and colleagues have asked me the question, "Why are you running for Register of Wills?" I am running for Register of Wills because I want to serve Frederick County residents and utilize my twenty years of legal experience as a licensed Maryland and Federal attorney, who has provided will, estate, and tax advice, to help residents experiencing a loss administer their loved one's estate. I am passionately committed to public service, and that makes me the best candidate for Register of Wills.

I am currently a law partner with William Poffenbarger in Frederick, where I have worked for over 9 years. I graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and have held numerous leadership positions, including Chairman of the Frederick County Criminal Defense Bar and Chair of the Frederick County Criminal Justice Co-

ordinating Commission. I have also worked as a Professor, teaching Wills and Estates at Frederick Community College, Abbie Business Institute, and Accutech Business School.

My record of public service demonstrates my commitment to Frederick County residents. I have been an active volunteer Firefighter for 29 years. In 2013, I received the Firefighter of the Year Award and a commendation for assisting with a water rescue. I have also served as the President of the following organizations: Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Co. Inc., Walkersville High School Alumni Association Inc, Glade United Church of Christ, Inc. I presently serve as the Treasurer of my church and as Treasurer of the Alumni Association. Further, I volunteer regularly with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Frederick Soup Kitchen.

I have the privilege of leading services in churches throughout Frederick and Carroll Counties as a lay minister. I teach Sunday school with my wife, Irene Weddle, who worked for twenty years in a Register of Wills office. I enjoy giving back to my community and feel that I can continue to give back to Frederick County as the Register of Wills.

My opponent, Mrs. Keller, has highlighted that she was appointed in January 2014 by the Judges of the Orphan's Court to carry out the remaining term of the past Register, the Honorable Virginia Fifer. I did not seek appointment to the position at that time because I knew that the public would vote to decide their choice for Register of Wills on November 4th. I assert that the people of Frederick County, and not the political process, must vote and thereby

determine the best candidate for the job of Register of Wills.

As candidate for Register of Wills, I want to stress how important it is for every resident to have three legal documents: a will, a power of attorney, and an advanced health directive. As an attorney, I can offer you the following legal advice: it is of the utmost importance that you have a lawyer draft and review the wording in your will to ensure that your plan for the assets in your estate is legally enforced after you pass away. The words in a will have legal significance, and since you are not able to explain your intentions after you pass away, you want to ensure that the language of your will mirrors your specific intentions. For example, my great Aunt thought that her niece would inherit from her estate, but because of the misuse of the

word "survivor" in her will; her niece was not recognized as a beneficiary of the estate. Thus, using preprinted or internet forms can have detrimental consequences for your loved ones.


I respectfully ask for the support and vote of my fellow Frederick County residents. Voters can review my profile "Chad W. Weddle for Register of Wills" on Facebook to learn more about my candidacy. Notably, I am an experienced attorney who is committed to professionalism; I command respect for my clients and advocate for each client's individual needs. As Register of Wills, I would bring to the table my experience of drafting wills and administering estates, and I pledge that as the only attorney candidate, I will enforce the wills submitted to the office. Please vote Weddle for Register of Will.

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- Earn detention center accreditation lost under current Sheriff
- Reduce costly lawsuits
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For Register of Wills

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Lisa Munyan, Candidate for Clerk of Court (D)

The first recorded use of the expression “public servant” goes back to 1671. It has been around for such a long time and bandied about so carelessly to have now lost all meaning. For all intent and purpose, many of today’s public servants can more accurately be described as bureaucrats; people in leadership positions who put aside common sense and ignore the needs of the people. I believe that, for the past sixteen years, Ms. Dalton, the present clerk of the circuit court, has failed to put the needs of the people first and it is time to vote in a person who understands the responsibilities of being a public servant and will put Frederick County citizens first.

Consider this: Does it serve the needs of the people to close

the cash registers 30 minutes before the end of the business day? I cannot think of any other business that operates in this manner, but this is how Ms. Dalton runs our office today. Last week a couple who had driven up from Baltimore was turned away from the clerk’s office empty-handed because, despite arriving during office hours, the early closing of the registers meant they could not purchase the documents they needed. This is unacceptable and completely out of sync with the duty of a public servant and is not the welcome I want visitors to receive when they visit our county.

Unless you find yourself at the clerk’s office to attend a marriage, chances are you are there for a serious and perhaps stressful reason. Perhaps you are filing divorce pa-

pers or handling a criminal matter for example. Your stress levels would be minimized if the clerk processed documents in a speedy fashion. However, while the Washington County clerk is consistently able to process documents in a matter of days, my twelve years of experience with the Frederick clerk’s office has taught me that this is beyond the managerial abilities of Ms. Dalton. When I asked Ms. Dalton why we often waited weeks for documents to be processed, she responded that it was “no longer reality” to process mail the day it is received. What a defeatist attitude! Surely Frederick can be at least as efficient as Washington County!

Additionally, while Frederick County is the 7th largest county in the state by population, we

lag behind 20 others whose clerks have already implemented state-of-the-art protection for their important documents. Ms. Dalton chose not to take advantage of this system which became available a decade ago. A catastrophe in the clerk’s office today would mean that many irreplaceable documents would be lost forever. It is the clerk’s primary job to protect documents to the highest level possible and in this responsibility Ms. Dalton has failed our community.

So there you have it – the main reasons I am running. I believe I can transform the clerk’s office into a professionally run, efficient and technologically up-to-date office that offers exceptional customer service and focuses on the needs of the public. I am a

straight talking, hard working woman and I like to think I was near the top of the line when they handed out common sense. I want every visitor to the clerk’s office to come away knowing that they have been listened to and assisted in the best way possible.

While I hope that you will vote for me, Lisa Munyan, on November 4th, more importantly, I hope that no matter who wins this race you the taxpayer will keep the clerk’s feet to the fire, demand top quality customer service and complain loudly when you do not receive it. The clerk is there, after all, to serve you and is generously paid for that privilege.

To learn more about Lisa Munyan visit her campaign website at www.LisaMunyan.com.

Sandy Dalton, Candidate for Clerk of Court (R)

Dear Voters and other interested parties.

As we near the November 4 election date, is the question you have for all of us seeking your vote “What’s in it for me?”

I hope my responses to the FNP Primary Voter’s Guide will answer that question for you. This office was not included in the Guide for the General Election.

Extremely important is the fiduciary responsibility of the office. In the last fiscal year, your clerk’s office collected and distributed 9 million dollars, and held 11 million dollars in special funds (approximate #'s due to the various sources.) I quote our State Treasurer Nancy Kopp from her letter to me, “Congratulations! It’s rare we’re informed, “Our audit did not disclose any findings.” Your office is obviously doing a great job – keep up the good work

Candidate questions

Married? Children? Married to my high school sweetheart Chuck and we have 3 beautiful adult children. Oh, and grandchildren!

How long have you lived in Frederick County?

Walkersville has been our home since 1998.

List any relevant experience serving the community:

I am proud to be a member of several clubs and organizations and able to support many community needs. Among them, Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Woman’s Giving Circle, Frederick BPW, St. Timothy’s Catholic Church, Leadership Frederick County (class of 2002!), Blood & Pheresis Donor, Patty Pollatos Fund, Christmas Cash for Kids, Shared Vision, Weinberg Center for the Arts, FMH, Maryland Charities, United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and The Great Frederick Fair.

Website: Daltonforclerk.com

Why are you running for office?

Since being elected to serve as Clerk in 1998, it continues to be my honor to assist the public, our Judges and partners. I continue to seek ways to improve our processes, public accessibility, and make understandable the

services of our court. Cross-training, improved case management, access to court services, excellent customer service and a vision for the future of our courts is my passion. Serving in leadership positions such as President of the Clerk’s Association and Chair of the Jury Commissioners and Clerk’s continue to enhance my knowledge, as has graduating from the Institute of Court Management (ICM) class. Member of the Computer Access Committee. Your records and our ancestors records must be diligently preserved and are being handled as such.

What’s the biggest issue facing the Clerk’s office?

Staying proactive and responsive to those we are committed to serve. Public trust and confidence, growth, access, technology, training, and changes in laws are many areas that are constantly evaluated. Land recordings, notaries, marriage & business licenses, civil marriages, civil, criminal, juvenile, child support case filings, and domestic violence petitions, have all seen an increase. Mod-

ern technology assists to make processes more user friendly, accurate and aides in audit evaluation. With caseload increase and court hearings, we strive daily to meet our shared expectations of expedition and accuracy for those who use court services. All the while staying kind and courteous!

What changes, if any, would you propose within the Clerk’s office during your term?

My commitment is to bring experience, vision and trust to this office. My willingness to embrace changes that reflect the needs of those we serve is the

goal that drives my vision. We work diligently to continue to receive “no findings” Legislative Audits. Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) is scheduled to pilot this year. We are perfecting our processes to meet this implementation. Our jury program upgrade this summer will allow citizens to self qualify or postpone themselves via the web. I hope my service has earned public trust, and voters will entrust me the honor to continue as your Clerk.

I ask you to vote Sandy Dalton for Clerk on election day. Thank you.

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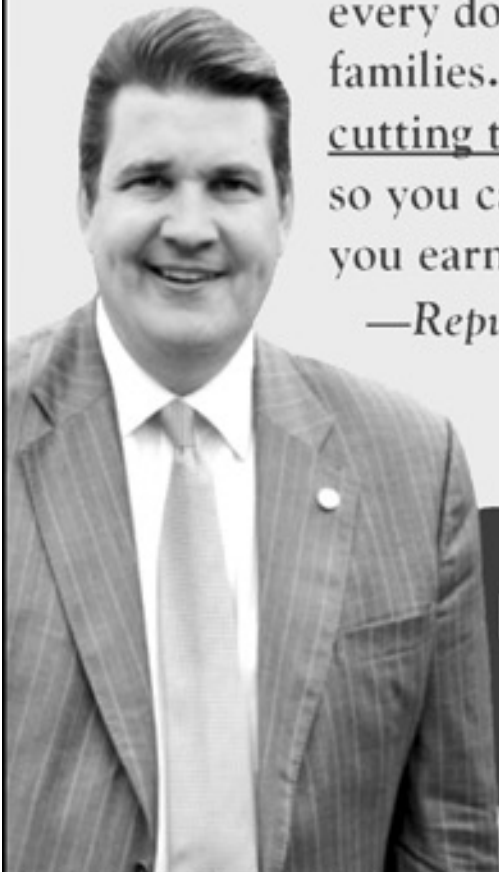
Republican Blaine Young has made it his priority for you to keep the money you earn. As County Commissioner, he's reduced the tax burden on Frederick County families and rooted out wasteful government spending.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Charlie Smith, Candidate for State's Attorney (R)

In my last column I issued my "closing argument." In trial, prosecutors are also permitted a "rebuttal" argument in which we correct misstatements or misleading claims of our opponent. So here is my rebuttal:

No, my opponent does not work at the State's Attorney's Office. Yes, she used to. Yes, she switched parties from a long time Republican to a Democrat to run against me after her departure last year. Yes, she had every right to do so. But no, she is no longer employed here.

Yes, both Teresa Bean and Karl Bickel like to allude to our heroin epidemic as a scare tactic to convince the voter that I and Sheriff Chuck Jenkins are somehow personally responsible for this terrible plague. Don't believe it. We had for many years a very successful partnership of prosecutors and police known as the Frederick Coun-

ty Narcotics Task Force. I strongly believe that the FCNTF was responsible for keeping many heroin and other drug dealers out of Frederick County. Especially when you realize that over 15 years ago neighboring Carroll County had to launch a "Heroin Kills" campaign. My office, in cooperation with all law enforcement agencies, continues to fight the heroin problem by aggressively targeting and incarcerating gang members, dealers and pushers.

Yes, all of us at the State's Attorney's Office certainly do care about Domestic Violence. For my opponent state that we don't care is just political pandering. In fact, we have obtained some of the most substantial sentences EVER in the State for domestic and family violence cases. We now have a number of prosecutors who are trained and able to try these cases, both felony and misdemeanor. We even created a special-

ized domestic violence docket in our misdemeanor division, recognizing that domestic violence doesn't have to be a felony for it to garner special attention

Interestingly, my opponent states "domestic violence shouldn't be part of a family violence unit". Yet a quick look at how other major Counties deal with domestic violence prosecution shows my opponent's lack of understanding. Here is how many define it -- "The Family Violence Unit is responsible for the prosecution of all physical and sexual child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence, vulnerable adult and elder abuse, and child abduction cases in the county. The Family Violence Unit is located in the Family Justice Center, an all inclusive location which serves the needs of domestic violence victims in the County." No, domestic violence is not "marginalized" by employing a

family violence unit approach as my opponent would like you to believe (which, by the way, was in existence long before her departure).

What my opponent fails to understand is that domestic violence IS family violence. Children are also victims of domestic violence abuse. Children often witness the violence and are often heard crying on 911 calls as they seek help during a domestic violence incident.

My opponent claims to want to be the "voice of the children and families" yet in all her years here she never tried one child physical abuse case, not one child sex offense case, nor ever tried a single homicide, let alone a domestic violence homicide. Yes, I agree these offenders should never receive a "plea bargain".

I have personally handled too many family violence cases to count, obtained dozens of life sentences for rapists (most are domestic violence),

and obtained hundreds of years of incarceration for child molesters, sex offenders and abusers. Every domestic violence murderer I have tried has been found guilty and received life without parole. Yes, as a prosecutor, husband and father of 4, I most certainly do care about domestic and family violence...and I don't just pay it lip service or spin it for political gain. . Yes, crimes against our children and families will always be my top priority.

Finally, while you may ignore politics in voting for State's Attorney, you should never ignore the qualifications (or lack thereof) of the candidates. Those of us in law enforcement work hard to maintain a good quality of life here in Frederick County, and there is only one candidate qualified to continue the fight for our children and families. Therefore, I respectfully ask for your vote to re-elect me, Charlie Smith, as your State's Attorney.

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- Former Chair, Frederick Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
- Former Chief Prosecutor, Child Abuse and Sex Offense Division.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

Chuck Jenkins, Candidate for Sheriff (R)

Sheriff Sets the Record Straight

As your Sheriff for eight years, I've demonstrated my commitment to serving you and I stand accountable for the decisions that I've made while moving the agency forward. I have successfully delivered on every promise that I made when I first ran for Sheriff in 2006. During this election for Sheriff the voters of Frederick County have heard more than enough misinformation, pointing blame, and outright lies from my opponent.

It's now my time to present the facts, and accomplishments of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office during my tenure as Sheriff. I have been a very effective manager and leader of this agency, with 25 years of real law enforcement experience right here at home. This executive leadership role includes the oversight of 400 employees including sworn deputies, correctional officers, and other personnel. I am responsible for a budget that will exceed \$44 million in the Sheriff's Office is a professional, exceptionally well trained and well equipped agency working with the most advanced technologies and communications available. We have continued to hire through a fiscally challenging period of economic recession while main-

taining competitive salaries and benefits, and deputies have been afforded new career opportunities. This has been accomplished while I have been fiscally responsible to the taxpayer in returning budget surpluses to Frederick County each year, totaling \$12.5 million. In addition, over \$9.7 million dollars in jail housing reimbursement from our ICE housing program has been generated and returned to the county treasury. This \$22 million returned to the county's budget office has helped Frederick County Government through this period of fiscal crisis.

Our dedicated men and woman are mission oriented with a commitment to customer service and carry out their duties under increasingly difficult circumstances. Yet, even though they do an outstanding job, things don't go right in every situation and unfortunately tragic events do occur regardless of how much you train and regardless of who is Sheriff. What is important is that our agency policies and operational procedures are sound and continually reviewed to increase effectiveness and mitigate risk. Civil litigation is inevitable in law enforcement, and this Sheriff's Office is not sued more than any other agency.

Part 1 Crimes in Frederick County

did rise by 14% in 2013 driven by the heroin epidemic, not by the 23% falsely cited by my opponent. Despite that increase, the per-capita crime rate in Frederick County is 15.29 per 1000 population, one-half of the national average of 32.46 crimes per 1000. I've made fighting illegal drugs, right now heroin, a priority in Frederick County by committing more manpower and resources into drug enforcement than any other local agency. Our narcotics unit conducts both local drug investigations and larger trafficking cases with great success, and we routinely conduct effective highway interdiction operations. For more than sixteen months I have personally been involved in drug awareness meetings with our public health partners presenting facts about the local heroin crisis; however the meetings have been poorly attended. The Sheriff's Office's relationship with Homeland Security has resulted in more federal resources now embedded with this agency to combat the current heroin epidemic.

Homeland security has been a cornerstone of our local mission over the last eight years. We have been the lead local agency in furthering preparedness and response capabilities. The Sheriff's Office also hosts and supervises the

Western Maryland Information Center, one of three regional fusion centers providing critical real time information and intelligence to allied agencies. In 2008, the Sheriff's Office established a partnership with Homeland Security/ICE and implemented the 287g Delegation of Authority Program. Our 287g Immigration Enforcement program has been touted as a flagship program nationally, and was recognized as an "Exemplary Law Enforcement Partnership" in 2012. Through our efforts more than 1300 criminal illegal aliens arrested in Frederick County have been placed in deportation proceedings, including more than 50 trans-national criminal gang members.

I have not cut training, but have simply cut the costs associated with the training that our personnel receive. Our annual in-service training exceeds the number of hours mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission and hundreds of requests for specialized training are approved annually. This agency has moved forward in many areas of technology, making investments in the most practical and useful technology tools available.

As Sheriff, I have stood for your rights as Americans taking a very

strong stand against illegal immigration. I believe in the right of firearms ownership and more importantly self-protection, having testified in the Maryland Legislature against overreaching gun laws. Perhaps my greatest accomplishment has been my ability to stay in touch with and remain accessible to the citizens of Frederick County through my scores of town hall meetings and my many involvements with local organizations. That has proven to be essential in allowing myself and this agency to address many issues and solve problems. I will continue the following initiatives; aggressively combat the heroin problem, implement new criminal enforcement strategies as changing situations dictate, identify gang crime, prioritizing safety and security in our schools, local homeland security planning and the 287g/ICE program.

My opponent has not made the case to be your Sheriff by merely citing his degrees, pointing blame, or spending his career behind a desk with very limited experience in real law enforcement. I have demonstrated my experience and commitment to you, and I ask for your continued support and vote to serve as your Sheriff for another four years.

Karl Bickel, Candidate for Sherriff (D)

Electing a sheriff in November will arguably have as big of an impact on the future of Frederick County's small towns as the county executive race, maybe more.

Local commerce is critical to the vitality of our small towns like Emmitsburg and Thurmont. Small businesses that provide jobs, goods and services as well as a solid tax base provide the glue that holds our small towns together. Economic development centered on job growth and attracting new business to our county is critical to sustaining the quality of life we have all grown to love.

Our candidates for office offer a variety of ways to arrive at a vision for a better Frederick. But one thing they all agree on is that the business and social environment is critical to the future when it comes to attracting the kinds

of economic development each envision.

This is where the sheriff's race comes in. Over the last few years the image of our sheriff's office and our county has become tarnished. Contributing to the poor image has been the mishandling of several high profile tragedies. (Down Syndrome and a death, New York Times Editorial, 2/27/13; Frederick County's silence cannot be the last word on two deaths, The Washington Post Editorial, 6/17/13; Former deputy enters plea of reckless endangerment, Frederick News-Post, 7/1/14)

At the same time the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the sheriff's office has been guilty of racial profiling and the U.S. Department of Justice is currently conducting a civil rights investigation of the sheriff's office.

While the county has been in the

midst of a heroin epidemic and an unprecedented 23% increase in serious crime, the sheriff received national attention when he took a trip to the southwest border funded by an alleged hate group. (Sheriff's trip funded by alleged anti-immigrant hate group, Frederick News-Post, 7/16/14)

Heroin overdose deaths nearly doubled from 2010 to 2011 and then doubled again from 2012 to 2013. Our county experienced more heroin overdose deaths for the first quarter of this year than either Montgomery or Prince George's Counties both of which have four times the population of Frederick County. Frederick County has been designated a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, one of only 28 counties out of over three thousand to receive the designation. Our coun-

ty's heroin epidemic has received international attention (Heroin addiction takes hold in U.S. suburbs, Sky News, United Kingdom, 8/11/14).

Does this seem like an environment in which one might want to locate a new business or move their family into?


How can we hope to build a strong economy and future for the small towns of Frederick County if compa-

nies do not want to come here and people are afraid to live here? And how do we build a diverse small business base in our smaller communities in a county with the national reputation the current sheriff has given us. The only way is through change.

Karl Bickel, U.S. Department of Justice (retired), former chief deputy and candidate for sheriff.

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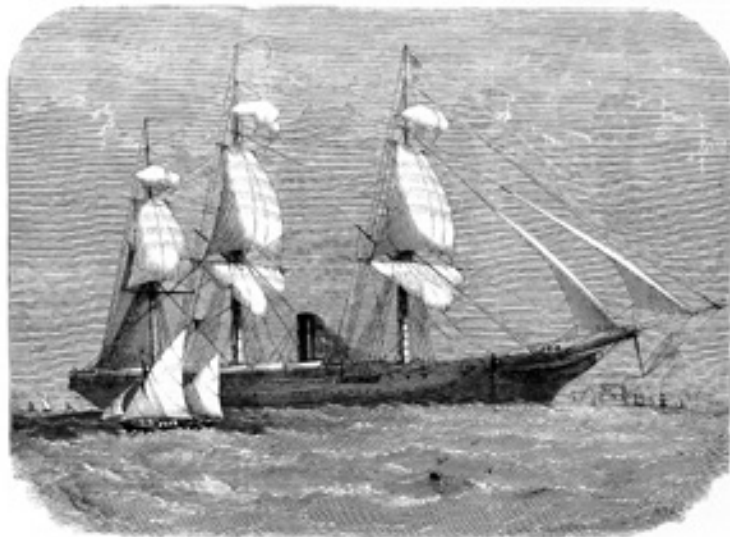


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The burning of the “Sarah Sands”



November 12

One of the finest examples on record, of the saving of human life by the maintenance of high discipline, during trying difficulties, was afforded during the burning of the Sarah Sands, a transport steamer employed by the government in 1857. She was on her passage from England to India, with a great part of the 54th Regiment of Foot on board, intended to assist in the suppression of the Indian mutiny; the number of persons was about 400, besides the ship's crew. The vessel, an iron steamer, arrived at a spot about 400 miles from Mauritius; when, at three in the afternoon on the 11th of November, the cargo in the hold was found to be on fire. Captain Castle, commanding the ship, and Lieutenant - Colonel Moffatt, commanding the troops, at once concerted plans for maintaining discipline under this terrible trial.

Some of the men hauled up bale after bale of government stores from the hold; some took in sail, and brought the ship before the wind; some ran out lengths of hose from the fire-engine, and poured down torrents of water below. It soon became evident, however, that this water would not quench the flames, and that the smoke in the hold would prevent the men from longer continuing below. The colonel then ordered his men to throw overboard all the ammunition in the starboard magazine. But the port magazine was so surrounded with heat and smoke, that he hesitated to command the men to risk their lives there; and he therefore called for volunteers. A number of brave fellows at once stepped forward, rushed to the magazine, and cleared out all its contents, except a barrel or two of powder; several of them, overpowered with heat and smoke, fell by the way, and were hauled up senseless.

The fire burst up through the decks and cabins, and was intensified by a fierce gale which happened to be blowing at the time. Captain Castle then resolved to lower the boats, and to provide for as many as he could. This was admirably done. The boats were launched without accident, the

troops were mustered on deck, there was no rush to the boats, and the men obeyed the word of command with as much order as if on parade—the greater number of them embarking in the boats. A small number of women and children who were on board, were lowered into the life-boat. All these filled boats were ordered to remain within reach of the ship till further orders. The sailors then set about constructing rafts of spare spars, to be ready in case of emergency. Meanwhile the flames had made terrible progress; the whole of the cabins and saloons were one body of fire; and at nine in the evening the flames burst through the upper deck and ignited the mizzen rigging. During this fearful suspense, the barrel or two of powder left in one of the magazines exploded, and blew out the port-quarter of the ship—shewing what would have been the awful result had not the heroic men previously removed the greater part of the ammunition.

As the iron bulk-head of the after-part of the vessel continued to resist the flames, Captain Castle resolved to avail himself of this serviceable aid as long as possible; to which end the men were employed for hours in dashing water against the bulk-head, to keep it cool. When fire seized the upper-rigging, soldiers as well as sailors rushed up with wet blankets, and allayed its fearful progress. This struggle between human perseverance and devastating flames continued until two o'clock in the morning, when, to the inexpressible delight of all, the fire was found to be lessening; and by daylight it was extinguished. The horrors of the situation were, however, not yet over. The after-part of the ship was a mere hollow burned shell; and as the gale still continued, the waves poured in tremendously. Some of the men were set to the pumps, some baled out water from the flooded hold with buckets; while others sought to prevent the stern of the ship from falling out by passing hawsers around and under it, and others tried to stop the leak in the port-quarter with spare sails and wet blankets. The water-tanks in the hold, hav-

ing got loose, were dashed from side to side by the violence of the gale, and battered the poor ship still further.

At two in the afternoon (twenty-three hours after the fire had been discovered), the life-boat was hauled alongside, and the women and children taken on board again. All the other boats, except the gig, were in like manner brought along-side, and the soldiers re-embarked; the gig had been swamped, but all the men in her were saved.

During thirty-six hours more, nearly all the soldiers were assisting the sailors in working the

pumps, and clearing the ship of water; while the captain succeeded at length in getting the ill-fated ship into such trim as to be manageable. He then steered towards the Mauritius, which he reached in eight days. The achievement was almost unparalleled, for the vessel was little else than a burned and battered wreck. Not a single person was lost; the iron bulk-head was the main material source of safety; but this would have been of little avail had not discipline and intrepidity been shewn by those on board.

The sense of the 'honour of the

flag' came out strikingly during the peril. When the ship was all in a blaze, it was suddenly recollected that the colours of the 54th were in the aft-part of the saloon. The Quartermaster rushed down, snatched the Queen's colours, brought them on deck, and fainted with the heat and smoke; when recovered, he made another descent, accompanied by a Private, brought up the regimental colours, and again fainted, with a result which proved nearly fatal.

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A strategy—what are the choices?

Shannon Bohrer

Our involvement in the Middle East seems to be an ongoing event. We go in, we defeat someone, we leave and we need to go back. And yet we are being told by the experts, once again, that the new threat is a threat to us—so we must do something. It does appear that we seem to take a short term perspective of our involvement in the Middle East with a lack of understanding of the longer term consequences.

Before the President came out with a strategy to deal with ISIS, the news was overrun with experts that could not stop lamenting the issue, “The President does not have a strategy” to deal with the current terrorist. To reporters’ credit, there were those that questioned these experts about what strategy they would have, and each and every one responded by talking in circles. From the perspective of many, the problem of having or not having a strategy defined the problem. Maybe, just maybe, a strategy that could resolve the issue, without having unintended consequences, doesn’t exist. One of the things that seem to make America exceptional is that we believe we should have a solution for every problem. We create the solution, implement it, and then the prob-

lem is supposed to go away. We want the problem to be resolved and gone—and usually in a very short time span.

Some problems, like the ones we face in the Middle East, have multiple complexities, interdependencies and numerous unknown consequences. An analogy is when an individual takes medications for medical reasons, there can be side effects and sometimes the side effects are harsh. There are medications that have severe side effects, but without the medications the person’s life will not continue. Going to war with ISIS is like taking medication with unknown results. Yes, we need to defeat ISIS, but what happens then? Looking at the ISIS problem and developing a strategy, a strategy that will solve the problem—probably can be done. However, there will be side effects and some side effects can be worse than the problem. At very best, our choices we make (the strategy we take) may have two choices. One choice is bad and the other is worse—and sometimes worse may be the better choice.

Before implementing a strategy maybe we should examine our past involvements in the region. I am waiting for someone to write a book about our involvement in the Middle East with a title, “Where are Our Old Friends.” President Bashar al-Assad Assad of Syria was once our friend.

When we were involved in renditions (Taking bad people to other countries for interrogations), President Assad allowed us to use Syria. Now we oppose him. President Assad is being supported by Russia and Hezbollah; an Iranian backed group fighting in support of the Syrian army. The free Syrian army, opposing Assad, is supported by the Islamic front, which is part Taliban and ISIS. A United Nations report described the war as “overtly sectarian in nature.” Syria’s Alawite Government is supported by other Shia Groups and they are fighting Sunni rebel groups.

Another former friend was Saddam Hussein. You remember him. When Saddam Hussein was president of Iraq and Iraq was fighting Iran, he was our friend. Of course Iran was once our friend also, but that’s another story. When I say he was our friend, our relationship changed in 1990 when he attacked Kuwait. According to Saddam, Kuwait was slant drilling and stealing oil from Iraq. Another issue was that Iraq owed Kuwait \$80 billion in financing for the Iraq Iran war. Imagine that.

After the U.S. involvement in the first Gulf War, the Northern Kurds tried to separate themselves from Iraq and in doing so they started a war. An argument could be made that the separatist movement was the result of a

speech by President Bush, (The first Bush). However, the Kurds supported the Partiya Karkeren Kurdistan, also referred to as the PKK, which was considered to be a terrorist group by the U.S. The PKK wanted their own homeland which would consist of part of Iraq, part of Turkey and part of Syria, which is similar to what ISIS wants. There could be a pattern here. In any event, the U.S. supported the Kurds by operating a no fly zone over Northern Iraq, keeping Saddam’s Air force at bay.

Another good friend was Hosni Mubarak, at least until Egypt was part of the Arab Spring. We supported him and he supported us, until Egypt had a little demonstration. Then we supported the free election—that was until the Muslim Brotherhood won, then we... I don’t think we knew what to do. There is that old dilemma; do you support the dictator you know—or the election results you don’t like? Quandary—quandary?

I do think our government is going in the right direction, regarding the strategy for dealing with ISIS, but the right direction may not include the answer. Supporting the moderate free Syrian Army and the Kurds to fight ISIS—could be a good thing. But, how do we identify the moderate free Syrian Army? If, and that’s a big if, it works, what happens? Fighting and degrading ISIS would be supporting President Bashar al-Assad Assad. It also, in an indirect way, is supporting Russia and Hezbollah. If the Assad government is defeated, what form of government do we expect to replace

it and who will run that government? The major players on both sides are past and present enemies.

Not that long ago we had many people that supported the rebels fighting Gaddafi in Libya, and some wanted us to do more. Libya is currently in a civil war with no one faction in the front. Eliminating a king and/or dictator seems good, until they’re gone. The vacuum that’s left then becomes the next problem. Who and/or what government then fills the space, is the issue. That is not just a question—it is the problem that includes every change of governance in the Middle East.

Creating an assemblage of countries to deal with the problem is a good start. But just because everyone in the group agrees that ISIS is bad, does not mean the assemblage will be successful. Saudi Arabia is on board with the group of countries that want to see ISIS eliminated. However, they demanded that the U.S. not include Iran. The King considers Iran more of a threat to his country than ISIS. Oh, he also wants the U.S. to do more to topple President Bashar al-Assad.

It’s like we are standing in the woods with two ways out, a hornets’ nest is in one direction and a yellow jackets’ in the other. Having a strategy is nice, however the choices we face are bad and worse and worse may be our best bet. And we don’t even know what worse is?

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Common Cents

Rogue reward

Ralph Murphy

Russia’s annexations of Ukraine’s Crimean region in March of this year accompanied with hostilities in East Ukraine have proven costly in military violence as well as domestic dealings. The Russian economy is largely hydrocarbon dependent with oil and natural gas providing 52% of the Federal government income, and about 70% of its export earnings. Drastic oil supply increases recently by the United States, now the world’s top producer, political sanctions, and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) energized output have made the need for Russian oil far less prevalent. The country needed the earnings for its illegal foreign adventurism, key point being the Ukraine. They’re not going to get it, and the result could prove calamitous for the integrity and continuity of this lightly populated monolith.

In March 2014, Moscow annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine and added it to eight existing Federal Districts of the Russian empire. The Russians had signed a Naval base agreement with then Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich, himself an ethnic Russian, to lease the facility in Sevastopol through 2042 with a five year option beyond that date. It was a rewrite of a previous agreement that had given the Russians base rights through 2017. The accord was in exchange

for decreased fuel costs for Ukraine by Russia, but Yanukovich’s minority government at about 17.5% backing was ousted in February 2014. The Russians sent special forces to seize Crimea and add it as the Crimea Federal District following President Vladimir Putin’s signing of a parliament or Duma order. They didn’t honor the decreased price agreement, and it’s being debated as a secondary issue to Russia’s military presence in Ukraine and support of separatists.

Moscow considered it their fiefdom and though the demographics came nowhere near parity with Ukrainians in any of the regions, Russia supported secession units both foreign and domestic to seize power. Crimea was lost, but the struggle continues there and in the East as Moscow appears to want to annex “New Russia” (Putin’s term) as he has Crimea. He really appears to want a land bridge from Russian territory to Crimea itself along the Black Sea, but has been thwarted to date despite intense fighting. All the adventurism has been costly in lives and lost rubles, and as noted before the oil funding source to finance the venture is no longer viable.

Russia projected and needed oil revenues at about \$100 per barrel over the next several years to help finance the costly Crimean legal, political, social and infrastructure maintenance. It was about \$111 dollars a barrel for much of 2011/12. As of this month, the commodity was selling for about \$80 dollars a barrel in New York. Pro-

jections say it could drop even lower, but at \$60 a barrel. It might level off as United States fracking becomes too costly for large scale production below that rate. The United States is the world’s top producer at 11.1 million barrels a day in 2014 followed by Saudi Arabia and Russia each near 10 million.

Sanctions on Russian businesses specifically oil and banking have impacted the economy, but nothing like the panicked capital flight, foreign and domestic, which followed the unpredictable lawlessness in the nation’s Ukraine ventures. \$95 billion has moved to safer exterior investments and the Deputy Economic Minister fears it could go considerably higher.

The same thing happened in 2008 following Russia’s invasion of neighboring Georgia when 25 of the nation’s business leaders (strong political influence) lost a reported \$230 billion dollars while the Russian stock market (RIS) dropped 71% of its value due to “capital flight.” That external capital loss can “bled” a nation dry, and Russia’s currency “a mess” or inflation devalued, leading to decreased oil revenue from the stronger international importing currencies.

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting nations are to meet November 27 to discuss price levels, but for the first time since the 1980’s are concerned about competition, e.g. the US oil suppliers to Europe taking market share. A (Persian) Gulf based OPEC official said succinctly, “Saudi

Arabia and the rest of the Gulf have no intention whatsoever to accept the idea of a cut (in production) at the November meeting.” The Americans are producing to affect, and the Iranians may step up output if the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and United Nations can keep that nation’s plutonium below weapons grade to lift sanctions. Again, 70% of Russia’s hard currency is hydrocarbon based. There’s unrest domestically as unstable Oligarchs appear to back foreign and domestic adventurism which few will win, and escalating anarchy is near certain. Hopefully, the left won’t take advantage of the political and economic debacle as their cadres are in place. They are not efficient, but can control the economy.

Russia has to face reality and to project itself quite quickly in the nation building now designed as “Federal Districts.” Seven districts were indicated in 2000 when Putin assumed the Presidency of the country following President Boris Yeltsin’s tumultuous reign after the Soviet dissolution in 1991.

An eighth region in the North Caucasus was added in 2010, and the Crimea Federal Republic added March 21, 2014. The latter might really signal Russia’s “Waterloo” as an empire. It triggered sanctions, capital outflow, military seizures, and an apparent shift in the ruling Oligarchs as only the nastiest players appear able to ride out the current unrest. They’ll be about the only winners short term, but Russia itself would benefit from devolution of power and costs to new nations stemming from the current eight Federal Regions as the coun-

try has a scant 150 million people, far more languages and an area which covers about an eighth the world’s land mass!

The major oil producing region is currently in West Siberia Federal District with Rosneft producer owned 69.5% by the Russian government and 19.75% by British Petroleum. Those fields have offered up to two thirds Russia’s production, but are proving more costly in extraction. East Siberian Federal District fields along with newer projects to include an Ocean Pipeline running 260 miles from Skovorodino to Daqing, China are now viable. A political region in the North Caucasus was added in 2010, and the Crimea Federal Republic added on March 21, 2014.

World demand for oil is down a bit as Europe suffers from debt issues and misused capital associated with restrictive resource allocation in a crippling European Union. China’s earnings are also down slightly on last year. Supply has risen dramatically as the United States has passed traditional top producer Saudi Arabia, other Middle East suppliers increase output, and Mercantile (export dependent) Russia tries to compete amid the undisciplined socio economic chaos in that nation. The West has run to their aid in the past, but as long as Russians have “boots on the ground” in foreign ventures they may have to just “pick up the pieces” and move forward divorced to a better lifestyle. Time will tell.

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Pure OnSense

Destroying ISIS will be no easy task

Scott Zuke

It's been nearly two months since President Obama's speech to the nation in which he announced the mission to "degrade and ultimately destroy" the Islamic State militant group, also known as ISIS. Since the US-led coalition's operations began in northern Syria just over a month ago over 500 ISIS fighters have been killed in airstrikes.

With the mission underway and the first few moves having been made, we are developing a clearer picture of the challenges that lie ahead, and it's not pretty. Degrading ISIS will be a long, tedious process relying on much more than just American resolve. The stated objective to destroy the jihadist organization is already being talked about as a blunder—the latest in a line of tough-sounding but unrealistic rhetoric from a president overselling our capabilities.

The first sign of trouble for the U.S. mission is that history is against it. Though operations have significantly degraded the core Al Qaeda group that was behind the September 11 attack, Al Qaeda affiliates sprung up all over the Middle East, and even into Africa and South Asia. ISIS, itself an Al Qaeda spinoff, will be no different. If

they are suppressed in Syria and Iraq, they will diffuse throughout the region and find new places to operate. An unrealistic victory condition means the United States will either have to backtrack or find itself committed to another costly, meandering, and ultimately fruitless military operation.

In the meantime, the U.S.-led military coalition will be facing an extremist organization that is unusually wealthy and very well organized. Al Qaeda, we learned in recent years, is fastidious with its financial records, strictly gathering receipts for even the most minor of transactions. But that pales in comparison to the bureaucracy being built by ISIS, whose goal is to establish a self-sufficient Islamic state. According to a RAND Corporation report, it has become "the world's richest terrorist group, with estimated assets of \$1 billion to \$2 billion." The revenue is gathered from its control of the region's oil exports and a sophisticated network of organized crime, but it has also begun collecting taxes and doing other things to act like a real nation. "The Islamic State," the report says, "has built its organization using a financial strategy characterized by ruthless efficiency and pragmatism."

The organization is also disturbingly effective with its self-marketing and propaganda. In the West, the side of that operation that we are most exposed to is its demonstrations of brutality through videos of mass executions and journalists being beheaded. Such provocative acts serve as a beacon to other jihadists, calling them to join the new front in the war against oppressors and other obstacles to establishing the ideal Islamic caliphate. The message has spread far. The Washington Post reports that an estimated 15,000 foreign fighters have flowed into Syria from neighboring countries, Europe, the United States, and even China, and many have ended up joining the Islamic State.

The organization has brazenly utilized new media to spread these well-produced, brutal propaganda materials, which makes the other outcome of their marketing operations all the more confounding: many people who come to support ISIS don't believe the videos are real. David Kirkpatrick, in a New York Times story on the flow of young fighters from Tunisia to Iraq and Syria, reported that, "In dozens of conversations with young Tunisians, almost no one, whether sympathizers or critics, believed the news reports of the Islamic State's mass killings or beheadings. 'It is made up,' echoed Amar Msalmi, 28, a taxi driver. 'All of this is manufactured in the West.'"

Such a view can only be the result of staggering cognitive dissonance or, more likely, very limited and incorrect information. The Islamic State has managed to convince the region's disaffected youth, struggling with stalled economies and poor living conditions, that a better life awaits them in the caliphate. Not only do they have a chance to be 'part of something,' but they are also told that they will find homes, jobs, and wives there. The U.S. and other democratic governments in the region have so far failed to either disabuse them of this false belief, or to provide a more enticing vision.

Finally, the Islamic State has established itself inside a complicated political space that has made our key regional ally, Turkey, very difficult to bring onboard with the operation. Turkey's long border with Syria poses a great risk to its security, yet it has been distracted by its decades-old conflict with the Kurds, an ethnic group that inhabits portions of Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

Turkey has had an ongoing conflict with the PKK, a terrorist group inside Turkey that has fought for Kurdish independence. The PYD, a Syrian offshoot of that organization, has become the primary bulwark against ISIS seizing the strategically important border town of Kobani. So Turkey was faced with a difficult decision of whether to join the U.S.-led coalition in com-

bating ISIS by giving military support to the PYD, which it sees as sympathetic to the PKK. It chose to keep its war with the PKK as its top priority, dragging its feet as the Kurds in Kobani faced slaughter by the Islamic State.

The United States wisely intervened, providing military supply airdrops to Kobane over Turkey's objections and holding direct talks with the PYD. Although this move forced Turkey to change its policy, it has so far been marginalized in the larger battle against ISIS, putting one of the region's strongest military forces on the sidelines.

In the war against ISIS, the United States has so far demonstrated some diplomatic acumen as well as its usual military superiority, but neither will be enough to meaningfully degrade the organization. The coalition must work relentlessly to chisel away the Islamic State's revenue stream to keep it from buying loyalty. And it should also give much greater attention to its propaganda operations in the region. Our inability to communicate positively and effectively with the people has created a dire trust gap and left them receptive to terrorists' false promises. Preventing the next generation of extremists is every bit as important as fighting the present one.

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Behind the Sound Bites

The future of the US dollar

Robert Romano

One of mainstays in the post-war economy, and in particular, the post-gold standard economy after 1971 has been the dollar's unchallenged status as the world's reserve currency.

It has been called the exorbitant privilege.

At the time, as the story goes, to help resolve to the 1973 oil shock, Richard Nixon convinced Saudi Arabia to only accept dollars for payment of oil in return for protecting their oil fields and a guaranteed return on investments in U.S. treasuries. The petrodollar was born.

This was the move that solidified the reserve currency status, since surplus dollars were needed on hand by nations in order to purchase the most important commodity in the global economy.

For the U.S., such a system was generally seen as a boon. Having fully come off the gold standard, in theory it gave the dollar staying power as a dominant currency that retained value. And with such a high demand for dollars and therefore dollar-denominated assets, particularly U.S. treasuries, the nation could borrow more cheaply overseas to fund its deficits.

Since the oil shock, this arrangement has generally meant lower interest rates, not just for treasuries, but all types of dollar debt, corporate bonds, mortgages, you name it.

But all that easy money came at a cost, as we learned in the financial crisis. It incentivized the buildup and concentration of debt, particularly in the housing sector, which led to unbelievable valuations and then soon, a catastrophic crash. We're still dealing with the aftermath of slow growth and lower labor participation.

Since then, speculation has surrounded how long the U.S. in the post-financial crisis world would be able to maintain the dollar's status as the reserve currency.

The challenge has already come from the East, with China offering yuan-centric trade deals in the Eurozone, in Southeast Asia and Australia, and in Russia. China has repeatedly stated its desire to supplant the dollar as the reserve currency.

The writing is on the wall. It's not a question of if the dollar will eventually lose its special status, it's a question of when. And how.

Enter Jared Bernstein, former chief economist for Vice President Joe Biden, who offered a call to end the dollar's reserve currency status unilaterally in the pages

of the New York Times.

Here, Bernstein notes that the downsides of the reserve status — higher account and trade deficits, more debt, asset bubbles, and weakened manufacturing — appear over time to be outweighing the benefits such as cheaper lending.

That is all true. But Bernstein may be downplaying the impact of a unilateral dollar exit, particularly the threat to interest rates. "[T]here's no clear empirical, negative relationship between interest rates and trade deficits," he wrote, pointing to research suggesting that trade surplus nations actually enjoy lower relative interest rates.

Yet, if the dollar as the reserve currency leads to lower interest rates, how does coming off of it — in the process killing demand for new U.S. debt — not lead to much higher interest rates?

This is no small matter as Bernstein suggests. He writes, "Dethroning 'king dollar' would be easier than people think." Really?

That's rash thinking. If done in an unmanaged setting — where the only change was dumping reserve currency status by, say, setting limits on how much currency foreigners can hold — the impact might be to crash the dollar-dominated bond market.

That is not to mention that the current entitlement state de-

pends heavily on the arrangement of perpetually cheaper borrowing. A substantial interest rate shock might bankrupt the U.S. Treasury with more than \$17 trillion of debt and trillions more of unfunded liabilities.

If a non-reserve dollar were to be undertaken, all of the budget's funding levels, particularly for entitlements, would have to be recalibrated, because the cost of living would be radically altered. Debt levels and home values and the pricing of everything would have to be done again to take stock of the new situation.

You'd wind up with essentially a new dollar. The government might have to reissue the entire process of revaluation.

In the process, considering the debt loads that were taken on during the reserve period, it might be incredibly difficult to pull off a dollar exit without writing off significant amounts of debt — perhaps through Fed asset purchases and then outright default on those obligations — and soaking up the excess currency.

Finally, right now the dollar has taken the place of gold as the international means of settling transactions. Getting rid of the dollar means that a new standard would have to replace that role.

But the global economic problems we see today are less the re-

sult of the dollar being the reserve currency than a fiat currency being the reserve currency.

Replacing it with another fiat currency, such as the yuan, will be worse than even what we see right now. That is why many advocates point to the need to go back to something hard, such as gold standard advocate Lewis Lehrman.

The dollar's time as the reserve currency may be coming to close anyway. It may be time for the exorbitant privilege to come to an end, but if so it must be with the realization that perhaps nobody should have such power to move markets with funny money.

This discussion should be at the forefront of the next presidential election. It is time for a serious discussion about money. The outcome of that debate, and how the dollar is replaced, is certainly more important than how states and the federal government handle birth control, pot legalization or gay marriage.

This is no time for trivial discussions on tired wedge issues. If a new dollar is needed, it must be done wisely, and with a plan in place to ensure convertibility does not leave America — and the entire world — in financial ruin. The dangers are real and should not be understated.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

Every good and perfect gift

Pastor John Talcott
Christ Community Church

One of my favorite things about Thanksgiving is that it's the least commercialized of all the national holidays. It's nothing like Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, or Easter, and as a result, we are not overloaded with Thanksgiving candy, cards, or gifts. There's really no selling point for retailers to exploit, and though Thanksgiving isn't specifically a religious holiday, I do find that it is significantly enlightening spiritually, opening the door to God's blessings. One of my favorite quotes regarding Thanksgiving comes from billionaire investor Sir John Templeton who said: "If you're not grateful, you're not rich... no matter how much you have." Now many people think that if you're rich, being grateful should be easy, but Templeton understood firsthand that having a rich, fulfilling life, meant more than having lots of money. He discovered that gratitude is the key to increasing the quality of your life, finding more satisfaction from your work, more joy in your relationships, and a more fulfilling walk with Christ.

My goal therefore, is to make gratitude a habit... a choice I make again and again until it comes naturally to me. The fact is, gratitude doesn't come naturally, grumbling comes naturally to me. Gratitude takes effort... I have to work at it... it's a choice, but God always offers us a choice. We can do this or do that. We can experience this or experience that. We can go here or go there. And in like fashion, the Bible says, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:18-20).

Now, I don't know whether you've noticed or not, but it seems to me that the loudest and seemingly most joyful places tend to be where there's alcohol. You walk by a bar and it's loud, there's usually music, maybe even karaoke; and so there's a lot of activity and a lot of energy. And what I find interesting is that the Lord says, "Don't get drunk on wine... Instead, be filled with the Spirit." Meaning, "Don't settle for a cheap substitute

when you can have the real thing." "Don't set yourself up for a hang-over when you could have the love, joy, and peace of the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22). You see, God has made us in his image and likeness. He created us to live by the Spirit and to keep in step with the Spirit. He made us to be in relationship with himself and others. He made us to be filled with someone and not something. He created us to sing and to worship, but if it's not Jesus, it becomes someone or something else. And if it's not in the church, it becomes somewhere else. So the Lord tells us here in Ephesians, "make music in your heart to the Lord," because there's love for Jesus there. In your heart, there's joy for Jesus. In your heart, there's singing to Jesus. And so what he's talking about is worship... singing, making music, giving thanks to God the Father, and enjoying Jesus Christ. You see, when we sing, it glorifies God, and it's good for us. When we're thanking God and we're worshipping Jesus, we encourage one another. And we all know how hard life can be, but God's still our Father, and the only thing worse than a hard time is a hard time without our Heavenly Father. So when we worship, it brings glory to God, it's good for us, and it encourages others.

God has blessed each one of us in a myriad of ways; many of which we've never even acknowledged. The most obvious of these being: the people he has placed in our lives, the provision and protection he has given us, and the grace he has shown us in Christ Jesus. This Thanksgiving I encour-



age you to look back at your life and see how the hand of God has guided you. Look at all the good things that have happened, the blessings, the undeserved favors, and say thank you for each one. Learn to recognize God's gifts, acknowledge them, and make it a habit to thank him. Make the choice to give thanks for everything, because a grateful heart opens the door to God's blessings.

For us to truly be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything that he's given us. As it says in the book of James, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17). This Thanksgiving when you think about

the past, don't think about the disappointments, think about God's blessings; think about the good things God has brought your way. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran theologian who died in a Nazi war camp in 1945, once said this: "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only through gratitude that life becomes rich." From Templeton to Bonhoeffer, from having everything to having nothing, from one extreme to another, this simple truth resounds: gratitude is the key to a rich and satisfying life. It is the attitude that opens the door to God's blessing; receiving every good thing in your life as a gift from him, acknowledging that every enjoyable moment is a gift from him, and recognizing that every hope that we have for the future is a gift from him. A thankful heart gives meaning to the past, present and future, it opens our eyes to the gifts he has given us, and it opens the door to his continued blessing in our lives.

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MSM Special Olympics Fall Sports Festival

Bridgette Nitza-Buwala
MSM Class of 2015

Saturday, October 25th marked the 26th year that Mount St. Mary's University has had the honor of hosting Special Olympics Maryland's Fall Sports Festival. This grass-roots organization upholds a distinct mission, "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons eight years of age and older with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community."

This particular festival, held on the east side of our mountainous campus, determined which athletes advance to the National Special Olympics, and from there, the World Special Olympics. Competitors come from all over the state of Maryland to take part in the day's events.

Athletes competed in a wide range of events including flag football, long distance running, tennis, power lifting, and cycling.

It was when the Mount Pep Band, led by Dr. Mark Carlson, performed the national anthem that a patriotic tone was set for the Fall Fest Opening Ceremony. Among others, sophomore trombonist James Graybeal felt blessed to be a part of this overwhelming experience. "It felt good to serve the community of Special Olympics," he said.

The Mount Cheerleading Team also played a part in this large welcome. All cheerleaders made an arch over athletes from participating counties/cities who walked their banners to the front of the arena. Senior cheerleader Morgan Cawley shared, "The Cheerleading Team is really happy to be here, in support of the athletes, and to bring spirit to the games."

After each team was recognized, the Mount's President Thomas H. Powell enthusiastically stepped up to the microphone and spoke. "My wife and I look forward to

this day all year long," said Powell. "As a dad, I cannot thank you enough for your dedication, your love, and what you teach society."

Mount students had front row seats to witness the athletes' victories. Representing Mount Lacrosse, senior Trevor Shaw shared the team's intent as volunteers: "The Men's Lacrosse team is here to help as much as we can, and to bring joy to the people. The most important thing about this is seeing the smiles on all of the athletes' faces."

Mount junior Katherine Bitner explained her personal connection to a day of Special Olympics: "I am happy to be following in my Dad's footsteps. He's helped with the event for several years."

As part of the Special Olympics Fall Fest planning committee, senior Lauren Brown helped ensure that the event ran smoothly for participants and volunteers. Brown has been involved with Special Olympics since middle school and has contributed to the event all four years she has attended this university.

Through this unique perspective, Brown expressed, "Each year

is a different experience, but the one thing that improves each year is the quality of the student volunteers. Each year I see more positive attitudes and enthusiasm from Mount volunteers, because this event is becoming better known throughout the campus. The Fall Sports Fest is a perfect example of what the Mount stands for: striving to make a positive change in the community and society as well as self-development."

It took the hard work of Mount junior Paul Thorley, a leader in the Mount's Office of Social Justice, to make this year's positive experience possible. Thorley acted as the Student Event Manager, and as such, he was in charge of all that came from the Mount: facilities, lunches, and volunteers. He and ten students on the Games Management Team from the Office of Social Justice had been planning the Fall Fest since the second week of school. "I've never seen people with that much dedication, and it filters all the way down to the student volunteers," he shared. "I am counting down the days until next year!"

It is obvious that President Pow-



Mount volunteer Megan Crandall (right) poses with her volunteer buddy and Special Olympics athlete (left).

ell and the entire Mount community will be doing the same. As Powell stated, "It is not just a day for Special Olympics, but a special

day for Mount St. Mary's."

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Ebola from an ecological perspective

Bill Meredith

"...God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world."

—Robert Browning, 1841: "Pippa Passes"

I was cleaning out the raspberry patch recently on a clear, mild day, and for no logical reason, that line from Browning's poem wandered through my mind. I couldn't remember the rest of the poem, so after lunch I looked it up. It was from a play Browning wrote about 170 years ago, in which a girl named Pippa walked along singing, and wherever she went, troubles disappeared and people who were planning evil acts became kinder.

It seemed to fit that particular day. Fall came gently this year... the leaves turned gradually and gloriously; chimney swifts, hummingbirds and chipping sparrows all slipped away quietly, a few at a time, so instead of watching a grand mass exodus, I just looked around one day and they were gone. Maybe I didn't notice them because the tree frogs were making so much noise; we've had moderate temperatures and more rain than usual, so the frogs had a good year and now they are singing and chirping all over the place. You rarely actually see them, because they change color and look like a lump of bark on the branches; I've seen only one, and that

was because it had perched on the rearview mirror of our car. It almost seemed that Pippa had strolled through Emmitsburg and left peace and tranquility in her path... and then came the Ebola scare.

Now, don't get me wrong; Ebola is potentially more than a scare. It is a serious international problem, and the measures that are being taken to combat it are well justified. One death is too many, and there have been over 5,000 in Africa as I write this. But to put it in perspective, estimates of the worldwide mortality from the flu pandemic of 2009 range from 123,000 to 400,000 deaths; and since 1960, there have been over 30 million deaths from HIV-AIDS in Africa alone. So I think it is not time to panic. What we need is some historical perspective.

Go back 670 years ago, and picture a tribe of nomads living to in central Asia, perhaps in Kazakhstan, around the year 1330 AD. Their dogs commonly carried fleas, which they had picked up from rodents of various kinds, and the fleas moved to blankets and tents. Everyone was bitten regularly by fleas; they always had, and usually it was a minor nuisance. But one day someone felt feverish, and became ill a few days later. He developed boils all over his body; the swellings blackened, bled, and within a week he died.



The 1918 Spanish Flu was an unusually deadly influenza that infected over 500 million people across the world, killing 35 to 50 million and making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history to date.

No one had seen such an illness before. Soon others sickened and died, and it spread throughout the area. No one connected it to the fleas; there had always been fleas, and no one had gotten sick before. It became an epidemic and spread into China, where it caused untold millions of deaths.

Caravans on the Silk Road passed through the area and picked up infected fleas, and thus the disease spread westward to the Crimea. Eventually goods from the caravans, fleas included, reached Mediterranean ports and were shipped toward Italy. In 1346, a ship carrying sick and dying sailors reached Sicily; and the ship's rats came ashore with their fleas. Thus the disease, which came to be called the Black Death, reached Europe. Over the next five years it spread to England, Scandinavia, and eastward as far as Russia, killing both people and livestock. Estimates of the death toll range from 75 million to 200 million for Europe, India and China combined. It was 150 years before the population of Europe recovered to its former level.

Everyone will remember the name of Antony Van Leeuwenhoek from high school biology; he discovered bacteria, around 1670. But another 200 years passed before anyone realized that bacteria cause diseases; before that, diseases were attributed to acts of God, or poisons in food and water, or bad air. Meanwhile, the Black Death, which later was called Bubonic Plague, recurred every few decades; and other pandemics such as cholera, smallpox, measles, polio, flu, and typhus flared up periodically. Finally, in 1870

a physician named Yersin discovered bacteria in plague victims in Hong Kong, and attributed the disease to them; those bacteria were named *Yersinia* in his honor. Soon cholera was also found to be caused by a bacterium, and sanitation measures reduced the incidence of both diseases. However, many diseases... smallpox, rabies, flu, polio, for example... did not appear to be caused by bacteria. Viruses were not discovered until 1892, and they were first recognized as disease agents (tobacco mosaic disease) in 1898.

Ebola seems more understandable when viewed in this historical context. The Plague bacterium existed in wild rodent populations before it was transferred to humans; the Ebola virus existed in fruit-eating bats, and was picked up by monkeys and other mammals, which ate fruit that the bats had contaminated. As the population of Africa exploded in the 1950s, humans spread into formerly unpopulated jungle areas and began eating "bushmeat," and in 1976 someone in South Sudan became the first known human victim.

Both Plague and Ebola were carried from their places origin by commercial travelers. Plague was carried west to Europe by traders along the Silk Road and by commercial shipping. In Africa, people moved in all directions carrying agricultural products and looking for jobs as the population grew. In the days of the Plague, medicine and sanitation were primitive, if they existed at all; with Ebola, both medical facilities were limited and sanitation was not consistent. Given this back-

ground, it was inevitable that Ebola would eventually be picked up by international travelers.

Now that governments and medical institutions understand the situation, it is a near certainty that Ebola will be controlled before it reaches the level of Plague or HIV-AIDS. However, the disease has a head start, and many more thousands of people will die before modern technologies catch up with it. In the meantime, we should recognize it as a cautionary tale and a warning of things to come.

It is estimated that the population of the world at the time of Christ was about 200 million. Repeated outbreaks of plague, cholera, tuberculosis, smallpox, and all the rest (including constant wars and frequent famines), slowed population growth, but by the time my ancestors came to the U.S. from Wales in 1800 the population had reached one billion. Shortly before I was born in 1933, it passed 2 billion. Antibiotics had just been invented then, and by the time I came to Emmitsburg in 1957, the population approached 3 billion. It passed 4 billion in 1975, 5 billion in 1987, 6 billion in 1999, and 7 billion in 2011.

In the meanwhile, the earth has stayed the same size, so it is becoming more crowded; and the technology explosion has resulted in globalization, so large numbers of people are moving from place to place to trade and find jobs. It is no accident that people want to walk across our southern border, or to fly here from Africa; and walls or no walls, they will keep coming from all directions. And with them, in addition to their commercial products and intellectual gifts, they will bring diseases, both old ones and new ones that have not yet evolved. We ourselves did this when we came; smallpox and other diseases killed more Native Americans than all the guns and whiskey. So has it always been. And sadly, as people continue to come, Pippa will not be among them.

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IN THE COUNTRY

What's a Twisted Turkey?

Laurie Stover
Naturalist, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve

Have you ever thought about running through the woods? No, not like in a horror-movie-being-chased kind of way but in a fitness kind of way. Over the past 5-10 years, trail running has become a popular sport among nature enthusiasts and for runners who are looking to get off the beaten path. Recently I had the opportunity to chat with two local trail runners and learned that both enjoy the sport for similar reasons.

Emily Bucher, a long time runner and participant in many road races enjoys that trail running is a lot more casual than traditional road running. "When I trail run I don't take a watch or music. The focus is not on speed or distance, it's about unwinding," explains Bucher.

Howard Seaton, owner of Appalachian Sports Therapy, has been running on trails for about six years. He enjoys being out in the woods and watching the changing seasons. In addition, states Seaton, "Trail running is less stressful on the joints than road running."

According to a June 2013 article in Runner's World, trail running has many physical and spiritual benefits. "Spending time in nature can give a person a spiritual connection. You feel like you're connected to something bigger and that's Mother Earth," claims Psychologist Shoshona Bennett. The article goes on to state that running on trails can help with common runner's ailments like shin splints and knee pain since a trail has a lot more give than pavement.

This is all starting to sound kind of fun! But how does one transition from road running, or no running in my case, to trail running? I asked Howard and Emily to provide some tips for beginners. Howard advises anyone new to trail running to take it easy at

first, as trail running requires good balance. "And don't be afraid stop running and power hike sometimes," Howard remarks. Emily offers some very practical advice for those new to the sport: "Take a partner, a compass and tell someone where you are going."

Emily also suggests investing in a good pair of trail shoes. As with hiking, beginners may want to start on wider, flatter trails and work up to technical trails with steeper hills and trickier terrain. Howard points out that when running on trails you will encounter wildlife of all kinds. Keeping your eyes and ears open will ensure a safe and enjoyable run.

According to both of our local runners, fall is an ideal time to hike or trail run. I'd have to say that I agree. We Northeasterners are an extremely fortunate bunch. Our autumns are spectacular. Disappearing chlorophyll and the process of abscission sure is beautiful! It sure doesn't sound romantic but the reason for the autumn color display is due to changes within the deciduous trees, which helps them prepare and protect themselves from the winter's cold blast. The sun has provided essential light all spring and summer for the tree to create food through photosynthesis. All that food is now stored in the roots of the tree, lying in wait until next spring when the tree will use that stored energy to create leaves once again.

And what about the sound of the trees? As the strong October and November winds blow, and the leaves fall, the limbs of the trees seem to dance with excitement, swaying in rhythm to the breezes. The drumming effects of the bare branches are offset by the crackling of the beech leaves. Since beech trees hold on to many of their brittle leaves all winter long, the "music" of the trees becomes quite evident when strolling through our hardwood forests. Anyway, I digress, spending time in the woods this time of year is a treat for all of

our senses: the cool, crisp air, the earthy smell of the fallen leaves, the array of colors and the sound of the trees dancing.

Getting back to trail running.....this November marks the 5th year of the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve's Twisted Turkey Tussle. The course, designed in conjunction with Gettysburg College, has a little something for everyone. For serious trail runners there is a 10K and 10 mile course. There is also a 10K and 10-mile power walk and a 1 mile trail trot. Whether you are running, trotting or walking, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery along the trails of Strawberry Hill and Michaux State Forest.

The course is specifically designed to provide a mix of challenging hills and terrain and wider, flatter trails. "The course is perfect for beginners or experienced runners," says Howard. Both Emily and Howard are in agreement that the last hill of the course, the ascent to Baker's Knob, is very challenging. But Howard enjoys the encouraging signs that are posted along the course and it inspires him to keep going. He also adds that the Twisted Turkey Tussle is unique because of the length of the course. "It's hard to find a 10K trail race. Most trail races are 5K or ultra marathons. The Twisted Turkey Tussle 10K course is a nice distance." For anyone out there, like me, who is new to race vocabulary, it turns out that ultra courses are 50K or longer! Wow, all of the sudden, a 10K doesn't sound so bad.

As trail running has become more known as a recreational sport in our local area, Strawberry Hill has seen a 40-60% increase in attendance at the event in the last few years. Last year we hosted 186 runners who came out not only for the challenge of the run, but also to enjoy the beauty of nature. The run is becoming more widely known in the runner's circles as well, and participants travel from Washington, DC and New Jersey to take part in the race. All proceeds from the race benefit Strawberry Hill and support



Participants in this year's run will be treated to some spectacular fall foliage as they wind their way through the trails at Strawberry Hills.

the mission to protect the Swamp Creek Watershed and provide Environmental Education to the community.

Have I piqued your interest in taking up a new hobby or are you already a trail runner and want to give Twisted Turkey a try? Registra-

tion for the November 15th event is currently open. You may register by phone, through our website www.strawberryhill.org and as always, walk-ins are welcome. Come enjoy some autumn beauty, get some exercise and then relax with some food, music and friends.



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How you can help the helpers

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

Gracious sakes, could someone please explain to me where time goes anymore? I swear it was just the beginning of June yesterday, wasn't it? Wasn't it?

Alas, I see that it is actually November and I feel a little old in the fact that time seems to be moving faster and faster for me.

I'm clearly a little shocked to realize the holidays are approaching and as per usual, I have nothing even remotely prepared or planned.

My siblings and I have a tradition each year where we shop on Christmas Eve. It's just the three of us and we start out as early in the morning as they can get me out of bed (I'll admit it — I'm the one that holds up the event) and we go pretty much all day in the insane crowds.

Now, my sister and I usually have some idea of what we want to purchase for people, but my brother — my dear, fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants brother — comes with nary an inkling.

In the morning, he's usually quite calm and relaxed, but the fear settles in around 3 p.m. and he freaks out

on both my sister and me because he hasn't purchased anything.

Keep in mind, throughout the day, we will point out various items that would be perfect for the people on his list, but because he doesn't have the time crunch, he passes them up.

It's actually a lot of fun.

Figuring out what to get family members and friends, not so much. When we were kids, we were super easy to buy for — GI Joe, Cabbage Patch Kids, Transformers, Jem and the Holograms dolls, pretty much did it for us.

But now, it can be a little tougher. I like to go for practical gifts that people really need or can use, but sometimes when you're on a budget, that's not terribly feasible.

So, I start thinking about thoughtful gifts. The kind that give the receiver pause or maybe a warm feeling in his or her heart.

One great way to give to the person who has everything is by making a donation in his or her name to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter.

This kind of present actually gives more than once. You give to the person who's getting the honorarium and you give to the homeless animals

who find themselves spending the holidays in a kennel.

We have a number of people who opt for this kind of gift and it always does my heart good to see it.

The holidays, after all, should be more about altruism than consumerism and a donation in someone's name is a fantastic way to keep that tradition going.

At CVAS we have an annual budget of \$600,000. I can hear the gasps now. I realize that sounds like a lot, but from a non-profit standpoint, we really do try to keep our numbers low. We look for as many cost-saving measures as we can at the shelter, but our main concern is the health and well-being of our animals, who often come to us in varying degrees of illness.

You'd be surprised from what a stray dog or cat can suffer.

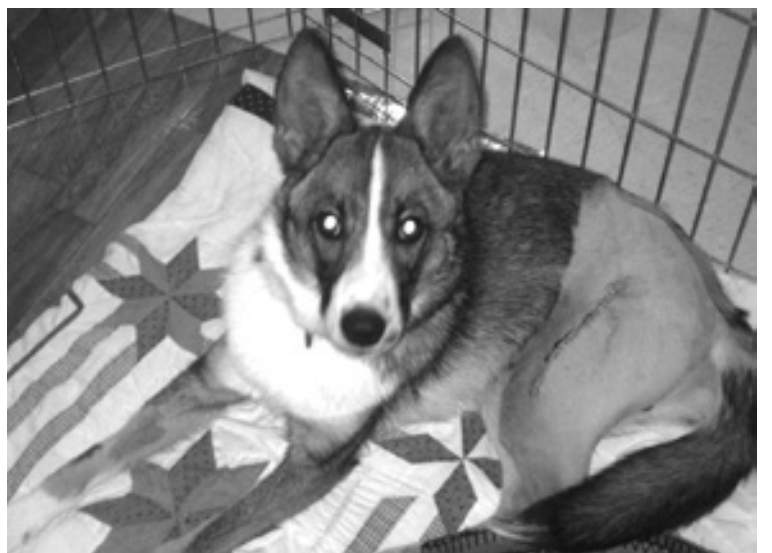
We've had a dog come into us with a compound fracture of his back leg and a cat with a tail almost completely severed in half.

Those are just two cases out of more than 2,000 who come through our doors every year. In a lot of respects, running an animal shelter is a lot like running a hospital or nursing home. Our "residents" are simply four-legged.

In addition to the physical injuries, animals also arrive at CVAS with various illnesses, including but not limited to upper respiratory infections, kennel cough, eye and ear infections, lack of vaccinations, worms, fleas, and a variety of skin infections and problems, all of which need to be treated.

In addition to the cost of the medicine required to get an animal healthy, we also need to consider the environment in which our pets are housed. Crates in an open building would be less expensive, but would lead to the spread of disease. The lack of disease control and management would require the animal to be on the costly medications for much longer, thus bringing our costs up in the long run.

Our goal is to get an animal in to CVAS, get him



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We have factored all of this into our annual budget so that we can ultimately keep our costs low.

We also need people — trained employees — to care for the pets, give the medications, provide food and monitor their well-being. It's not an organization where someone can come in for two hours and leave the animals alone for the remaining 22 hours in the day.

In order to reach our budget goals each year, we rely on the help from our supporters and donors. We receive very minimal funding

from our local government and state. We receive no funding at all from the county. Tax dollars are not coming to us.

We are a non-profit organization that still continues to save animals because of the people who help us financially each year.

With the holidays upon us, if you have someone on your list who may be a little tough to buy for, why not consider giving a donation in his or her name to CVAS?

I promise you, the four-legged souls in our kennels would be very, very grateful.

Jennifer Vanderau is the Director of Communications for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter in Chambersburg, Pa., and can be reached at cvascomm@cvas-pets.org. The shelter accepts both monetary and pet supply donations. For more information, call the shelter at 263-5791 or visit the website www.cvas-pets.org. CVAS also operates thrift stores in Chambersburg and Shipensburg. Help support the animals at the shelter by donating to or shopping at the stores.



Princess and Pepper

Princess and Pepper came into the shelter together. Princess is a brindle-with-white pitbull and Pepper is a tan Shih Tzu mix. They are both about two years old and really bonded (Yep! A pitbull and a Shih Tzu!). Princess was standing over Pepper, keeping her from the busy street where they were found. The only time they are separated at the shelter is when they are eating. Pepper is a very slow eater, and Princess is a very fast eater so we want to make sure Pepper is getting enough to eat. We are looking to adopt these girls out together so we don't have to separate these best friends. Can you help them?

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Kimberly J. Brokaw DVM
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Smartphones are, in my mind, a relatively new technology. I'd actually been working as a veterinarian for a couple years before I bought one and yet now it seems everyone has one. I have quickly become dependent on them for basic veterinary practice. I communicate with clients through texts, find their house through a map application, and am now even starting to use them when making a diagnosis.

I constantly have clients tell me "well doc, Fluffy looked awful an hour ago but now that you're here, Fluffy seems fine." The even more frustrating thing is when, after I leave, Fluffy starts to act sick again. Relying on client descriptions of a pet's ailment, while extremely important, can sometimes lead one down the wrong path. Introduce the smartphone and not only can I get a client's description of the illness, but can also see a video clip of what my patient is doing when I am not there to observe him or her.

I received a call from a horse owner, telling me that her horse was neurologic, couldn't put his head down to eat, and was twisting his neck in a strange manner. The episode lasted about 10 minutes and then the horse was fine. I asked her a bunch of questions and the horse was normal except for the 10 minute episode which included twitching of the muscles in both sides of his neck. During each episode, the horse was always alert and aware of his surroundings. After the episode the horse would go back to eating and seemed normal until about a week later when he had another episode. He was having episodes about once per week, at feeding time. Each time was quick, and then the horse would be normal again. I offered to come out and examine the horse as well as submit blood to test for some of the common diseases that would cause neuro-

logic behavior in a horse. After about a month of discussion with the owner, she was able to capture a video on her smartphone of the horse having an episode.

After I received the video, I called the owner and told her that her horse was not neurologic. He was having a mild choke episode. Since he is a plump, easy keeper, who eats less than a cup of grain with his vitamin pellets, it didn't present like your typical choke where large quantities of food and mucus come out the horse's nose. In fact he didn't even cough. Rather he just had neck spasms from where his esophagus was contracting around the lodged ball of grain. The owner seemed a little skeptical of my diagnosis. I instructed her to water down her horse's grain and see if the behavior resolved. If it didn't, we could always do blood tests later. Sure enough, the horse has been fine and hasn't had any more episodes in over a month.

My next Smartphone diagnosis wouldn't prove as simple. Turkey's owner called as he had colicked a couple days ago and responded well to a dose of Banamine but now was colicking again and wanted him examined. He had seemed to return to normal rapidly following the Banamine but she was concerned that it had re-occurred. When I examined Turkey he was normal. He was happily eating grass, his temperature was normal, his intestinal sounds were

good, and other than a little bit of stiffness, seemed to be in very good shape for a 20 year old horse. We pulled blood to check to see if there was underlying infection or liver or kidney disease that we couldn't pick up on exam. Everything tested normal. I had the owner start Turkey on probiotics to help any mild digestive upset that might be present. Turkey was also started on ulcer medications in case ulcers were the cause of his intermittent colic.

After being on the medications for a week, the owner called back to say that Turkey was still having colic episodes. He wasn't rolling or biting at his flank. Instead, he was lying down in the field and staying down for several minutes before standing up and going back to grazing. She agreed that this was not your typical colic. We couldn't seem to find anything that was triggering the episodes, and Turkey would go back to being almost normal within 15 minutes of an episode. The only thing that wasn't normal was while he would eat his grain, he didn't seem to enjoy it as much as usual, even though it came from the same mill where they always bought their grain.

After being unable to get the mild colic episodes under control, the owner was able to catch one on her phone and send me the video. During the episodes, Turkey was lying on his side, completely unresponsive to the activities around him. Turkey wasn't colicking. He was having seizures. Adult horses have a fairly high seizure threshold. However, EPM, toxins, PPID



Photos from camera phones are a great help to time-pressed vets. It allows them to give real-time responses to worried owners while allowing them to focus on the truly urgent cases.

(Cushings), and tumors are among some etiologies for seizures. Since Turkey wasn't showing any other signs of disease, toxin, such as grain containing corn contaminated with aflatoxin, was the most likely diagnosis. Turkey was taken off the old feed and switched to a new one. The feed was also tested.

Luckily for both of the horses, their owners had Smartphones and were able to video their horses having "episodes." Had it not been for the video, the one horse would have had to undergo a myriad of tests and it may have never been discovered that his alleged

neurologic disease was actually just a simple choke. Turkey would also have been continued on unsuccessful treatment had his owner not been able to get a video showing a seizure rather than colic. So, if your pet is ever doing something weird, pull your smartphone out of your pocket and video it. Having a video will assist your vet in more ways than just your description of what is happening to your pet.

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THE MASTER GARDENER

Gardening in the winter?

Mary Ann Ryan
Adams County Master Gardener

November can be a quiet time in the garden. The leaves are just about gone from the trees, the perennials are left with seeds for the birds, and the frost has ended the life of the annuals and vegetables. With the holidays creeping up, our focus is turned from the outdoors – in.

As our focus shifts, our plants become tropical that live indoors, not hardy shrubs, trees and flowers outdoors. We want to consider the environment of our living space that can be created by choosing the right plants for the environment in which they are growing. Lots of sun? Consider plants like hibiscus, ficus, or citrus. Low light? How about peace lilies or philodendron. Looking for color? Now you're talking my language... try some flowering bulbs!

Did you ever wish for a taste of spring in the middle of winter? How about the scent of flowers drifting through the house? Gardeners and non-gardeners can en-

joy spring even in the middle of winter by forcing bulbs.

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

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

Amaryllis are just as easy as the paper whites. These large flowers are incredibly showy and fun to grow. Again, be sure the bulb you

are purchasing is firm. The larger the bulb, the more likely you will get a flower spike or two. Be careful buying this one at the big box stores, especially if they are in a box where you cannot see the bulb. Often times, even though they may be much cheaper, the bulb may be too small to produce a flower spike, and you will be disappointed.

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



Now that the holiday season is fast approaching, it's time to start growing your amaryllis. These large flowers are incredibly showy and fun to grow.

a sunny window and water. The cycle will start all over again.

Other bulbs, like tulips, daffodils, muscari, hyacinths and snowdrops are not pre-cooled. They

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

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

So you're not thinking about bulbs, but something more long term in the house. Here's some things to consider when making those long-term choices.

Be aware of the kind of light the plant is getting in its present location. For instance, if it is a plant that requires high light conditions, such as a croton, and is living in a low light situation in a store, it will probably drop many leaves when you get it home. You will be nursing it back to health for quite a long while. Likewise, if you buy a low-light plant growing in a fluorescent light situation and put it in a window that is getting all day sun, it will likely get leaf burn and lose its leaves.

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The most dangerous game? Hardly.

Marianne Willburn

My mind is not on my work at this time of year. Though conscience dictates that I should be digging holes for the last of the leaf-spattered pots to go in the ground, I am taking every opportunity instead to play hooky. Mother Nature has laid for us the cleverest of treasure hunts and fired the starter's pistol. It's autumn my friends! Get foraging!

American sensibilities are often such that the idea of foraging for one's food, whether substantial or merely supplemental, is considered eccentric at best, downright dangerous at worst. I am fully aware that many of my friends who smile politely when I point to something at their feet and joyfully proclaim "That's edible!" are silently praying that my grocery budget has stretched to 'real' food at the dinner table laid for them inside. It is one thing to harbor the romance of nibbled field greens carefully washed and packed in plastic boxes, quite another to actually gather greens from the field and put them in one's mouth.

It comes down to mentoring, and I was fortunate – though my education did not occur in childhood. Although my mother made pies with wild blackberries we collected in August, she absolutely refused to cook the crawdads we pulled out of an algae-coated creek, or fry up the bottom dwellers of a nearby cattail-infested swamp generously named "The Fishing Lake." Overall, my parents were far more concerned with scratching a garden out of California's unforgiving foothill soils than scouring the hills to look for something else to eat.

But many years later when I started an ethnobotany course in England as part of my archaeology degree, the world of foraging suddenly became very accessible and very exciting. Much work was done traipsing over fields and hillsides identifying modern specimens of plants whose ancient pollen granules populated petrie dishes in florescently lit labs, and whose study by pale graduate students clutching milky cups of tea proved beyond a doubt that Bronze Agers knew how to get their five fruits and vegetables every day.

Thus would I learn to identify many easy edibles by sight: chickweed, sloe, dandelion, hawthorn, allium, purslane to name a few. Soon I went on to mushrooming with a friend of mine who lived in a little cottage in Wales and who ate wild parasols and saffron milk caps whenever she could get them.

As we sat stuffing mushroom pasta in glorious forkfuls down our throats, guzzling cheap red wine and marveling over the splendor of the autumn table, it never occurred to me to be concerned for my safety. I was well into foraging at that point, and my friend was very strict about the mushrooms that came to table. But I clearly remember the

first time I ever ate a mushroom that I identified by myself, with only my books to help me.

Though I was 100% positive that it was safe, edible and very probably delicious, there was a great weight on my shoulders – the burden of responsibility we subconsciously delegate to those who supply our food: a supermarket, a farmer, a friend who cooks us a casserole. No matter that bagged spinach might sometimes contain E.coli, or stamped eggs, salmonella. When we purchase them, we spend our pennies on perceived peace of mind.

Peace of mind was in short supply on the evening I harvested, ID'd, washed, chopped and sautéed a beautiful Chicken of the Woods peppered with wild allium and chickweed, though I knew full well that it was precisely what it purported to be.

It was. I lived. But I remember that curious feeling of anxiety mixed generously with bravado, and try to never discount the understandable concern of others learning to forage for the first time.

I am of course no way advocating that the hapless hiker starts blissfully chomping his or her way down the trail stopped only by gastroenteritis and/or fatal liver failure, but there are many wonderful guidebooks out there to help those who are fascinated by foraging to get out there and do it with a little confidence. One of my recent favorites is Ellen Zachos' Backyard Foraging, a beautifully illustrated book which enables even the most anxious of supermarket trained suburbanites to start cutting their hostas and digging their daylilies in search of a new way to wow their foodie friends.

But as Zachos would no doubt tell you, it's not about sexy foraging menus in upscale restaurants. Nor is it about one-upping your neighborhood dinner party. It's about connection with our earth, with our earliest ancestors, and most importantly with our own sense of self-sufficiency. With my nearest grocery store now twenty minutes away, picking a colander full of fresh chickweed makes a great deal of sense when I've run out of spinach and quiche is on the menu – as does supplementing a meager salad bowl with a few dandelion leaves and a handful of purslane.

These days, my only concern about foraging is one of time. Between berries on the trees, mushrooms on the stumps, greens in the paths and nuts on the road, it'll be April before those pots see a hole in the ground.

in paper or plastic bags, and be sure to transport it in the front of the car where it is heated. Limit your number of stops on the way home. Just short distances in low temperatures can cause severe damage or death to a houseplant.

Water houseplants carefully. Too much or too little water can cause stress or even death. It's best to grow the plant in a container that has good drainage. Place a saucer underneath the container so the water runs through. After 15 minutes, dump the excess water out of the saucer. If the soil medium continues to be wet for a long period of time, the roots of the plants will rot, which will cause the plant to die.

Just as important is not allowing the plant to dry out. If the soil medium is dry to the touch, it's time to water. A good rule of thumb is to check the plants twice a week. If it is dry, water it, if it isn't, let it alone until next time. It is good to get your watering on a schedule, like every Wednesday and Saturday. That way the plant is not for-

gotten. Plant care then becomes habit.

Humidity is important to a plant's survival. Dry heat from a wood stove can be deadly to houseplants. To create more humidity, group plants together or put a humidity tray under them. Misting plants has very little effect. Locate your houseplant in a room that has good ventilation, but is not drafty.

During the plant's active growing time, typically March through September, fertilize every two to four weeks. Use a well-balanced fertilizer. A typical analysis of a fertilizer is 10-10-10 or 20-20-20. The analysis tells you the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that is in the fertilizer, in that order.

Try something new this year and start a gardening tradition! Bring spring inside and keep on gardening!

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Scotty's Ride

"In the name of one child, we ride for many."

Kathryn Franke
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I recently had the pleasure of being a part of the 9th Annual Scotty's Ride, and I hope the words on this page can even come close to expressing how inspired I was as a result of this incredible event and the gracious, loving, kind-hearted individuals who made the event such a success.

Started by Kerry and Valerie Shorb in 2006, Scotty's Ride is a fundraiser that brings hundreds of people together to raise awareness and give support to families of children with life-threatening illnesses and ongoing medical financial struggles. This year's event, as each has done in past years, brought together those who are somehow affected by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, whether they themselves are affected or a family member or friend is affected, and those who just want to support such a noble and important cause.

These are the selfless, caring, and generous people who make events like Scotty's Ride become a reality, and also help them grow and impact more lives with each passing year.

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Connie Burrier, who returned to Scotty's Ride this year for the third time, is a close friend of Kerry and Valerie. She sees the hard work and dedication that they put into planning this event each year, and she is there without hesitation to support her friends and also the cause.

Lee Koontz has attended Scotty's Ride "a good half dozen times." Koontz grew up in Emmitsburg, so this local event holds a special place in his heart. "Emmitsburg generally does a good job of taking care of their own," he said. "I

think this fundraising event is a great example of that."

Robert Hensley of Thurmont joined us for his sixth Scotty's Ride this year. Hensley knew the parents of Scotty Harbaugh, who was the great nephew of Kerry and Valerie and the inspiration for the original Scotty's Ride event. An attendee of the very first ride, Hensley values the "sense of community, the beautiful ride, and the good people" that Scotty's Ride brings.

Kathy McCabe appreciates the "greater awareness of the cause and the camaraderie of the group" that attends each year, a group that is rapidly growing as the years progress. To her, this event fosters awareness of the cause, but it also raises awareness for motorcyclists and how much they give back to the community.

This was the first year that Charlie and Doug Novic participated in the event after hearing about it through friends who have participated in the past. They were drawn to the fact that this local event strikes such a positive chord within the community and the surrounding areas. "It's hard to go wrong with a local event that benefits children and their families," said Doug. He went on to explain, "The cohesiveness and camaraderie of Scotty's Ride brings us to a unified cause. People can get together, get to know each other, have a good time, and support a great cause—it's hard to say no to that!"

It was also the first time Stephanie Miller attended Scotty's Ride, but even before participating she could see what draws people back to the event each year. "I love participating in anything that brings the community together and raises money for a good cause," she explained. "The satisfaction of knowing someone in need will be helped through your support—that's why peo-

ple come."

Also joining the event for the first time were Don and Edie Drucktenis. Along with Scotty's Ride, they have participated in the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride, among others. Edie explained, "Any time you see a group represent a cause and stand up for it, it makes other people curious. It brings even more attention to the cause. Scotty's Ride shows that motorcyclists often ride for a purpose—it busts the stereotypes and shows that we are here to support a cause."

To Wayne and Rhonda Schrader, who have attended Scotty's Ride four and three time respectively, the event is so special because it allows them to "help others while building friendships."

After participating in her first Scotty's Ride, Kelly Moore explained that the event brings "fellowship and friendship." Emmitsburg resident Joan Elower accurately described Scotty's Ride as "a big family reunion." Mark George, who has been with Scotty's Ride from the start, claimed that he "wouldn't miss it for the world." Obviously, Scotty's Ride has inspired a caring, charitable mission that draws more and more people each year.

After participating in Scotty's Ride for three years, Grafton Bruce explained, "Any time we can give money to kids who need it, we do it. Any time. We all work hard for our money, so we want to put it towards a good cause like the ones that Scotty's Ride supports."

Kathy Greene has participated in Scotty's Ride for six years. To Greene, "it's all about helping someone else." She explained, "Motorcycle riders do a lot of good things for a lot of people. We always try to give back." Greene is a member of Toop's Troops, which has participated in countless rides that benefit various causes. Everywhere I looked, I saw someone from Toop's Troops, proud to represent their group and proud to be a part of this meaningful event. The amount of support contributed by Toop's Troops, along with the support of all other participants, was incredible to see.

Mark Zurgable has been an attendee of Scotty's Ride since it began nine years ago. "I've been here for every one because the money goes to such a good cause—that's why I ride," he said. "It's all about the cause." Zurgable also appreciates the togetherness of seeing people he doesn't get to see all year long. He, like all the participants of Scotty's Ride, has formed close bonds and friendships with the fellow riders. "You see some of the same people every year, but there are always new people each year. It's amazing to see how many people come out for this event," said Zurgable. "Motorcycles bring people together—and so does this wonderful cause. We get



to make new friends and help people in the community—that's what it's all about."

Wild Dog from Columbia, Maryland joined us this year for his first Scotty's Ride, and his description of the event perfectly captures its true meaning: "It's about different folks who are from different venues of living, have different bikes, and face different experiences, joining together for a common cause."

While each individual's support means the world to those in need, a special chord was struck when I spoke with those who have family members affected by cancer. Kim Westerholm and John Duchaj both joined Scotty's Ride for the first time this year. Westerholm's sister is currently battling cancer, which is her primary motivation and inspiration for supporting this cause. Duchaj's youngest brother passed away of cancer, so he explained, "Any time I can help, I do."

Kelly Douglass lost her sister to leukemia at a very young age. To Douglass, Scotty's Ride holds a special meaning because she can participate on behalf of her sister. David Meyer and his wife Donna decided to come to this charitable event two years ago after their grandson was diagnosed with leukemia in January of 2013. "We try to keep providing support in whichever way we can," said Meyer.

These personal links make the mission of Scotty's Ride that much more personal, relatable, and real.

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These names are just a small selection of the hundreds of individuals who participated in this year's Scotty's Ride.

While the participants agreed that supporting the cause is by far the most important aspect of the event, everyone also agreed that the beautiful ride is another major draw to Scotty's Ride. I could see in each person's eyes the enthusiasm about riding to the various stops and taking in the stunning scenery along the way. As the rumble of the lead motorcycle traveled across the parking lot and the ride was about to begin, I saw all heads turn towards the sound, eager to start their ride.

The ride brought individuals from all

across the country to the town of Emmitsburg. No matter the distance or the weather, people always seem to come back for Scotty's Ride. They were reunited with friends they met at past events and they are able to meet new friends every year. They are eager to ride and see the beautiful scenery, and that includes suffering through less-than-ideal weather conditions to make it to the event in the first place. Participants were discussing how the weather this year was different in the various areas in which everyone lives, showing just how vast and widespread the support for this event is, and the potential for growth it has in the future.

The seemingly simple parts of this event are what seemed to stand out to me the most: the pre-ride prayer that asked the burden be lifted from these struggling families, even if just by a little bit, the fact that many participants came back to Kerry and Valerie's home the next day to help clean up, and some donated back their monetary winnings to further support the cause.

An extremely touching moment during the after-party at Kerry and Valerie's home was the performance of an original song written about Scotty. Brother and sister Drew and Emma Richardson, the singers who wrote and performed the song, created captivating, thoughtful lyrics to commemorate the life of Scotty and the lasting impact he has had even after his death. The song included phrases such as, "Your spirit lives on, you'll never be forgotten," and, "We will ride through the day, offer you all in your name." The song was a beautiful tribute to Scotty, and a wonderful reminder of why the event has become such a success. It was a heartfelt expression of love that touched us all deeply.

There was no hesitation when I asked why everyone participates in the event—they do it for their families, for their friends, and for the good cause.

"In the name of one child, we ride for many." The participants of Scotty's Ride live out this motto every day, and I am so glad I was able to witness their compassion and generosity firsthand.

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CIVIL WAR

Monterey Pass museum now open

The Monterey Pass Battlefield Park located in Blue Ridge Summit is finally ready for visitation. Over the course of the last year and a half, the Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield, Inc. (FMPB) have been working hard building a museum that will tell the story of the 1863 Pennsylvania Campaign, and how Monterey Pass played a role during the Confederate invasion, in addition to the American Civil War as it relates to Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Through these exhibits, the museum shall encourage audiences to examine the past and its relationship to our shared future.

The museum is fully interpreted with five galleries and artifacts that tell the story of this important and forgotten Civil War battle. The museum's collection of artifacts, many of which were donated, are related to the battlefield. One such relic is a rifled musket carried by the Union army, which was found years later in between the walls of a house. The rifle is in great shape and still has its bayonet attached, one hundred and fifty-one years later.

The museum proudly displays a Union officer's frock coat which was worn by Captain William Wilken, a member of the 1st West Virginia Cavalry, who fought at the battle of Monterey Pass. Another artifact is an artillery mounted services jacket, which shows how crudely made some of the Union uniforms were. A nice mixture of infantry and cavalry accoutrements will show the public what soldiers were issued during the Civil War.

A Civil War era dress is also on display, complete with a bonnet. "One of the stories that we wanted to tell was the civilian aspect and how they coped with war being in their community" said Alicia Miller, who chairs the non-

profit FMPB organization. One of the galleries, "A Summer of Crisis," tells the story of the refugees and how they were faced with leaving their homes as the Confederate army was entering into Pennsylvania.

"Another story that I thought was important to tell was the role of the New York State National Guard in Washington Township" said John A. Miller, Washington Township Historian and Museum Director. "The New York State National Guard protected Harrisburg and Baltimore during the campaign. Many of these non-veteran soldiers from New York's upper-class marched over two hundred and seventy-five miles" Miller said. Many of these New York regiments were wearing their gray fatigue uniforms, which from a distance, could be mistaken for that of a Confederate soldier.

Another feature of the new museum are the maps that show exactly how the battle of Monterey Pass was fought on both sides of the Mason Dixon Line. Britt Isenberg, a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg, donated his time to create the maps which are on display. Many of the maps on the internet are not historically correct with regards to troop movements, landmarks, and many of those maps fail to show the battle west of modern day Route 16, headed westward toward Ringgold, which is how the battle entered into Maryland.

The new museum will also be an interactive experience for the visitors. There are different stations set up where the visitor can see original copies of occupational CDV's from the Victorian era, get a look at the types of wagons that moved through Monterey Pass, as well as quotes from the soldiers themselves on the conditions they had to fight in. The museum

also has clothing that even the slightest visitors can try on to see what it was like to be a soldier in the Civil War. "We want this to be a fun and educational experience for everyone who visits the museum, from the Civil War buff, to our local school children" said Alicia Miller.

The museum will be staffed by volunteers and will be open during the weekends in 2015. Programs and special events for next year are already in the planning stages. "Since the battle of Monterey Pass was fought during the night, we would like to capitalize on this by having programs conducted during the evening" said Miller. "Especially, since several visitors to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center are looking for things to do in the evening after the Gettysburg facility is closed."

Although, the grand opening is taking place in October, the museum exhibits will continue to grow during the winter and spring of 2015. One of the exhibits the FMPB would like to install is a timeline of the Civil War, showing the visitor the much larger picture with regards to the Civil War and the 1863 Confederate invasion. Artifact cases are still needed for the floor area to help protect the larger artifacts that are currently in the building. A flat panel TV with DVD player will also be installed to run various documentaries and slides pertaining to Monterey Pass, and the Pennsylvania Campaign. Funding is still needed for these projects.

There is a possibility that the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park will gain an additional one hundred and sixteen acres of battlefield land. In June, Washington Township officials applied and were awarded a \$100,000.00



It has been years in the making, but thanks to the efforts of John and Alicia Miller, the Monterey Pass Battlefield Museum has restored the once forgotten battlefield to its rightful place in Civil War history.

grant from Franklin County. In October, the township applied for another \$100,000.00 grant from the county to complete the purchase for this important battlefield ground. If awarded the second grant, the battlefield park will consist of about 117 acres of land.

The land the FMPB and Washington Township are currently trying to buy is the old Maria Furnace Road. The property also features Monterey Peak, which on a clear day has a spectacular view to the east. "This property will feature trails and interpretation that will explain the Confederate retreat and the experiences of those Confederate soldiers marching through Monterey Pass" said Miller. "And then we have the Union aspect with General Thomas Neill's Brigade of infantry who followed the rear of the Confederate army."

The battle of Monterey Pass is Pennsylvania's second largest Civil War battle and was the only battle to be fought on both sides of

the Mason Dixon Line. It began at dusk on July 4, 1863, as Union cavalry under the command of General Judson Kilpatrick collided with Confederate forces under the command of General William Jones. The battle was hard fought during a severe storm and continued till dawn.

As the Union cavalry withdrew from Monterey Pass, this allowed the Confederate army, under the command of General Robert E. Lee, to safely march his army from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to the Cumberland Valley, and eventually to Williamsport, Maryland. Following on the heels of Lee's army was a brigade of Union cavalry and infantry. They skirmished with the rear of Lee's army without engaging in a full battle.

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WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

November 6

Nightly blackouts

The yellow glare which usually floods the London sky on an evening has almost disappeared, and the lights of the metropolis are still diminishing. In the darkness overhead the rays of the searchlight dart here and there in search of hostile aircraft, vivid columns of brilliance which are a strange contrast to the feeble glimmer of the streetlights. The shop windows with their gay decorations are blotted out, window lights have become things of the past. Londoners, however, have accepted this altered condition with resignation in the belief that the dark is their best protector.

The lights in tramcars and motor buses become dimmer every evening. Recently the tramcars traveled with every blind drawn, and they spread across the bridges in total darkness. Now new electric lamps have been installed. These have a bluish black glass, and the city workers returning home cannot even read the evening papers.

War tax stamps are coming

The internal revenue service has issued notice that the new license stamps to be issued on account of the war tax and which are effective today will be received before November 15. As soon as they are received those affected will be expected to call and pay the tax promptly. The class affected by the tax include: bankers, brokers, custom home brokers, commission merchants, theaters, museums, concert halls, tobacco dealers. The general stamp tax, which will affect the public the most, does not go into effect until December 1.

War dispatches from the front

Monday - The Petrograd correspondent of the London Observer sends the following: "According to report being circulated in Army circles, Russia has recently been approached regarding the concluding of a peace with Germany. It is said that the German Emperor wrote a personal letter to the dowager empress, urging her to persuade the Russian Emperor to make peace. The dowager empress forwarded the letter onto Emperor Nicholas, who sent it to the Grand Duke Nicholas, Commander-in-Chief of the

Russian army. The Grand Duke returned the letter with this comment: "If you comply, our armies will mutiny, and there will be a revolution in all of Russia."

The Russians are reported advancing all along the Eastern front. If the present campaign is not checked by the Germans is said that West Galicia will be taken for the Tsar. Berlin reports that the Kaiser's men are being rapidly reorganized for another offensive move.

Tuesday - Turkish armies are massing on the Caucasus frontier with Russia and to Turkish armies are nearing the frontier of Egypt. In addition Turkey is mining the Dardanelles and is sending Mullahs to preach Jihad in Asia and Africa.

Thursday - In spite of a loss of almost 30,000 men, Allied intelligence does not believe the Germans are not preparing for a general retreat through Belgium, but rather for final supreme assault within the next few days. The Germans have assembled an army of half a million men, but the troops, according to the Allies are weary, and made up of youthful and age recruits. In response the Allies have been throwing fresh forces into Belgium.

Friday - The most overwhelming reversal the German have experienced so far against the Russians has taken place in the south of Poland, where the left-wing of the Russian central army clashed with the right wing of the German invaders. The whole German campaign against Russia was now rapidly crumbling. The German army which is retreating from Poland has been overtaken. Military experts explain that the passing of the Germans from the offense to the defense is due to reported withdrawal of seven army corps (280,000 men) from Poland to the western theater of the war.

November 13

Something about submarines

The submarine is one of the most important factors in the navies of the European nations now at war. It has a narrow deck, above which rises a conning tower, containing the watertight door, and a periscope, a reflecting instrument by means of which what is happening above water maybe seen by those in the submerged vessel. The periscope is, unfortunately, visible at some distance, so that if the

submarine wishes to escape observation it must plunge altogether below the surface and travel "blind" through the water. Submarines have, to a great extent, superseded torpedo boats for purposes of attack. The most modern type of British submarine, has a displacement of 200 tons below water, runs 21 knots on the surface, and carries six torpedo tubes and four 12 pounder guns mounted on disappearing platforms.

It is submerged at will by the emission of water to ballast tanks, and is raised to the surface by pumping out the tanks. The motive power is supplied by a gasoline engine for use when on the surface, and an electric engine for use when submerged. Compressed air for the crew when under water is stored in cylinders and can supply air sufficient to last the crew 24 hours.

British have lost most ships

Although it is almost impossible to ascertain the exact number of losses, both in ships and men, which have been sustained by the German and British navies, the figures which have been obtained from various admiralty statements and newspaper sources show the British are the heaviest losers. The Germans it is true, have lost more vessels than the enemy; but the total tonnage is against the English. Whereas 21 German warships have been destroyed, and their displacement is 88,887 tons, only 17 British ships have been lost but with a displacement of 114,890 tons.

War dispatches from the front

Saturday - The second attempt of the German right wing army to blast its way to the coast and cut off Belgium has failed. After many days of hard fighting, the battlefields are held only by the dead, dying and wounded. The Allies blew up dykes to flood the path of the Germans, but in doing so, they have made the vicinity uninhabitable for the living and having prevented an advance of the British, French and Belgians. Thousands of Germans left behind in the retreat doubtlessly will perish, as many were marooned in the rising waters like driftwood. The outcome of battle should decide whether Germans are going to reach the French coast this winter.

Sunday - Extending over a line of 350 miles, from the Baltic to the Carpathians, the vast Russian army is advancing rapidly, driving the Germans and Austrians before them, inflicting terrible losses. Encouraged by the victories the Russians are determined to clear Poland of the invading Germans, and wage a relentless war in Germany.

Monday - Great numbers of Russian troops are passing through gaps torn in the German armies on the Eastern front. All Poland, excepting the section in the extreme Southwest, is cleared of German troops. In southwestern Poland the enemy is falling back, unable to withstand the onslaught of the Russians who are striking heavily to take Kraków, the "Gateway of Silesia." Austrian and German forces are falling back upon that city, which is strongly fortified, in an attempt to prevent the Russian from occupying it. The capture of Kraków by the Russians would permit them immediately to launch a third Army to join its forces headed towards Berlin.

The Germans are weakening their forces now fighting against the French and British to help stem the tide of losses



WWI will forever be known for its brutal trench warfare, during which thousands died almost daily for merely a few square feet of territory.

in the East. Reports have been received of the movement of German troops from the Western front. Long military trains filled with men and munitions are being sent to reinforce the armies now retreating from Poland.

It is mere speculation, of course, to say that Germany may be forced to withdraw from Belgium. In any event, a German retirement from Belgium probably would be very slow as the forces of the Kaiser have made the entire country behind her battle lines one vast fortification, with trenches, even more carefully prepared than those they are still holding in France.

Tuesday - An official announcement was made by the Ottoman empire that a Turkish army has invaded Egypt. The following dispatch from Constantinople was provided to news reporters: "With the help of the Almighty, the Turkish army crossed the Egyptian frontier on Sunday." "The Ottoman commander expects the inhabitants of Egypt to join the Turkish army in the fight against Britain. No information was given out as to the size of the Turkish force that invaded Egypt."

Rumors persist in London that unrest has developed among the vast Muslim population in India. Although official statements minimize the danger of the situation in India, is admitted that the call to a holy war issued by the head of the Muslims in Constantinople has had its effects. In addition Hindu agitators have called upon their followers to throw off the British yoke.

Wednesday - From Tokyo comes reports that a Japanese army may be sent to the West to assist the British, French and Belgians in the struggle on the battlefields of Europe. The suggestion has not yet taken tangible form, but the idea is attracting increasing attention and finds support in military circles. The sending of a Japanese army to the west would be without precedent and one, which would emphasize the extent of the present conflict - it would be a true 'World War.'

Thursday - Driving forward with increasing fury and battling more violently than any time since they made their stand along the Aisne River, the Germans hammered the defense of the Allied forces along the full western battle line to the coast. Germany is making frantic efforts to stem the tide of defeat on the eastern war front.

Friday - Germany's attack along the extreme right of the western front has been checked, temporarily. Hurling fresh forces to the breach, the French, Belgian, and British repulsed all the attacks of the invaders and forced him to retire to their

original line of trenches.

November 20

Cost of feeding the troops

The amount of bread eaten daily by the German soldier in the field would make a loaf 393 feet high and weigh 60 million pounds. A week's supply of potatoes would make a tuber 188 feet high and weigh 120 million pounds. The figure given out for the standard ration, is probably a very different thing from that actually being consumed along the great battle formation, where there is a great flexibility as to the food to be used. The Kaiser has always expressed a lively interest in his soldiers' food, and he has not infrequently ridden up to the field bakeries and sampled the products of their ovens.

Some idea of the enormous expense of the war will be gained from the fact that the daily cost of provisions for the combined armies would be 14.5 million dollars without the expense of transportation, which would be 4.2 million more each day.

German Spies

A particularly ingenious example of the method employed by German spies at the front for communicating information to the troops is given in the London Times.

"A favorite sign of the German spies is a black cow. This animal, crudely sketched in black crayon on walls, gates and fences, was frequently noticed by the French as they passed and was so badly drawn that it aroused no suspicion. The only remark it called forth was that it was much out of proportion. Sometimes it was small, sometimes large, and often the horns were ridiculously long in comparison with the rest of the animal.

A small cow signified that the road was only weakly defended; a moderate sized cow meant that Allied troops were in the neighborhood; a large cow was warning that they were earthworks and trenches nearby. The direction in which the cow's head pointed indicated where the danger was. If it pointed into the air, that meant that the Germans have better reconnoiter the ground by airplane before advancing.

War dispatches from the front

Saturday - The Russian advance into German territory is not going ahead with the same speed that marked the earlier days of the invasion. The Germans have reached territory which they are familiar and are turning giving battle bravely and contesting every inch of ground. Great earthworks, have been thrown up by the Kaiser's troops in Prussia and they are preparing to offer stubborn resistance to stem the movement of the Czar's forces.

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Sunday - Reports received from Constantinople say that the Turkish army in the Caucasus is attacking the Russians and that the Russians are retreating along the entire front.

Monday - Russia's advance on Kraków is believed to be in danger. Military strategists believe they either Germany is preparing for another invasion of Poland or a flanking movement against the Russian's moving on Kraków is to be made.

On the Western front, as a result of heavy rains a big force of Germans cut off around Dixmude is in danger of being annihilated by Allied forces. All over West Flanders fighting continues in snow and water ankle-deep. To stem attacks by the Allies German forces had been blowing up dikes to flood fields.

Tuesday - Russian war office announcements are not so cheering to the populace as they had been in the past two weeks. From all points along the line, come reports that Austrian and German armies are now offering stubborn resistance. The skirmishes that marked the Russian advance in southwestern Poland last week have now developed into general battles and the Tsar's armies have failed to clear a path to Kraków.

On the western front, a blizzard accompanied by intensely cold weather, is sweeping over the battlefield. In Flanders, the Germans have continued their attempts to cut their way to the seacoast. All attacks by the invaders have been repulsed with severe losses.

Despite the flooding conditions of battlefields and trenches, which is hampered both armies and their offensive operations, the battles continues but without the intensity that characterized the battles of last week. Artillery duels for the most part are taking place with an occasional sally by infantry forces. Although there is a lull in the battle of Flanders. The two sides continue to deliver attacks on other sections of the right wing of the German battlefield, but these operations have availed neither side much, and they practically hold the original lines.

Thursday - A Russian army, comprising several corps (about 80,000 men) has been completely routed, by the German army. 23,000 Russians were captured in this battle. Whether the latest German victories in the East stop the Russian advance cannot yet be foretold, but they undoubtedly have resulted in giving the Germans an excellent strategic position, and at the same time increasing the difficulties of the Russian situation.

Friday - The flag of the United States has been fired upon by Turkey. Cannon shot was hurled at the cruiser Tennessee by the Turkish forts at Samaria. The Tennessee got underway and is now anchored in a Greek port. Before regarding the firing upon the American ship as a hostile act, officials are inclined to wait for the reports, and hold to the belief that it might have been a misunderstanding of the act of some local official which will quickly be corrected in Constantinople.

No change in the operations in Russian Poland have been more startling than the sudden resumption of the offensive by the Germans, a movement by which the heart of the Russian line has been attacked and Warsaw again threatened. As usual, conflicting reports arrived from the neighborhood of these operations. But clearly a great battle is underway in western Poland. It is equally clear that the Russian advance has been brought to a halt.

The latest official communications regarding the operations on the western battlefield are much the same as those for preceding days. There has been fighting virtually all along the front, but without an appreciable change in the situation.

November 27 Allies need woollens

Agents from the British and French governments announced here that they were in the market for 1,350,000 wool sweaters, 600,000 wool stomach bands, 1,600,000 wool gloves and 500,000 pairs of wool socks. In order that they may be purchased quickly and advertisement was placed in almost every commercial newspaper on the East Coast. It was said that the goods were required for prompt delivery, and that orders would be given immediately and that payment would be made in cash for goods delivered in New York.

Warships may use canal

The Panama Canal is open to vessels of war of all nations; the only condition is that they shall not remain in the canal longer than it is necessary to make the passage, nor it even are of the terminal ports beyond the time necessary to take on coal or supplies.

The cost of moving a fleet of big ships

through the waterway will be considerable. The established warships toll is 50 cents per displacement ton. Allowing the British vessel to be the average size of the European Dreadnought, the bill would be about \$87,500. The British squadron now on its way to the canal would be the first European belligerent ships to pass through the waterway since the start of the war.

War stops sale of vodka

The discontinuance of the sale of vodka in Russia has greatly improved the condition of the inhabitants of that country according to dispatches from Petrograd. Peasants who before the war have fallen into hopeless depravity have emerged into self-respecting citizens. The effect on character is already visible in neatly brushed close instead of the former ragged and slovenly attire. Huts which were formerly dilapidated are now kept in good condition. People now say 55% of their earnings, which formally was spent for drink, and they have increased their earnings capacity through sobriety. The extra money is now devoted to the necessities and comforts of life.

War dispatches from the front

Saturday - In Flanders, an artillery duel, described during the last few days as furious, has become more violent, on the part of the Germans at least. Heavy fighting has resumed in the Argonne Forest, where some of the most severe encounters of the war have raged during the last two months. Fighting between the Germans and Allied forces in the inundated territory, on the Northeast seacoast, is now frequently carried out in boats. In a battle between two squadrons of airplanes one airship of the allies and one of the Germans was lost.

Sunday - Strong Russian forces that have been involved in the Russian advance in East Prussia, have been driven back 60 miles to the river Bug, and the Germans are now about 25 miles northwest of Warsaw.

Military experts feel the Russians have been lured into a trap laid by German General. Von Hindenburg. If the German successes continue, a debacle will ensue that will set the Russian campaign back for the six months. The Russians have once more displayed the lack of military ability for which they are noted, they permitted themselves to be forced southward, and if German forces advance as rapidly as they have in the last three days, they will cut off the Russian retreat upon Warsaw. In such an eventuality they'll be forced to retreat southward into the waiting arms of the Austrian army that is advancing from Kraków.

Monday - There is a lull in the battles along the front in Belgium and northwestern France, in large measure to the intensely cold weather and the flooded conditions on the highways in that section. Infantry attacks were halted along the western end of the battle line due to the intensely cold weather. In this weather the armies are compelled to live in the devastated territory, where there are no houses to give shelter or warmth.

Large bodies of German engineers have you seen passing towards the front, and it is believed that the Germans are planning to cross the flooded country by scientific engineering methods.

Tuesday - For the time being the Eastern area of war is absorbing the energies of the Germans, where their blow at the Russian advance seems to have penetrated far into Russian Poland. Tremendous battles are occurring all along the line.


The current battles will not only affect events in the western theater of war, but is likely to have a great effect on the duration of the war.

Wednesday - In Flanders and France, armies seem to be enjoying a long deserved rest, for the only remaining evidence that belligerents are facing each other is an occasional bombardment with heavy guns. Infantry attacks have temporarily ceased, and while the generals are laying their plans for the next move the men are getting a chance to rest and to tidy themselves up after a month in watery trenches. An eyewitness to recent battles confirm the reported heavy losses the Germans have suffered in recent attacks. He speaks of hundreds of dead left before the trenches and the batches of bodies found in farmhouses. The fighting of the last five weeks have cost close to 100,000 lives on both sides.

Thursday - Steadily pressing South the German forces in Russian Poland, under Gen. von Hindenburg, continue to capture territory. It said that the German advance has penetrated further into Poland that hitherto has been disclose, and that Warsaw for the second time since the outbreak of hostilities, is threatened by the German armies.

Friday - A bomb from a German airship fell in front of the American consulate in Warsaw, breaking the windows of the consulate, but injuring no one within. Several persons in the street in front of the consulate were killed. The incident was regarded in Washington as indicating the proximity of the German advance guard to Warsaw.


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Rumsey's Steamboat

One of the most interesting events in which the newly built Catoctin Iron Furnace played a role was the launching of James Rumsey's steam ship on the Potomac in 1787. The event grew out of the friendship and common interests of Governor Johnson and George Washington. Both owned land along the Potomac, and both eagerly sought to improve upon their investments. Along with other prominent figures, the two formed the Potomac Company to promote development along the river. Washington served as president of the organization, and Johnson was an active member of the board of directors.

The company hired James Rumsey, an enterprising inventor from Cecil County, Maryland, as its superintendent. Rumsey used his position to generate interest in his plans to construct a steam-powered boat. When he submitted a preliminary proposal to the company, General Washington immediately saw the potential. The founding father declared "that the discovery is of vast importance . . . and if it succeeds (of which I have no doubt) that the value of it is greatly enhanced by the simplicity of the works which, when seen and explained, may be executed by the most common mechanic."

In 1785, Rumsey and Washington visited Thomas Johnson in his Fredericktown home to discuss the manufacturing of needed parts at the Johnson iron works. [Over the next couple of months, Johnson's brother, James, attempted to forge and cast the necessary parts. The Catoctin Furnace, however, proved inadequate to the task. Thomas Johnson then arranged to have the cylinders made from copper in Frederick City.

Two years later, Rumsey's ship was ready. On December 3, 1787, a large crowd gathered in Shepardstown, Virginia on the Potomac to witness the first run of Rumsey's engine-powered ship. A vertical pump, seated in the middle of the vessel, driven by a steam engine powered the inventor's eighty-foot long boat. As the crowd looked on, Rumsey's boat struggled up to about four-miles per hour before dying out.

Rumsey was not alone in experimenting with steam engines in the 1780s. Others, including John Fitch of Connecticut were developing similar engines. A bitter debate broke out as to whose engine was actually the first. Seeking to promote his case, Rumsey cited the experiments at Catoctin Furnace—which must have taken place in 1785 or 1786—to bolster his claim to have been first in inventing the steam technology.

While Rumsey's engine was hardly ready for immediate commercial utilization and may not have been unique, his invention suggested a real future in steam travel. Robert Fulton's steam ship in 1807 and the rapid spread of the railroad, of course, later realized this. The Johnson enterprise did not produce any of the parts used in Rumsey's engine. But having played a role in the important experiments leading to the steam engine, the Catoctin area can claim a small part in the work of a man whom Thomas Jefferson called "the most original and greatest mechanical genius I have ever seen."

Early Industry

Others in the Catoctin region soon followed the Johnson brothers in exploring the potential of industry. By the early nineteenth century, numerous small industries had sprung up east of the mountains, especially in the town soon incorporated as Mechanicstown. One of the first was a

1793 tannery constructed by Daniel Rouzer, a German immigrant who had first passed through New Jersey before coming to the Catoctin area. The tannery, set on Owens Creek, made use of the tanning agent found in the bark of abundant oak tree bark found in the area. Heavy stones crushed the bark and water from nearby creeks allowed for the soaking of animal hides. The business prospered and remained in family hand when Daniel Rouzer's son John took over the tannery in 1815.

Other tanneries followed. The Wampler Tannery opened for business in 1810. Ten years later, Captain W.L. Jones of Baltimore built a two-story, stone-faced tannery, containing 200 vats for soaking, located on Hunting Creek. The creek's flowing water propelled a large "grinding apparatus," and the tannery yearly consumed some 2,000 cords of bark, employed fifteen men, and produced 25,000 hides of leather per year.

Other industries developed east of the mountains in the early national period including a snuff factory in Graceham, an extensive edge-tool manufactory erected in 1811, and a matchmaking factory begun by the Weller family. Meanwhile, into the early nineteenth century, the Johnsons continued to expand their business enterprises. Alongside his furnace, James Johnson also owned a flour mill on Fishing Creek.

Each of these early industries made ample use of one of the region's most abundant natural resources—timber. In fact, logging was a major mountain area industry. Sawmills, which were features of the mountain since the arrival of white settlers, continued to operate and expand. When Catoctin Furnace owner James Johnson sold 715 acres of mountain land roughly a half mile from his business, "abounding with chesnut, locust, poplar, and oaks of all kinds," he



The Blue Blazes whiskey still, located in Catoctin Mountain National Park.

made sure to mention the additional presence of "a saw mill that would work four or six months in the year." Ten years later Johnson put on the market "325 acres of heavily timbered Mountain land." Again the land was within a mile of his furnace. Johnson suggested that the land might be divided into four to six lots, and among the enticements, he trumpeted a "saw mill set and a seat for a distillery or tanyard." No doubt dozens of other sawmills dotted the Catoctin area.

Small industry also proliferated along Hunting Creek as it flowed through the valley at the foot of the mountain. Soon locals began calling the area Mechanicstown for the large number of mechanics operating in the area. In 1882, Andrew Sefton, longtime resident of Mechanicstown, recalled his arrival: "I came to this town, April 1st 1831. It then numbered about three hundred inhabitants and was a very business place for its size." Sefton married one of the daughters of Jacob Weller and settled down. In the 1830s, he recalled:

"Seven tanners in town and vicinity, two blacksmith shops, a tilt hammer, grand stone, polishing wheel and turning lathe, all propelled by water power, one wool and cloth facto-

ry, two shoemaker shops three tailors, three weavers, one gunsmith, one silversmith, two wagon and coach shops, two mill-wrights, three cabinet maker and house carpenter shops, one saddler, one hatter, one doctor, three stone and brick masons, three hotels and a match factory." In 1832, the thriving settlement was incorporated as the town of Mechanicstown.

Growing industry, of course, required transportation, a perennial problem in the mountainous Catoctin area. What roads existed as the new century began often were barely passable. Many were essentially dirt trails through dense forest, with tree stumps cut at 16 inches so axles could clear them. Frenchman Ferdinand M. Bayard, traveling through Frederick County in the early nineteenth century, found himself "confronted with abominable roads . . . where one runs the risk of being upset at any moment on sharp stones or of being thrown into mudholes." Travel by stagecoach from Baltimore to Hagerstown in 1803 required one to board the coach in Baltimore at three in the morning, arriving in Frederick by evening. A second coach in Frederick, again departing at three in the morning, arrived in Hagerstown by

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early afternoon. Fare for the two-day journey was three dollars and an extra dollar and a half for additional luggage. There does not appear to have been a coach that traveled north from Frederick during this period.

With Baltimore the largest growing city in the country by the 1790 pressure grew to create a network of useful, passable roads radiating out from the city. Turnpike companies were incorporated to build the necessary links. One of the first construction endeavors was a turnpike from Baltimore to Frederick, which, by 1807, was extended to Boonsborough, and later to Williamsport, where it could link up with routes along the Potomac River. Construction of the famed National Road then followed. The road linked existing roads to a major turnpike that ran from Cumberland, Maryland, on the Potomac River to Wheeling, Virginia on the Ohio River.

In the Catocin area, the first phase of the transportation revolution involved the Westminster-Hagerstown Turnpike completed in 1816, which connected to the National Road in Hagerstown. The Turnpike ran through Mechanicstown and Harmon's Gap (a portion of the pike that appeared to have been called Harmon's Gap Road) and what became Mechanicstown. Within a few years, the Frederick-Emmitsburg Turnpike, passing through Creagerstown to the east of Mechanicstown was also completed.

Wheat and whiskey

If an early industrial revolution was taking hold east of the mountains, a simpler agricultural economy centered around hunting, the harvesting of wheat, and raising a small number of livestock, persisted on the west side of the mountain. With no agricultural census until mid-century, records relating to the local agricultural economy are sparse for this period. Nevertheless, what evidence we have suggests a subsistence economy where barter more than cash was the basis for most transactions. Of key importance was the exchange of whiskey, brandy, and hides.

The center of the mountain economy was a tavern—which still stands—on the southeast side of Manahan Road in present-day Foxville (see Map 2). Labeled Wolfe's Tavern on an 1873 map of Frederick County, the two-story, log and frame building sheathed in German siding dates from around 1800. Throughout the first half of the nineteenth century, the Hauver family operated the tavern. The Hauvers—following the much-traveled route of German migrants to America—first settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, then, by the 1760s, moved to Frederick County, settling on the west side of Catocin Mountain. The family briefly changed its name to Oates in the late eighteenth century, apparently feeling that Hauver sounded too German. In 1779, the Oates/Hauver family purchased a tract of land known

as "Good Luck" on which they built their tavern. Situated on the road to Hagerstown, the tavern could take advantage of business from both the local community and travelers.

The tavern served multiple functions. The ever-increasing number of migrants moving west found a night's sleep and something to eat at the tavern. With politics an increasingly important part of the new nation, the

tavern served as a polling place and local court house. For nearby farmers, it served as a general store at which to buy needed supplies such as salt, butter, cornmeal, and coffee. It provided needed services such as shovel sharpening. Most importantly, the tavern offered farmers and trappers a trading post through which to exchange goods. Farmers, for instance, could exchange cow hides for whis-

key. The Hauvers often would sell the hides they obtained to Daniel Rouzer for use in his tannery. Lumber was an important commodity and farmers could make staves from wood processed at the many sawmills in the region. The Hauvers bought staves by the thousands and resold them to businesses in Mechanicstown.

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“The greatest case in KGB history”

Putin’s continuing movement back to the Cold War

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You may have missed it, but two seemingly unrelated, recent events portend Russia’s continuing return to the old, Cold War arms race. The first was the death in August of the notorious, American spy John Anthony Walker in a U.S. Federal prison. The second was the resurrection of an old Soviet military Industrial Commission known as the VPK... with President Vladimir Putin now appointing himself as its chairman. The Walker spy case is arguably the KGB’s greatest success story. A wake up call for the Soviet military industrial establishment in the 1970s and 1980s that Putin obviously finds relevant today. Especially as he struggles to cope with the socio-economic and military challenges he faces when confronting the West and NATO in Europe, Ukraine and Crimea. To understand the current situation from Putin’s KGB perspective, one needs to go back-to the final years of the Cold War.

A traitor is unmasked

First, for a look back into recent history to an event that continues to this day to result in significant damage to this country. A former KGB officer who briefly defected to the U.S. in 1985 and then re-defected back to the Soviet Union called the Walker treason “the greatest case in KGB history”. Similar comments were made by KGB General Boris Salomatin, who was instrumental in

Walker’s initial recruitment.

It was Monday May 20, 1985 when my office in the Pentagon was notified that the FBI had just arrested former U.S. Navy Warrant Officer John A. Walker, Jr. early that morning in the Washington, D.C. suburbs and charged him with spying for the Soviet Union. We initially had very little detail and were stunned but eager to learn more about the case; we would soon become distressed by what Walker had been providing. Walker’s treason probably had begun in October of 1967 when he was still on active duty and stationed in the communications department of Submarine Forces, Atlantic in Norfolk, VA. There are several books available on the subject of the Walker gang’s treachery and many believe the group’s damage is all history at this point. John A. Walker, Jr. died in a federal maximum-security prison in Butler, NC on Thursday, 28 August 2014, well short of the 365-year sentence he was given. By the time John Walker was arrested, he had recruited his older brother Arthur, his only son Michael and his closest friend Jerry Whitworth as agents to help him steal classified US Navy information.

The most damaging materials Walker provided the Soviets involved cryptographic key materials, which, over the years, resulted in them decrypting and reading over one million of our most sensitive messages. A significant part of the decoded messages involved vital operational and technical detail such as re-

ports issued by our submarines while trailing Soviet submarines undetected in open ocean areas as well as Soviet littoral training areas. In addition to the fact that we were able to conduct such undetected operations for extended periods of time, these messages frequently included technical detail highlighting specific shortcomings of Soviet submarine technology and operations, in addition to limitations of our own fleet. Such detail over an extended period of several years likely provided a detailed net-assessment and would be considered the Holy Grail to any country. One need only reverse the case to consider what a treasure trove such a resource was. However, when that treasure revealed glaring and numerous weaknesses in one’s own strategic assets it would be received with great alarm-indeed this was the case in Moscow. Initially, disbelief would turn into horror and generate a crisis situation at the highest levels of the military and government- in our country and in Moscow. From all available information, it appears almost a certainty that Walker’s motivation was solely for his own personal benefit. He bought numerous “toys” and was observed to be lavish in his spending habits.

A shadowy organization is born in Moscow

The VPK or Military Industrial Commission was initially created in 1957 during what has become known as the crisis of the “Anti Party Group”. Essentially a power struggle between Stalinist hard liners such as Malenkov and Molotov opposed by supporters of Nikita Khrushchev. While Khrushchev liberals eventually won out, the VPK remained in place and was chaired from its founding in 1957 through 1963 by Soviet Marshal Dmitry Ustinov. Ustinov’s earlier military career had a strong focus on aviation and missileery and it is likely the crisis perceived in the U.S. development of nuclear powered submarines as delivery platforms carrying underwater launch-capable, ballistic missiles played a significant role in a more responsive military R&D and development structure- i.e. the VPK. Ustinov later went on to become Minister of Defense under Brezhnev and clearly had a favored place at Brezhnev’s side. He also kept a strong interest in the VPK and its utility in his goals for the Soviet military. In his place at the VPK, Ustinov arranged to have his close associate Leonid V. Smirnov put in that leadership role- a position that Smirnov held until 1983. Smirnov and Ustinov’s roles in this critical period and events connected to John Walker’s treason were further bolstered by the aggressive leadership style of Chairman Yuri Andropov at the KGB.

Andropov had been appointed as the Chairman of the KGB in 1967 following his Ambassador-

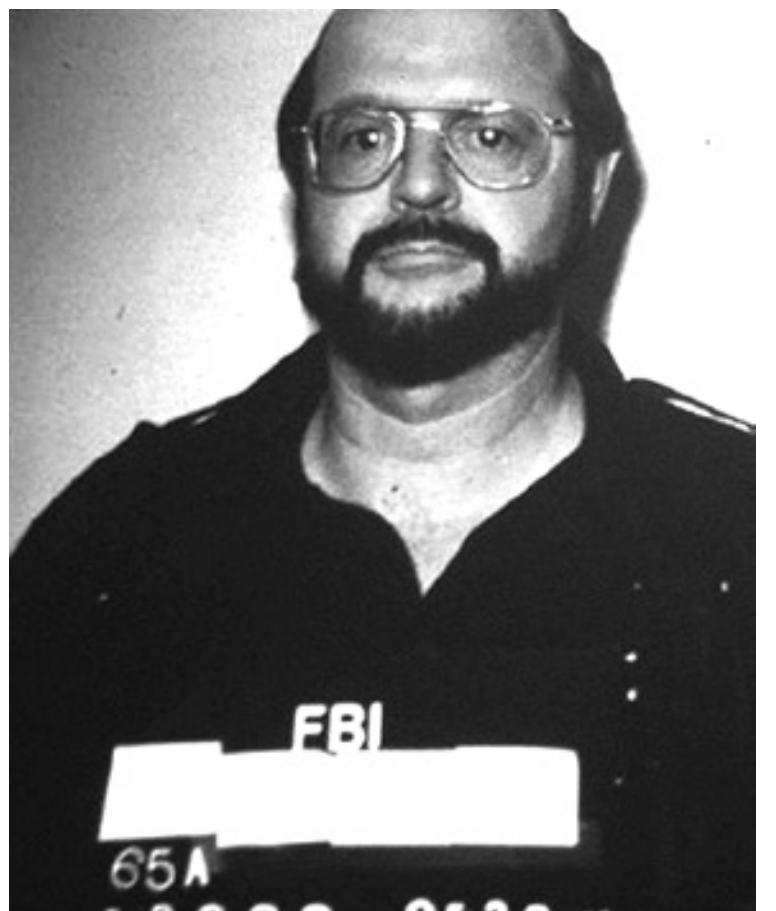


Russian President Vladimir Putin.

ship in Hungary where he orchestrated the brutal crushing of the attempted 1956 revolution. Following his stint as ambassador to Hungary and assumption of the KGB head, he served in ever more powerful positions inside Moscow. As Chairman of the KGB, Andropov was a fairly regular attendee and active participant in meetings of the VPK, but it is probable that his control of the Walker data and its frightening potential thrust both he and the VPK to center stage in many deliberations within the Kremlin. As a direct result of data collected by the Walker gang, the VPK was given vastly increased funding, decision-making and programmatic authority. One problem did occur that required immediate attention and for which the VPK was otherwise ill equipped to solve

and that was assessment of the highly technical and specialized operational nature of much of the data they were reviewing. To address this need, the VPK directed a number of additional organizations be formed and to be subordinate to them. Among these new structures were special “committees” and panels, most notably within the Ministry of Military Industry, the Ministry of Heavy Machine Building, and the Academy of Sciences, among several others.

While the VPK was likely initially established with a genuine bureaucratic desire to address problems of procurement, delivery, quality and coordination, the Walker revelations transformed that body into something more resembling a crisis command center. It had offices in the Kremlin and had the highest level of



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A crisis leads to action in Moscow

The potential significance of the Walker data was immediately recognized by Boris Salomatina, a senior KGB (Committee for State Security) officer within the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. when he first came into contact with Walker in the fall of 1967 and alerted KGB headquarters of its extraordinary potential. Inside tightly controlled compartments within the KGB is where the “wild fire” really started. Ironically this was only months after hardline communist Yuriy Andropov was getting settled into his new job as Chairman of the KGB. Events were interrupted temporarily after the first messages were decrypted and it was discovered that the KGB’s in-house technical talent was baffled and admitted the materials were beyond their level of understanding. This is likely the point at which Andropov reached out to Minister of Defense Ustinov for help and to alert him of their preliminary findings. The Defense Ministry naval technical help confirmed the validity and provided a critical understanding of the impact of those materials. Of more significance, senior leaders in the KGB and Ministry of Defense took immediate steps to assess, evaluate and eventually correct many of their own deficiencies discovered in the materials made available by Walker’s treachery.

In addition to the Ministry of Defense Industry, the Russian Academy of Sciences was a key player. Despite in-service rivalry, the GRU (military intelligence) was brought in on at least a limited basis. Inside the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), a special commission was established and headed up by the Director of the RAS Anatoly Petrovich Alexandrov. This council consisted of dozens of institutes from all around the Soviet Union involved in this effort and funding for them was also virtually unlimited. The commission maintained offices in Moscow close to Nobel-prize-winner A. M. Prokhorov’s General Physics Institute. Perhaps the most prominent institute involved in this effort was the P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology. The three primary missions of this council were to: 1. Evaluate and assess technical information obtained from the decrypted message traffic; 2. Develop R&D efforts to counter their weakest vulnerabilities as discovered in the materials; and 3. Coordinate with KGB/GRU to collect vital intelligence themselves based on areas of very high interest and/or uncertainties. This high degree of cooperation could only have been achieved under the circumstances of “crisis” and very high-level direction inside the Soviet government. Other Warsaw Pact nations were involved in the collection efforts but were never apprised of the particular reason for interest that might point to the identity of Walker. RAS members were spe-

cifically tasked to attend conferences in the West when allowed and collect information on various entities and to provide a full debriefing upon return to Russia. Several individuals admitted to me during my travels that they did know enough to likely lead to Walker’s identity had they been allowed to travel outside the Soviet Union and were not in the least surprised by Walker and his associates careers in the U.S. Navy when he was arrested.

Money is no obstacle

First within the KGB, likely in the late 1960’s, and subsequently in the early 1970’s when details were taken to certain members of the Politburo, the “explosive nature” of materials John Walker was providing the Soviets created “near hysteria” and “a true national crisis” albeit only within the upper leadership of the Soviet Union who were considered necessary and trustworthy to keep the steady stream of revelations under wraps. Early on in the 1970’s, ships of the Shirshov Institute were noted conducting unusual activities in the vicinity of U.S. ballistic missile submarine bases. The purpose was to accelerate any potential sensor development that could lead to improvements in the Soviet’s ability to track our strategic, missile-carrying submarines. Many of these efforts resulted in poor or low quality results, but the nature of the situation was of such importance that almost any idea could gain funding and evaluation.

Most efforts took years to prepare for and begin test and evaluation phases but funding was never an impediment until the mid- to late-1980’s. This time consuming race to catch up was especially true in the platform design and construction programs, from new and/or modified submarines to underwater fixed systems, towed sensors, space-borne systems, surface ship improvements and aircraft such as the EKRANOPLAN/Wing-In-Ground effect platform. While certain systems of interest such as supercavitating torpedoes had been identified well before Walker’s activities, the crisis of the early 1970’s resulted in adaptation of numerous accelerated development programs. The development of the supercavitating torpedo had been developed and even patented in the U.S. in the 1960’s and was closely followed by the Soviets. Most of the U.S. work was openly available and collected by the Soviets. Specifically it was within the VPK that programs such as the supercavitating SHKVAL torpedo (Russian for “squall”) received its funding and priority tasking for development.

The Soviets aggressively used the 1973 Nixon-Brezhnev Cooperative Science and Technology program and many other opportunities to more effectively collect militarily significant intelligence as part of their use of the Walker data. One particular technology afforded the Soviets, among many others, under the 1973 S&T agreement was magneto-hydrodynamic drive, or MHD. In Tom Clancy’s book and movie “The Hunt for Red October”, MHD was called a “caterpillar drive.” In fact, the lab-



Prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union, a 20-inch scale model of the BOREI submarine was available to Soviet citizens in anticipation of the imminent deployment of that class of submarine.

oratory test facility for MHD where I was taken, on the outskirts of Moscow, uses a core that had “General Electric: Made in the U.S.” stamped on its inner core.

Joint research under the 1973 program to enhance safety of aircraft turbine engine blades was immediately applied to the Soviet BACKFIRE strategic bomber airframe. Cooperation in this effort has been resurrected following the collapse of the Soviet Union. During visits subsequent to 1991 in Kiev, Ukraine, Rybinsk, Kaluga, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and St Petersburg, Russia, among others the Soviet priority application to military programs was very obvious. Throughout the Nixon-Brezhnev era of cooperation, behind the scenes the authority of the VPK was evident in coordinating high priority intelligence collection and expediting Soviet military program approval and funding. Behind the overall authority of the VPK was the sense of crisis and overall driving impetus provided from the Walker data.

Fast forward to year 2014: Putin grabs more power

The stunning amount and technical/operational nature of the Walker data provided over an extended period of time to the Soviets resulted in hundreds of investigative and developmental responses within the Soviet system. From the beginning, there was an overriding sense of urgency but with security of the source paramount. It is inevitable in such an atmosphere that a number of these development efforts ended in folly, but the greater majority resulted in incremental platform updates such as to the VICTOR I, II, III classes of attack submarine’s and the YANKEE and DELTA class ballistic missile submarines—each successively more capable. Numerous immediate operational changes were also implemented within the Soviet Navy such as the “Crazy Ivan” maneuver but also changes in deployment and patrol areas designed to render their strategic submarines less vulnerable.

However, the paranoia generated and instilled within the Soviet/Russian mindset has resulted in a military hardware revamping well beyond those system upgrades to include the very recent introduction of the YASEN-class SSN and BOREI-class SSBN platforms. Both are fitted with an array of new weapons systems and enhanced overall operational capabilities. The BOREI will deploy with a new class of intercontinental ballistic missile, called the BU-

LAVA (i.e. MACE), which is just completing testing and acceptance trials. Had it not been for the chaos and economic collapse of the Soviet Union, these systems would have become operational at least one decade earlier. I know because I bought a 20-inch scale model of the BOREI submarine from a commercial hobby shop in St. Petersburg in 1996. This, and other scale models, were being produced by the Rubin Design Bureau in anticipation of the imminent deployment of that class of submarine, which had been designed there.

The uncertain times surrounding the collapse of the Soviet Union resulted in numerous disruptions and uncertainties. One of the many casualties of the early-1990’s included the VPK which had been a much more fitting institution for a totalitarian government. As many understand today, the interim years of the Yeltsin regime were transitory and much of the openness and freedoms of that time were lost when Vladimir Putin came into power in 2000. Whether in the Presidency or as Prime Minister, Putin and his cronies have been systematically moving the Russian system backwards. The many systemic and totally new platforms could not have taken shape without the direct oversight and approval authority that rested within the VPK.

In 2006, Putin reinstated the VPK but it fumbled along seemingly without proper direction, especially under Dmitry Rogozin, until September of 2014 when Putin assumed direct leadership of the VPK. Rogozin apparently will remain in

his role as director of the “Russian DARPA” called the FPI (i.e. Future Research Fund for promising military and civilian technologies).

By decree of December 2008, Russia embarked on a reinvigorated military reform program referred to as “the New Look of the Armed Forces” for which the new VPK will surely play a central role.

By appointing himself head of the VPK, Putin has once again reached back into history for solutions that he believes have credibility in more effective management and action in his push for military reforms. The VPK served Andropov’s needs well in the past when the Walker revelations caused such turmoil in Moscow and Putin has a very strong affinity for just about anything Andropov touched. He clearly sees a reinvigorated VPK as a solution to his path forward. Other behind the scenes movements by Russia have not captured global center stage but may be linked to his vision of the future. Of particular note over the past several weeks, Russia has nationalized the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and it has recently opened a field office in Russian Ukraine. We need to be ever mindful of Vladimir Putin’s past as we try to interpret and predict his agenda for the future of Russia. Whether or not the Russian budget will be able to support his ambitious plans remains an unanswered question.

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morning after 10am and see what fun your friend had at camp! Registration required.

On November 22 it is International Hat Day so wear your favorite hat to the library for this special program. Join in the fun as we talk about different types of hats and make our own paper hats to decorate. Registration required.

Children's Programs at the Thurmont Regional Library

World War II History Club for kids grades 4-8 will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 5, 12, and 19. Follow the 101st Airborne Division beginning with jump training in the U.S. Also map "Easy" Company

throughout their participation in major actions in Europe. Due to the subject matter, this club is limited to late elementary - middle school age students. "Enlist" early at www.fcpl.org.

Join us in the Imagination Zone for a special Build-A-Fort Program, Friday, November 21, 2:30 p.m. We'll share a story and work on creating a cozy magical fort. If you like, bring a stuffed animal friend to join you. Ages 3 to 8. Registration required.

Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library

The next meeting of the Friends will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, November 18th. Plan to attend if you'd like to be involved. There is no cost to be a Friend and we'd value your support and input.

To learn more about upcoming events at the library visit: www.fcpl.org.

The power of four

April Miller
Candidate for Board of Education

I was elected to the Board of Education in 2010, along with my teammates, Brad Young and Jimmy Reeder. Brad and I would like to take this opportunity to first thank

the residents of Frederick County for their vote of confidence in electing us to be their voice in the school system. We lost a best friend and mentor last year when Jimmy passed away. Colleen Cusimano was appointed to carry on his legacy while creating her own.

So what kind of impact did a lo-

cal eye doctor, financial planner, banker, IT analyst, and above all, parents, have on the school system? We started with simple, common sense solutions that made an immediate impact. We listened to the community and have served with openness, honesty and transparency. We partnered with the local delegation, BOCC, city, FCC and the sheriff's office to improve the overall safety and quality of education for all of our students.

Four years ago, there was a widening communication gap between the community and the Board of Education along with the administration of FCPS. There were issues like TERC math, the budget, disparity in treatment of charter applications, disregard of our special needs students and an overall lack of respect for the input of teachers, parents and citizens. We worked together to return the voice of our community to the school Board from our very first votes. There was only one way we were able to accomplish our goals and that is by the power of four votes.

Did that mean that we voted in lockstep, agreeing on every issue? No, it means we combined our individual strengths and knowledge to create a dynamic BOE. There is not a lot that one individual can do on a board of seven; it takes the power of 4 to create change. It took

four votes to remove TERC, start Frederick Classical Charter School, end the rubber-stamping of the previous administration, mandate fiscal accountability and to create a positive climate for ideas and community involvement in the policy-making process. Our differences make us stronger and better able to seek solutions because we trust, respect and encourage one another. We are just regular people with a common goal and vision of high achievement of each and every one of our students in school, but more importantly in life.

We helped to start the synergies committee to enable the county, city and school system to use tax-dollars more efficiently and to work in collaboration. We hired a new Superintendent who understood the importance we placed on community involvement, making it a high priority. We approved capital funding to meet the capacity needs of our growing school system and worked with the BOCC to improve technology and install wireless in all of our schools. We were able to move construction, renovation and systemic projects forward faster, including the football field lights at Catocin, as well as, maintaining and repairing Sabillasville Elementary. We instituted financial literacy for our students and made special education about the whole child. We created a line item in our budget for technology, started a citizen advisory committee for the Board

and worked with the sheriff to improve the safety and security of our schools.

We made the budget process open and made many difficult decisions, funding our fiscal obligations while minimizing the impact on our classrooms and on our students. We supported our staff with raises, offsetting insurance increases and by working toward creating a more flexible and productive work environment.

The last two years have been more challenging to continue the vision. We are facing unprecedented intrusion on the local control of our school system. The state and federal government are placing overwhelming demands on the school system in the form of unfunded mandates: Race to the Top, Common Core, new discipline regulations, PARCC testing, food and nutrition regulations, and changing graduation requirements. They are also dictating how we evaluate teachers and even possibly our start date.

To advocate for local control of our schools and to continue our vision for FCPS, it will take four votes. That's why Brad Young, April Miller, Colleen Cusimano and Mike Ferrell are running as a team. We hope that the voters will give us the opportunity to continue the progress that has been made in the last four years.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Abundantly thankful

Lynn Taylor
Mother Seton School

November is the month of Thanksgiving, and at Mother Seton School, we've a lot to be thankful for so far this year! We've welcomed a new administration, new staff and faculty, and several new families into our community. Our students have had the good fortune to hear words of wisdom from a wellknown author and etiquette expert (Richie Frieman, the Modern Manners Guy), and are also benefitting from continued technological improvements we've been blessed to provide. The "Where in the World is Mother Seton?" project we started last January, which sent a Mother Seton puppet around the globe to demonstrate the far reach of her legacy, has been more successful than we dreamed; she has been to Rome for the canonization of St. Pope John XXIII and St. Pope John Paul II, as well as hung out with the Baltimore Ravens, and has seen Europe, Africa, and many of our 50 states. Last month, as we celebrated our annual Blessing of the Animals, the rain that had been drizzling all morning long stopped just long enough for the ceremony, before resuming its fall as the last animal was finally blessed. Hallelujah!

We are also incredibly grateful to the parents, alumni, and other members of our MSS family that have given so much to our school, even just in these first few months in school! Such as the parents who have taken leadership roles in the Home and School Association, making our fun events (like Fall Fest and Bingo) possible, and alumni like the Little Family, who once again organized a great golf tournament and raised over \$8000 for the Jack and Shirley Little Scholarship Fund here at MSS. (FYI—if you missed the tournament this year, mark next year's date of October 2 on your calendar!)

This year, we are also privileged to be able to show our gratitude to our country's veterans. On November 7th, we are honoring our armed forces veterans with a special assembly, during which our students will have the opportunity to learn about the meaning of Veterans Day and come to understand why we are called on to support and thank the men and women who have sacrificed to serve our country.

Yes—our gratitude is in abundance and it continues to grow!

With the Christmas season ramping up, we are given even more opportunities to stop and be grateful. One of the things I, personally, am most grateful for is that my children are in a place where all the commercial hype surrounding the holiday is countered with the "reason for the season". I confess that, though I do try to make sure we keep our faith in front at all times, there are times when I, too, get caught up in the fervor of shopping, wrapping, and baking. Those Target commercials don't help! Knowing that the children are learning from my example—more so than from my lectures—is usually enough to make

me slow down and regain my perspective. Having that reinforcement from their school is priceless. The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Seton Center is just one of the ways that the kids are encouraged to think beyond their own Christmas list, and the Advent Service Projects that many of the classrooms participate in are yet another way for them to demonstrate compassion and charity. Two things

that sometimes seem to be lacking nowadays.

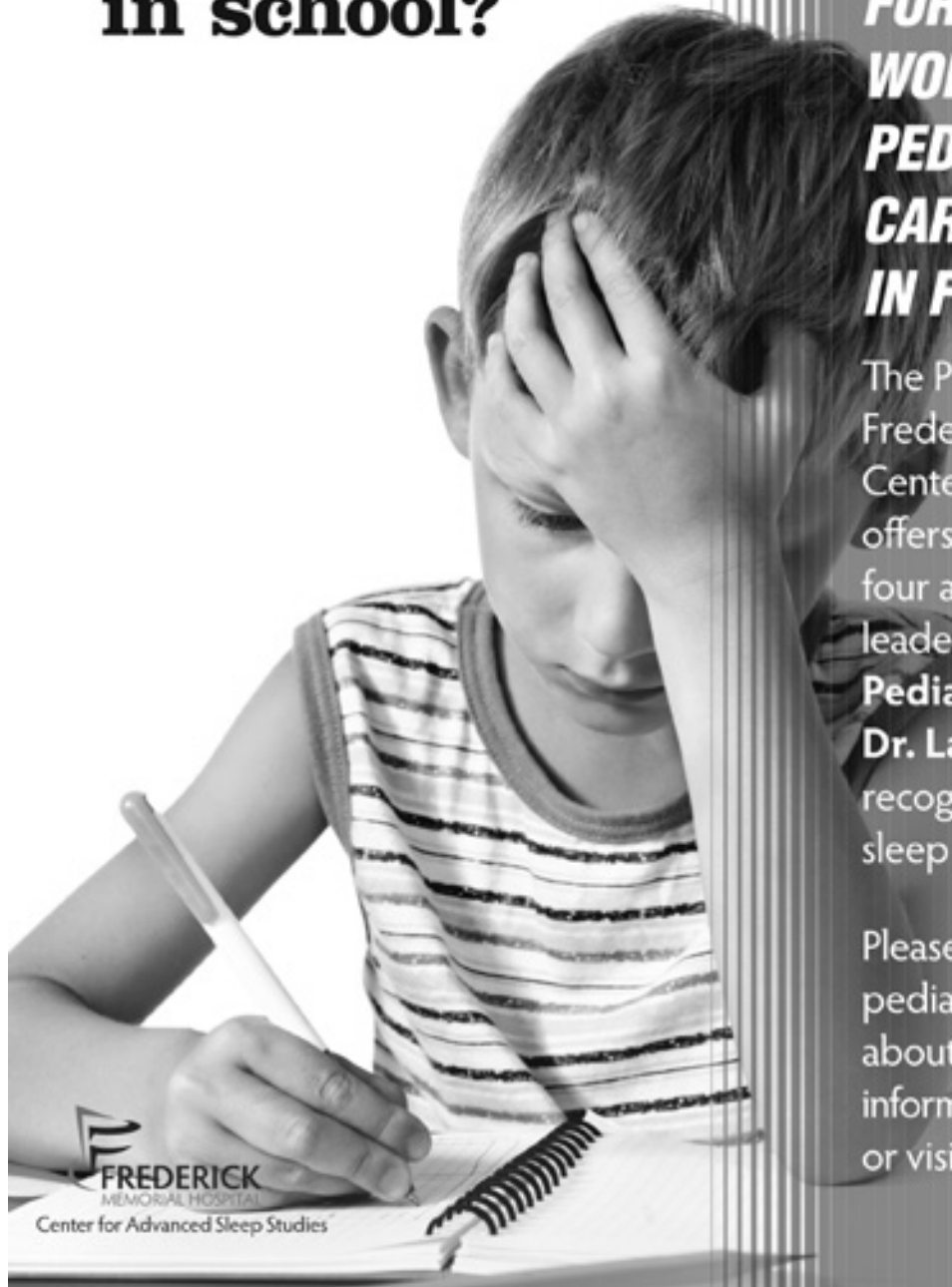
That's not to say we're anti-Santa Claus here; on the contrary, we welcome the big fellow into our school with open arms! He and Mrs. Claus will be here to pay a visit to all the children, handing out candy canes and oranges as a little "pre-Christmas" gift. If you would like to bring the children in your life to see Santa Claus without the

hassle of those mall lines, stop by on December 6th between 8:00 a.m. and noon for a pancake breakfast and photos with the jolly old elf himself. Truly we are thankful for the freedom to fully embrace all the joy that the Christmas season brings.

And last, but certainly not least, we are thankful for you—the community at large—for the support and love that you send to us each year.

Whether it's through your participation in our public events, the pennies you drop in the buckets around town in support of our Penny Power Appeal, or the smiles you pass along to our students as they walk to and from the Basilica or Fire House, you make us feel like part of your family. We hope you feel the same way! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Mother Seton School!

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

This month, our writers were challenged to write about the people they've forgotten to thank. They were asked to think in terms of people who had a significant impact on their lives, whether they know it or not. It could be someone who they only knew in passing, or someone they know well but never had a chance to thank. We hope you enjoy their stories, and we challenge you to also thank those you've forgotten to thank!

Freshman Year

Dear teachers

Sarah Muir
MSM Class of 2018

The month of November is set aside for giving thanks for everything we have and to the people who have helped us become who we are. This time more than ever, we are grateful for what we have and are more generous in giving to those less fortunate. We celebrate with food, drink, and general merriment. It is a time during which we thank our family for taking care of us, and our friends for always being there through thick and thin. We look back on lessons learned and memories, and we are grateful for everything we went through. But this year I am taking time to thank those I have previously forgotten. My family has had an impact on who I have become; how could they not? So too have my friends, but the fine educators that have taught me along the way deserve the highest

praise. It is because of you I am who I am today. So I write this to you, the ones who imparted lessons that I will not be forgetting anytime soon and have left an imprint on my life in the best of ways.

First, I would like to thank the teachers at Visitation Academy; you all taught me that a little knowledge and confidence can open so many doors, ones that are full of new opportunities. Although my thanks goes to the Academy as a whole, there are some teachers to which I owe a special thanks: Mrs. Holcomb, my fifth grade teacher, for helping to create the next generation of women scientists. You showed that anyone can be anything they set their minds to and you gave them the tools to achieve it. Mrs. Kirby, my fourth grade teacher, for her unending patience and practical perfection, and for teaching us how a little kindness and perseverance can go a long way. Mrs. Castleman, my eighth-grade history teacher, thank you

for imparting organization skills (via color coding) and teaching me how to properly write an essay. Mrs. Adams, thank you for imparting your love of God and helping to build a strong foundation of faith. Lastly, my biggest "thank you" goes to the Visitation Sisters. You have all made a lasting impression on the school community by leaving behind lessons of charity and faith that will last for years to come. Once again, thank you for empowering young girls and arming them with education and a strong faith, showing that anything can be achieved so long as you, "Be who you are and be that well" (Saint Francis de Sales).

My next thank you goes to Saint Maria Goretti High School. The teachers there not only helped me realize where my true passions lie, but also paved my way to the Mount. A special "thank you" goes to my English teacher, Mr. Cuthbert. You brought my love of literature to a new level and you are one of the best English teachers I ever had. Mr. McFarland, thank you for showing that art and beauty is everywhere and for prov-

ing that still waters run deep. Mr. Bell, thank you for being a wonderful math teacher (I do apologize, though, for not being the best student). All the teachers at St. Maria Goretti placed me on the path I am on now. They showed me my true potential and helped me to achieve it. The teachers there helped me discover who I was and who I wanted to become; and that led me here, to the Mount, where my future is slowly taking shape.

This brings me to Mount Saint Mary's. First, I would like to say a "thank you" to the excellent professors here. Although it is only a few months into my freshman year, I am still eternally grateful. I thank them for their patience with "grown-up" college students and for preparing us for the real world. They help their students flourish and achieve their dreams. Through their passion for teaching they aid their students in determining a career path that would make them happy. I would also like to thank the Mount Saint Mary's community as a whole for creating a family, one of which I am proud to be a part.

My final "thank you" extends to every teacher out there. To those considering it as a career path, teaching the world's youth is one of the noblest things one can do. It takes patience, resilience, passion, and intelligence, and is too often overlooked. So, dear teachers, this is a thank you. Thank you for teaching everything from how to write our ABCs, to writing a dissertation. Thank you for the life lessons and advice, for the opened doors and the opportunities you have given. Thank you for our future. You raise doctors, writers, lawyers, actors, scientists, politicians, and, of course, teachers. You mold our youth and imprint on them everything you teach; you sculpt young minds and help them grow. You are role-models, heroes, and luminaries. Without you to light the way, our future would look dim. So let us raise a proverbial glass to the wonderful, awe-inspiring teachers that have shaped us and the ones currently molding our future. Here's to you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Sophomore Year

List of thanks

Leeanne Leary
MSM Class of 2017

I used to have a list, a list that I can't find anymore and wouldn't even know where to look to locate it. It was a part of a high school project and it was a list of people who I should write thank you letters to when I graduate. It was a hypothetical practice list and I'm not sure if we were ever meant to keep them, but I did—and then I never wrote those letters. I'm sure that my original list had more people on it than I can even remember now, and I'm positive that now that I'm two years out of high school, I'm thankful for different things than I thought of then. In fact, the list I would make now would be much different than the original. Now I would need to thank my coaches for seeing something in me that I never saw in myself, and the tough love that stemmed from them that I could never appreci-

ate. I would have to thank the friends who taught me what friendship is and those who taught me what it isn't. I would add so many people that my hand starts to cramp just thinking about the letters I would write. I can't fit them all into this article, but here's my attempt at a few thank you letters I never wrote.

First I would thank Ms. Beth Ann Brown, my coach, teacher, and yearbook advisor, who influenced my life more than she, or I, ever knew. I spent two years in and out of her classroom before I ever realized how important our relationship would be. During my junior year I began to spend more time with her and the yearbook editors, but during senior year, Ms. Brown was the reason I was able to keep my sanity. She built a safe place in her classroom that I still cannot recreate. At the end of my senior year and yearbook career, I did get to thank Ms. Brown a little bit in the yearbook's colophon. I thanked her for always believing in me and in the

book, even when I didn't. But I didn't get to thank her for giving me a purpose all year, for keeping me sane with food, for telling me boys aren't that important when she saw me cry, for caring as much about the spacing between words in a headline as I did, for believing in my creativity when I really didn't have a plan, and for knowing when to take a break to watch Dance Moms. I never thanked her for not losing her mind on the same days I did, for taking me across the country, for all of the stories she promised to tell me when I graduate, for the looks on her face that told me what she thought, and for being the person I hope I can someday be. For all that and so much more, thank you.

Next I would thank Sarah, my best friend. There aren't words to express how thankful I am for her and for all she has been for me. She hasn't been my friend longer than anyone else and I can't say anymore that we talk the most of all my friends since we're so far apart, but she came into my life when I was fifteen and has been everything I ever needed since then. Sarah, thank you for never leaving my side. Thank you for listening to me cry over boys, sports, shin pain, and everything in between. Thank you for never saying no to ice cream, for being a constant source of emotional support and for truly just being an incredible person. I look up

to you in so many aspects of life and although I tell you every day how much I love you, I never tell you how thankful I am for you. Thank you for pushing me to be better, for constantly telling me that I deserve the best and for not giving up on me when I don't listen. Thank you for straightening my hair, lending me your clothes, and sharing your family with me. For being my best friend and sister, thank you.

I think the hardest thank you I need to write would be to my parents, who I thank for food all the time, but who I never really thank for being the best parents in the world. My mom knows how thankful I am for her, because she's perfect. My dad, on the other hand, probably doesn't know. My dad is the reason I am who I am today. So, Dad, thank you for teaching me not to cry. Thank you for always being proud of me, because even when you don't say it, it means the world to me. Thank you for teaching me the meaning of tough love and making me strong. Thank you for always being right—I bet you never thought you would hear that one. Thank you for never judging me or my choices out loud because I know that's not easy. Thank you for teaching me to be independent, but still being there when I need you—like during tax season. Thank you for being selfless and caring, for teaching me the

importance of intelligence, for teaching me how to ski and shoot, and for trying to understand field hockey. Thank you for building everything we ever wanted and for being my role model. You are the reason I love the water, the reason I can take criticism, the reason I have to get straight A's, and the reason I'll build a strong family one day. Thank you, Dad, because I know that "get out of my house" is code for "I love you."

There are a million other thank you letters I would have to write. I would thank Coach Williams for never taking me out of a field hockey game because she believed in me even when I didn't understand why, Matt Riggins for taking me to Haiti and changing my life and future, all of my friends for their never-ending love, Mrs. Fertenbaugh for telling me, "You are good enough," and being the reason I want to teach English, and a thousand other people for a thousand other reasons. I hope someday I can write thank you letters to all of these people, but for now, during the season of thanks, I'm going to make it a point to thank everyone who has an effect on me every day, from the lady who makes me breakfast in the morning to my friends who get me through the evening. I'll start to say thank you as things happen, instead of waiting four years and trying to put my unexplainable feelings into a mess of words. For now, thank you to everyone in my life—everyone who has said hi and brightened my day, everyone who has encouraged me to try something new or keep going, and everyone who makes me smile or shows me why I should. Thank you.

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THANKING THOSE WE FORGOT TO THANK

Junior Year

Be more child-like

Lydia Olsen
MSM Class of 2016

Every morning I woke up by seven, grabbed myself breakfast, and hopped into my car. I drove the few miles to their house and turned quietly into their driveway. I would walk across their gravel path and in through the back door that they always left unlocked for me. I would go into the kitchen and wait for a few moments before I heard their gentle footsteps as Finn climbed down the ladder to the bunk beds and Brice plopped his little feet onto the chilly hardwood floor. I'd listen as they began to whisper to each other and plot their surprise attack. In the silence I would hear their tiny feet along the floorboards as they tiptoed from their bedroom. They would hide behind the nearest wall and I would turn away as if I had no idea they were there. Then, only seconds later they would jump out and yell, "Boo!" hoping to see me jump. I always did. Like clockwork, every morning we went

through the same routine. Much like I could count on them trying to scare me in the morning, they could count on the fact that I was going to be there to be scared.

I first met them years ago. I was working at a daycare in the area and they were new to town. Brice was only two years old at the time and Finn was five. They were both troublemakers, like most boys their age, and yet I could not help but adore them. Every afternoon after my high school classes I would go work at the daycare and there they would be, always ready to play and to learn. I watched them grow over that year. Brice celebrated his third birthday and shortly after, Finn moved on to kindergarten. It was not long after that their parents came to me asking if I could come over and watch them for a bit so they could go out to dinner.

What started as just a simple babysitting job turned into much more. That summer I became a nanny for the boys, which meant watching them day in and day out. After I went to college I was only

able to babysit off and on, but I always managed to see them during Christmas break and come summertime, I would start nannying again.

It is safe to say that the boys and I have spent a lot of time together and over this period, they have watched me grow just as much as I have watched them develop. Though my handwriting hasn't improved and my feet haven't gotten two sizes bigger like theirs, I have been growing this whole time with their help. These two little boys with their big hearts have changed my life in more ways than I could have ever imagined.

It seems that while I was teaching Brice how to spell his name and helping Finn sound out the words on his vocabulary list, they were both teaching me patience. And while I was comforting them about a lost toy and trying to convince them that it wasn't the end of the world, I learned that I too tend to overreact about the little things. And while we were all running around and making a mess in the process, I learned that life is about having fun and nothing should be taken too seriously.

These two boys enabled me

to see through the eyes of children, through which the world is painted as a beautiful place. They let me see through a lens other than the tinted ones used by most adults. Children are quick to forgive and they easily forget. They rarely hold grudges because they do not let themselves live in the past. They explore their interests and aim to discover. They laugh without restraint and smile without reason. They try without first doubting their abilities and they believe in themselves. They wonder in all things and do not limit their dreams.

Because of Finn and Brice I am more aware of the beauty that hides in the little things. Because of them I know when to ask for help and when to apologize for hurting someone else. Because of them I have realized how much room there is within a heart for love. Their influence has made me a truly better person; I can feel my strength when I jump up and down on the trampoline, the dew on the grass under my toes as I run around the yard barefooted, the wind rushing through my hair as I go down the slide, and I no longer cringe as their dirty little hands reach out to hold mine tightly.

I am not sure what the world has in store for Finn and Brice. I do not know what they will be like in the years to come, if Finn's favorite color will still be red and Brice's will be blue, if they will still have blonde curly hair or if it will turn out to be dark and straight like their parents, or if Finn will become a scientist and Brice will become a professional soccer player. But what I do know is that these two can move mountains if they put their minds to it. I truly believe that the sky is their only limit.

Finn and Brice, after every day we spent together, learning, laughing, and loving, you were sure to thank me. But too often I forgot to thank you both in return. It seems that while I was so busy trying to make the most out of life for you, I overlooked the fact that you were making the most out of life for me. I am so grateful that you have enabled me to see through the eyes of a child. You have changed the way that I see the world. Thank you for all of the memories that we have made over the last four years. I will cherish them forever.

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Senior Year

Challenges of the everyday hero

Kyle Ott
MSM Class of 2015

Maybe it's the recent end of Halloween and the impending arrival of Thanksgiving that makes me think the way I do. From the latter holiday, I am reminded of turkeys bursting with herb-encrusted bread and thin strands of steam rising slowly from baked corn. The other mental picture that pops into my mind's eyes is the image of a tightly cramped ship stuffed to the brim with Puritans dressed in clean black and whites, waiting to arrive at a new world. Halloween conjures up images of monsters, bags of candy, and ghosts.

A ghost is a funny thing. I don't say that to be cute or smart, but when you really sit down and think about it, the idea of a ghost is rather strange. It's the concept that some part of a person remains unseen in the waking world. In a lot of ways, the world is populated by people who we sometimes don't think about, but who play an instrumental role in our lives; people who remain unseen despite the work that they do. These are the figures that take the mundane moments of our lives and transform them into something incredible. More than pilgrims, or turkey, or bags of chocolate, we should be thinking about those who make our lives so much better, and where better to start than at our own campus?

You can look anywhere around Mount St. Mary's University and

find examples of unsung heroes in our lives. One of the first people in my career at the Mount who reached and grabbed me on a deep personal level was Bessie. Those of you who have been reading my articles since the beginning will remember my undying love for this wonderful, pastry-wielding goddess. In a lot of ways, the workers who serve our food are somehow the first to be overlooked, and that's nothing short of a crime. Every day that I came into Patriot Hall, Bessie was there, waiting for me with a scone and a smile. She taught me that I should not only appreciate the great things happening in my day, but also take the time to get to know every single person who worked hard to make our daily meals. Kinte at the grill is nothing short of a miracle worker with a deep fryer, ketchup and pickles. Nancy has a knack for picking out the best slice of pizza any time, every time, and that's not just friendship or admiration;

that's science. To some, they are the people who make our meals, but to me, they're so much more than that. These people are reminders that I have something to look forward to every day, even if it is something as simple as a warm meal on a day when I'm otherwise feeling down.

Beyond the cafeteria, there are so many other figures that play an incredible role in the things we experience at Mount, but these individuals may not always be in the front of our minds. The men and women who work for Public Safety come front and center in my mind. Of all the officers who work so hard to keep our campus safe, Lieutenant Macintosh is the one who impacted my life in a way that I never thought would happen. Two years ago when I joined Mount St. Mary's RA staff, I was wildly intimidated. As a college sophomore I felt like I wasn't even qualified to make microwave popcorn, let alone take care of an entire group of boys younger than me. Summer training rolled around and the RAs got the chance to meet the Public Safety staff.

I remember the first time I met Lieutenant Macintosh. I recall thinking that she was the most powerful looking person I'd ever met. She was confident, collected, and more than anything, she was in control. At the start of my training, it felt wonderful to be confronted with someone who wasn't fazed by anything that was happening around her. To a young RA who needed an example of strength under fire, she was the perfect mentor, and she did it all without saying a word. As time stretched on, the moments when I worked with Lieutenant Macintosh proved what I already knew, that she was a consummate professional and the thing to aspire to be. Despite this, she remains one of the Mount's unsung heroes and

someone who has made my life considerably better.

This month, in between stuffing your face, and facing your stuffing as the case may be, try not to forget about the people who make your life better than you had ever thought. More than simple capstones on your day, appreciate that these people are the ones who can transform your lives, most likely without you even realizing it. Take a moment to appreciate them, even if it's some small gesture to show them how much they mean to you. Small or not, they most certainly deserve it. I'm Kyle Ott. Won't you sit and read for a while?

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St. Francis Xavier Parish's gift fair

Artisans from as far away as Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Guatemala, El Salvador, India, Peru, Bolivia and Afghanistan will have their products share the space at the Xavier Center with local artisans from Orrtanna, Gettysburg, East Berlin, Mt. Holly Springs, McKnightstown and beyond at the Third Annual Share the Love Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar to be held on November 8 from 8 am to 3 pm at Xavier Center.

The Artisan section of the Gift Fair will showcase the work of local artisans and craft persons. The Fair Trade section of the Gift Fair has brought together the hand-crafted work of artisans from nine Fair Trade Federation member companies. "We wanted to bring

together under one roof the work of artisans who are being helped by fair trade opportunities as well as artisans who might be hidden right here in our own community. With our local artisans, we want to encourage a 'buy local, gift locally' opportunity - giving community residents the chance to meet some of our home-grown talent and purchase from their selection and gifts," said Kathy Reid, chair of the Fair Trade section of the Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar.

The Gift Fair has brought together local small businesses to showcase the diversity of products available here in our community. "Again, our goal is to connect local small businesses with the people who live and shop in

this community. We have representatives from homebased companies and local family businesses who live and work in this community," said Reid. "Our Gift Fair gives these small businesses an opportunity to spread the news about their products - and to make sales! We're hoping to help uncover our hidden talent right here in the area surrounding Gettysburg." The St. Francis Xavier Center is located at 465 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg. Door prizes given away throughout the event. Featuring local artists, crafters and vendors, holiday gifts and holiday arrangements, baked goods, Fair Trade gifts including coffees and teas, and religious articles. Cafe serving break-



Father Bateman, pastor at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and Terri Gelles, President of the PCCW, in front of the banner for the gift fair and holiday bazaar.

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Way Off Broadway's 2015 Season

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre's 21st Season will begin in January 2015 with Agatha Christie's mystery, And Then There Were None. The spring will welcome the return of one of the most popular shows to appear at WOB, the classic Fiddler on the Roof. For the summer, a production of West Side Story will be presented in Frederick for the first time in many years. The fall brings with it a brand new musical comedy based on one of the most popular comics. And the holidays will be celebrated in true Way Off Broadway fashion with The Magic of Christmas.

"There is no question we found it challenging to put together a line-up to follow our 20th Anniversary Season," says Bill Kiska, Way Off Broadway's Executive Producer & CEO. "But we selected shows that would allow the 2015 Season to have something for every taste. From a mystery play to classic musicals to a brand

new musical comedy from Broadway, 2015 has a wonderful blend of shows."

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, the area's only year-round producing theatre, is not just known for its Mainstage productions. Shortly after the theatre opened, it launched its own Children's Theatre. The Children's Theatre at Way Off Broadway is the area's only children's lunch theater, offering a family-friendly meal before each show, and giving audience members, young and old alike, a chance to meet the character before they see them singing and dancing on stage.

The Children's Theatre at Way Off Broadway has seen a number of the most popular children's characters make appearances on its stage over the years. The 2015 Season will be no different as Way Off Broadway will once again bring a classic Disney film to life, as well as other characters that have been a part of our enter-

tainment culture for generations.

Kicking off the season will be a new show that has just recently been released for theatres to produce their own production. In January, Way Off Broadway will present the area's first production of The Berenstain Bear On Stage! Following the beloved bears in the spring and summer will be an adaptation of the wildly popular MGM motion picture, The Wizard of Oz. The fall will see the return of Disney to Way Off Broadway with Disney's The Jungle Books Kids. Rounding out the season is a brand new Children's Theatre production, The Great Elf Adventure.

"There is nothing like the Children's Theatre," says Bill Kiska, Way Off Broadway's Executive Producer and CEO. "Many times, our children's theatre productions are the first live stage shows some of the children have ever seen. Being able to introduce children to live theatre is a wonderful thing. And the 2015 is looking like it will be our best season yet!"

Children's Theatre performances are every Saturday afternoon, with matinees on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Tickets are \$17 per person, allowing everyone to be a "kid" that day. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the theatre or calling the Box Office at 301-662-6600.

To learn more about Way Off Broadway visit www.wayoffbroadway.com.

The Children's Theatre at Way Off Broadway is a part of The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, which, under the direction of the Kiska Family since 2002, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary Platinum Season in 2014. Since it first opened in 1995, the theatre has been a leader in the area's performing arts community, proudly bringing both classic musicals, as well as regional and area premieres to the Frederick stage.

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Changing mindsets

Alexandra Tyminski
MSM Class of 2015

Last Monday, a friend of mine recently asked me how I was feeling. I said to her, "Eh, it's a Monday."

"It's still nice and sunny out," she replied back to me.

"Yeah, it is. Thank goodness! But, it definitely isn't summer anymore," I commented.

"It's just another fall Monday, and 4 more days away from Friday," my friend reminded me.

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It seems as though the words, "I can't wait for Friday," are said too often. This has been the recurring phrase throughout my weeks. Lately, as school becomes busier, my work becomes harder, and the leaves begin to change and will eventually fall off. I'll admit, some days are harder than others. I have to really push myself in the beginning of the week to stay focused on my tasks. I call these Motivated Mondays. On Tuesday, I'm pretty tired already, and I usually call these Tough Tuesdays. When Wednesdays come, it doesn't seem too bad because it is the middle of the week. Most people refer to it as hump day, but I call it Wonderful Wednesday. It is wonderful because I made it to Wednesday, and Friday is only 2 days away. Thursday seems like my favorite candy dangling in front of my face. Teasing Thursdays is what I like to call them. It is so close to a Friday, but not the real deal. Friday rolls around, and it is time for the happy dance. Some may agree with me when I say that these days are not only Fabulous Fridays, but also Freeing Fridays.

I find myself laying back on a Friday night with my friends and enjoying the "night off." I'm free from any type of work. The weekend goes on, and I quickly blink and it's Sunday. My mighty weekend of relaxation is over, and I find myself getting ready for bed and Monday's classes.

"This weekend just flew by!" I say to my friends.

Does this sound familiar?

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The type of scene depicted above becomes a reality for many of us living in the world today. Many weekends go by and we find ourselves wrapped up in the work we have to do. Whether it is something we love or not, work seems to consume our lives a great deal. It can be any type of work, but it is still work. The dictionary defines work as "an act of effort towards producing or accomplishing something." Many people define work as simply as labor. In life, I have discovered that work means something different for many people. Work can be not only in our careers, but also in our every-

day lives. I have to do laundry, cook dinner, clean, and take the dog for a walk. These might be considered chores, but they are still some type of work.

So, what does the word "work" have to do with our lives? Well, I've slowly realized over the years that work is everything. This may sound silly because work can't actually be everything. We aren't working when we are sleeping or eating. We most definitely aren't working when we are having fun, but work still becomes everything. There are funny movies made about men and women who are obsessed with their careers and called "workaholics." They show the same plots over and over where the parents miss their child's sports game because they had to work late. The movies end where the man or woman realizes that work isn't everything and they leave the job and are all happy. This sounds really nice. Or, it sounds a lot like reality. I'm not saying it is or is not, but it could be reality for some people, right?

By no means am I saying that working is bad. In fact, working is great and necessary for more than one reason. Working gives us a sense of purpose, an income, some spending money, essential living items, and even vacations. Work also teaches us discipline, gives us experiences, and reveals our character. In many ways, we really do need work and so it should have a big presence in our lives. When we are doing something we love, work seems very happy. When we aren't doing something we love, work may seem kind of unhappy. However, in both situations, work gives us and shows us the same things that I just described before. I think what has struck my interest in this topic lately has been not only my observations of the world and the relevance of being a senior in college entering the workforce, but also the reminiscing memories from the past.

My past hangs everywhere. It's like the never-ending ocean. The pictures on my walls tell stories. They talk to me sometimes and make me smile. When I lie in bed and look across at my walls, covered with memories and pictures of nature, friends, family, and places I've traveled, I can't help but think about how those times have really shaped the way I think. Across from where I like to sit and read hangs a map and pictures of where I have traveled: Italy, with my family, and then Australia, by myself.

They say that traveling teaches the soul something. I think we learn something different every time we travel. When I traveled to Australia two years ago to visit some good friends of mine, I didn't really know what to expect. I hadn't seen them in almost 4 years so I was excited. I was nervous the whole time I traveled alone for a total of 32 hours, but it was worth it. To make it short, this trip engraved in my heart moments of life that were so

sweet. Sweet is the only way to describe it. The best part about Australia, besides the beautiful country itself and the food, was the people in it. The conversations we had were so inspiring and genuine that to this day, I still can hear their voices chatting in my ear.

Australians always made me smile. I'm not sure if I fell in love with the country or the friends I made there first, but I think the lessons I learned from both were beyond enormous. How does this relate to work you might ask? Let me explain. When I had a conversation with a friend of mine, let's call her Natalie, she said something that got my head spinning and wheels turning.

"You see, Timmy, I'm not so sure about you Americans," Natalie said.

"What do you mean Nat?" I asked.

"Don't get me wrong, ay, I love you all and I loved it when I traveled there, but America always seems so, well... busy, I guess is the word," she looked at me with a confused expression and shrugged her shoulders.

"We are always doing something, aren't we?" I chuckled and gave her a grin.

"It seems to me that Americans would rather live to work than to work to live," she said.

She continued, "In Australia, many jobs often require you to take 4 to 5 or even 6 weeks off at least of vacation time from work. After your last year in high school, many students take a year off to work and travel before they go to Uni. It's different than America. It doesn't feel as rushed. It's like you are all racing towards something."

In a moment of silence, which felt like forever, I stopped to think about what Natalie had just said. I thought, yeah, that might actually be true. It does all seem kind of funny and silly when you stop and think about it. What are we racing for? Many vacation times in America are a few days off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and maybe a weekend or two for the beach in the summer. Do employers and employees realize the importance of rest and relaxation for our bodies and our minds?

I kept re-visiting the conversation I had with Natalie over and over throughout my travels in Australia. I kept questioning and defining the phrases, "work to live" and "live to work." When I got back to the States and settled into my routine again, I began to see how my routine became busier and busier. I would soon be living my life to work and be thankful for Fridays rather than working to live and do something exciting like travel, save my money, go to dinner, or even stay in. I thought, at first, that working to live meant that I was working to do something fun to spend my money, like travel, etc. But, then I discovered, through my own summer jobs, that working to live is much more than that. It simply means to en-



A view of the Indian Ocean on the West Coast of Perth, Australia.

joy the work we do, and if we don't, then enjoy what work brings us. The actual work might not bring us happiness, but if it puts food on the table then it makes others and ourselves happy.

Living to work doesn't mean waiting until Friday to say that we are happy that it's Friday. We don't want to be subjects to our work even if we love it so much. It's not easy, I know, but this is where the other side of work comes in: work to live. What motivates you to do your work? What does work bring you? Maybe the question really needs to be something like, how do people work on their character if they are so focused on working? Can we work on our character and find good things that motivate us to work while also being a sub-

ject to what we do? Can they align? I'm not really sure, but I do think that society should think about the challenge of the fossil mindset we have created about what work is and how we should approach it. I know I want to work to live a full, happy, and healthy life and develop my character. Yes, I'm always happy it is Friday too, but there's a quote that hangs beside all of my Australia pictures to remind me of what I challenge you and myself to do. It reads, "Enjoy the little things in life, for someday you will realize they were the big things." So, work to enjoy the little things and live a little more, even if that only means smiling every Monday morning.

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Come enjoy a good hearty laugh with the funniest farce ever written. *Noises Off*, written by Michael Frayn, is a roller coaster, side-splitting look at theatre - inside and out - as a hapless troupe of actors attempt to mount the dreadful comedy *Nothing On*. Door slamming, missed cues, and romantic intrigue will have you roaring with laughter as the casts' collective sanity slowly unravels. Yet, the show must go on; despite the catastrophe being played out on stage and the vicious antics among the actors backstage. All-the-while, an ill-fated tray of sardines mysteriously appears and disappears.

Michael Brown is directing this talented cast. They include Rose Alexander as Dotty, Matt Bannister as Lloyd, Kyle Tirak as Garry, Erin Schwartz as Brook, Dr. Greg Ochoa as Frederick, Jennifer Brown as Belinda, Paul Smaldone as Selsdon, Emily Cofer as Poppy, and Ian Fowler as Tim.

The creative team includes scenic and sound design by Michael Brown, costume design by Mary Lou Royer, and lighting design by Cynthia Kaminsky. The stage manager is Paula Smaldone, and the master carpenter is Rich Friis.

Performances will be in the Thur-

mont American Legion Auditorium, located at 8 Park Lane, Thurmont on November 7, 8, 14, and 15 with a 7:30 pm curtain. Performances November 9 and 16 will have a 2 pm curtain. The ticket price is \$15 per person. There will also be a dinner theater on November 15th at 6:00pm for \$35 per person (dinner and show included.) Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 301-271-7613. Tickets will also be available at the door though seating is limited. *Noises Off* is being presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.



Meet the cast of "Noises Off!" Front row: Erin Schwartz, Matt Bannister, Rose Alexander. Back row: Ian Fowler, Paul Smaldone, Kyle Tirak, Jen Brown, Greg Ochoa. In the cast, but missing from the photo is Emily Cofer.

More than charity

This November, for the 54th year in a row, the Fairfield Mennonite Church will help to provide hope and empowerment to artisans. As holiday shoppers fill their baskets with handmade gifts at the church's annual Ten Thousand Villages Gift Festival, they provide vital income to artisans in the developing world. Textiles from India, silver jewelry from Peru, and hand-knotted rugs from Pakistan are only a few of the things that will be available at the festival. Ten Thousand Villages works with artisans in over 35 countries around the world.

The fair trade retailer brings artisan's products and their stories to our markets. Ten Thousand Villages' Doug Dirks shares one of his experiences from India.

On one of my trips to Kolkata (Calcutta, India) back in the 90s, I went to

visit Mother Teresa with Donald Kesup, the person in charge of Mennonite Central Committee material resource distribution in India. I followed Donald into Mother Teresa's office, they hugged each other like dear old friends, and I got to shake her hand. We sat down across the desk from her and she handed us each a little red book called: *Good News to the Poor* (edited by Cedric Rebello, s.j., published by R. B. Pinto, Asian Trading Corporation, Bombay, 1980). It is a devotional book that includes verses from the Bible followed by commentary. Mother Teresa told us to open the book to page 102 and then she read to us:

"Compassion: love is more than 'charity'."

The second most important commandment is this:

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

—Mark 12:31

We must have the courage to recognize that we can't solve social problems with Christmas trees and hunger with collections.

The poor, the sick and the downtrodden, feel a need, however dimly, to find themselves, to know that they are like other people, that they have a right to live and a duty to hope.

After reading, she put the book down, looked at me and said:

"I know that you work with MCC and SELFHELP Crafts (Ten Thousand Villages' name until September 1996) and



Zubaida Nizam works with Ankur Kala, an artisan group based in Kolkata, India. Ankur Kala, which means "a seedling of art," provides self-employment to destitute women who are victims of exploitation by helping them produce and sell tailored articles, batik handicrafts and food products. Basic education, like reading, writing, simple accounting and business skills are taught so that after training, women can successfully run their own small-scale businesses.

you buy batiks from Annie Joseph at Ankur Kala. Annie is doing tremendous work with women who used to live on the street. You are helping them to provide for themselves and their families. Now I think it's time for you to return home and sell more batiks for the women of Ankur Kala."

Annie is still working with women at Ankur Kala today and we are still selling Ankur Kala products.

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This year, Ten Thousand Villages' 54th Annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug Event will be held November 4th – 8th at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St, Fairfield, PA. Event hours are Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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Thurmont Gallery Stroll is back again!

Caroline King
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The leaves may be falling, but art is blooming in Thurmont! It's once again almost time for the annual Thurmont Gallery Stroll on Main Street. For those of you who don't know, Thurmont plays hosts to local artists every year during this gallery, showcasing their works and exposing the community to many of their new pieces. Some of these artists may be familiar to you—especially if you've read any of my past articles about Yemi and Rebecca Pearl. But there will also be new budding artists who participate in the stroll, which will take place on November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be appetizers provided by Bollingers Restaurant, Celebrations Catering, and Fitzgeralds Shamrock. "Painting, pottery, sculpting, homemade jewelry, and any type of art is welcome," said Vickie Grinder, Thurmont Main Street Manager. There will also be musical entertainment by Paul Zelenka and Mary Guiles, and many other artists of all kinds!

The Gallery Stroll will begin at 6 pm in front of Heart & Hands located at 12 East Main Street for the unveiling of an incredible new store front created by artist Yemi & business owner Pamela Hamrick. Pamela Hamrick said she: "wanted to create a store front façade that would represent my window treatment and upholstery business, and Yemi created a look that far exceeded what my vision was". The unveiling will be not only awesome, but one of the most unique storefront windows in Frederick County!

Starting the whole Stroll off at 6 p.m., will be Yemi who be unveiling new art for the front of the Masons building and the side of the Hearts & Hands Decorators building, Yemi recently worked on a mural depicting local areas of interest. His art is extremely colorful and if you haven't had the chance to see him yet, I would highly recommend attending this opening (or swinging by the local Timeless Trends Boutique to see the mural he painted for the side of the building). There will also be an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done! Mural items will be sold and will make perfectly artsy gifts while supporting local artists.

Rebecca Pearl will be unveiling two new pieces. For those of you unfamiliar with Rebecca Pearl, she has been located in the area for many years, creating beautiful works of art. Even though her studio is located in Emmitsburg, Rebecca still has a soft spot for Thurmont. "I moved my gallery into Emmitsburg about five years ago, but even though I've moved from Thurmont, I still love to participate in the Gallery Stroll," she said. Her new pieces will be reflective of the Thurmont community, portraying "sentimentality and things slipping into the past." She focuses on bringing light to the history of buildings and places that have significant meaning, preventing their meanings from just slipping into history.

Her first debuting piece will be a watercolor portrayal of the Trinity for the United Church of Christ. The piece will be displayed in the United Church of Christ for the gallery

stroll. The other piece she is debuting is something she's been working on specifically for the Thurmont community. A painting of The Cozy, the iconic Thurmont restaurant that closed its doors in June after 85 years of serving the community.

The Cozy had its fair share of famous and important characters pass through its doors; from JFK to Roosevelt, the history ran deep, straight down to the foundations of the restaurant. "To many people it's heartbreaking that it's closed," Pearl stated. "I tried to put a lot in there that reflected the past. It was a little bit intimidating to try and put all that emotion in the piece. It had to reflect more than eighty years." This watercolor painting will portray The Cozy the way it has looked for the last 40 years, while still highlighting its past. The restaurant's famous patrons will be in the piece as well as memorable symbols, including a wishing well and a wedding couple. The closing is a very emotional subject, and Pearl tried to capture it all in her piece.

There will be a limited edition print made for this event of the United Trinity Church of Christ as well and some of the proceeds it raises will benefit the UCC. "When I make a limited edition print, I like to put the proceeds towards a cause," she stated. This is a great way for a great artist to give back to the community.



Rebecca Pearl's painting of the Cozy restaurant will be one of the major highlights of this year's Gallery Stroll.

Main Street Businesses will house all the exciting participants, so be sure to visit Browns Jewelry & Gifts, Gateway Florist, Heart & Hands, Hobbs Hardware, The Thurmont Historical Society, Timeless Trends Boutique, and Untied Trinity Church of Christ.

Also tucked in one of the Main Street businesses, you find Lion Joann and Lion Nancy selling mural wine glasses, ornaments, and other mural merchandise for a unique holiday gift-giving! Thurmont's Catocin Hope Chest will have their homemade jewelry and other artsy merchandise for great gift-giving too! Local artist Laura Day will be on hand showcasing her work as well.

Another highlighted local artist, John Nickerson of Gnarly Artly, will

have much of his artwork and t-shirts. He can also create and personalize items for you or your business.

So come out on Friday, November 14, from 6pm to 9pm to support local artists, local businesses, and the community! The Gallery Stroll will benefit the town in multiple ways, including showcasing the town's Main Street businesses and bringing people downtown to support them.

For more information, or to become a participant, email Vickie Grinder at vgrinder@thurmontstaff.com. This is a great way to explore what our community has to offer and familiarize yourself with the local faces of art, and not to mention, get a jump on that Christmas shopping list while supporting a good cause!

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The Food Chick

The holidays are just around the corner and we all know what that means, food and more food.

This month we will take some of our favorite Thanksgiving recipes and add a little something extra to them. We will also explore some short cuts that will get you out of the kitchen and in with your family and friends. After all, isn't that what the season is all about?

First on our plate is a fan favorite; stuffing or dressing. Before I talk about the recipe, first let's talk about the difference between stuffing and dressing. There is one major difference between the two and that is the cooking method. Dressing is cooked completely outside the bird and has only the flavors you put in it. Stuffing is put together outside the bird and then stuffed inside the cavity. Stuffing creates a two-fold effect; the stuffing permeates the bird's flavor and the bird permeates the stuffing flavor thus creating a taste sensation unique to the seasonings of both the bird and the dressing. Stuffing the bird also extends the cooking time, by how much de-

pends on the size of the bird but it is safe to say by at least an hour.

Okay, let's talk recipe for what we will call for our purposes, stuffing. I have two favorite ways to prepare my basic stuffing, one is super quick and easy and the other one is not so quick but almost as easy. First, let's talk about the quick and easy way. It starts with your favorite box stuffing. I know what you are thinking; box stuffing? Trust me on this, trust me. Follow these directions and your guests will be begging you for the recipe!

Kicked up box stuffing

Ingredients

Your favorite boxed stuffing mix - I prefer Uncle Ben's Cornbread
2 medium carrots
4 pieces celery
1 medium Vidalia onion
2 sprigs rosemary,
2 sage leaves
2 sprigs thyme
Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Coarse chop carrot, celery and onion. Remove herbs from stems and finely chop. Heat a sauté pan with extra virgin olive oil. Add vegetables and sauté un-

til half way soft and then add your chopped herbs. Continue to cook until vegetables are soft, salt and pepper to taste. Meanwhile, cook stuffing according to package directions but use an oven safe pot one size larger than directed. Once stuffing and vegetables are cooked combine by incorporating, one scoop full at a time of the vegetables to the stuffing. Pop in a 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes to create a nice crust on top. If you are planning on stuffing your bird you do not need to cook in oven as the crust will not stay crunchy in the bird.

Homemade Stuffing

Ingredients

Two large loaves of your favorite bread that has been left out overnight to dry.
All of the other ingredients above, except the boxed stuffing
Chicken, turkey or vegetable stock
Poultry spice
Salt and Pepper

Directions

Cut bread into bite size pieces and lightly toast (about 3 minutes) in a 400 degree oven. Meanwhile bring 1 cup of stock to a boil (keep and extra cup hot on the side to use as needed). Remove pot from heat and fold in bread to desired consistency. Meanwhile cook your vegetables as above and

Gateway's wine and liquor tasting

In celebration of their 1st anniversary in their new store, Gateway Liquors will be holding Wine & liquor tasting events throughout the month of November

The anniversary begins officially on November 1st with wine testing by Boordy Wines featuring warm Spiced Wassail.

The actual anniversary week starts on November 5th with Dreaming Tree wines and Black Velvet Caramel, then on Thursday the 5th Crispin California Hard Ciders and Sixpoint craft brewery from New York from 5-8 will be onsite.

On November 7th they will be hosting a special dual event with the Jim Beam Family and a special "Cooking with Cordials"

presentation, also from 5-8.

On November 8th things kick into high gear with The Jack Daniel's engravers will be on hand doing laser etchings on Gentleman Jack, Single Barrel Jack, Holiday Select, Rye, Woodford Reserve, and all types Herradura Tequila. You may purchase the bottle before the event and pick up after if you like. Up to 3 lines and 45 characters.

November 14th will feature Smirnoff vodkas from 5-8 featuring new sour flavors, and Saturday the 15th will be a tastings of special craft beer, wine and spirit tasting that is not to be missed. November 21st will feature tastings of popular cordials from Bailey's.

add to bread mix, also as above.

These are two tried and true recipes that are sure to please any crowd. But who wants to serve plain old stuffing when you can really add that wow factor with just a few extra steps: Add to your vegetable mix; diced apples, pears, dates or raisins. If you are adding apples or pears don't cook them all the way through to add the crunch factor for extra texture; Toast walnuts, pine nuts or almonds and add to the stuffing; Are you look-

ing for something a little sweeter, try a teaspoon of cinnamon.

Brussels Sprouts

Another great Thanksgiving side dish, at least in my house is Brussels Sprouts. When I was growing up I absolutely hated them but as an adult I have learned that it was not sprout I hated, it was the way that it was prepared that I hated. My mother boiled them to death in plain water and to be quite honest with you they smelled and tasted like stinky feet to me. Fast forward to adulthood and my quest to try everything I hated as a child. I tried to cook Brussels Sprouts so many times and I believe with this recipe I finally got it right. My son, who is 23, has been eating them this way since he was about 7 years old and they are still one of his favorites.

Ingredients

1 pound fresh or frozen Brussels Sprouts (if you are using fresh you will need to clean them by removing the outer layer and cutting off the ends)

1 medium red onion, sliced thin
1 cup vegetable broth
1 tablespoon Montreal Steak Seasoning

Lemon Pepper and Truffle Salt (or your favorite salt and pepper), to taste

Balsamic Vinegar, drizzled to taste

Directions

Add all ingredients, folding together, except for the Balsamic vinegar to a sauté pan and bring to a boil for 3 minutes. Lower heat and simmer for approximately 3 minutes for a firm sprout, longer if you would like a softer sprout. Once cooked to your desired doneness remove from pan to a serving dish and drizzle with Balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper to taste.

Until next month, Happy Eating!

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Senior day struggles

Michael Donahue

On the damp night of October 14, Catoctin's Varsity soccer team celebrated senior day with a pre-game ceremony that was followed by a battle against the Boonsboro Warriors. The juniors and underclassmen lined up making a tunnel for the seniors to process through with their parents. At the end of the path, the principal and the athletic director congratulated the nine seniors for their dedication to the school. The team and the fans in attendance wished the seniors luck through their cheers and encouragement. With a buzz of pride from the Catoctin supporters, the event ended and both teams took to their benches.

After some last second coaching, both teams' starting eleven players took to the field and the first whistle of the game started play. Catoctin was motivated the first ten minutes of the game. They were relentless, not allowing Boonsboro a peaceful second on the ball. In addition to ramping up the pressure, the Cougars were creating chances to score. Nicholas Simpson, an eleventh grade striker, drew a foul thirty yards from Boonsboro's goal. Quin McCarthy, one of the seniors who was celebrated before the game, sent a shot right over the crossbar.

Boonsboro did strike back. Their midfielder, Funk, sent a shot from twenty-five yards away. Noah Stone, another Catoctin senior, made a lunging save to knock the ball away from his net. Boonsboro was also able to win a few corners. However, each of the corners were either cleared away by the Catoctin's back four or caught by Stone.

Nearing the tenth minute, Catoctin had the ball in Boonsboro's defensive half and was moving the ball efficiently. In the ninth minute, Noah Olson received the ball. He turned and rapidly played the ball through Boonsboro's back four, trying to link up with Matt Viti. A Boonsboro defender was in position to play the ball; however, he slipped on the wet pitch, sending a clump of turf skyward. The defender fell over which meant that Matt Viti was now clean through. He took one touch on the ball and then finessed the ball past the goalkeeper and into the back of the net, giving the Cougars an early lead.

The next ten minutes were still a back and forth battle. Both teams created chances but neither of the teams could successfully break down the other's defense. Boonsboro had the last great chance of the first half in the 20th minute. A great ball was played to Catoctin's back goalpost to a wide-open Warrior. However, the striker mishit the ball and whiffed on the open opportunity,



2014 Catoctin High School boys soccer team.

missing the net a few feet wide of the post. The next twenty minutes of the half weren't eventful. Neither team could muster any great chances and the first half ended with Catoctin leading one to nothing.

To start the half, both teams returned to their defensive battle. However, both teams started the half with long shots outside of the 18-yard box. Neither of the shots could connect with the back of the net. Still, Boonsboro stayed vigilant and continued to attack the Cougars defense. Finally, Boonsboro got an excellent chance at goal. Boonsboro's Pumppty dribbled his way down the far sideline breaking away from the Catoctin defender,

Jacob Mitchener. He then passed back to his teammate, Brampson, who sent a bullet of a shot right over the Cougars crossbar.

Continuing to pressure the Cougars defense, a lob of a pass was sent in toward the Boonsboro striker, Funk. A Catoctin defender was in position to clear the ball away; unfortunately, he struck the ball into Funk. Funk was able to run past the defender and was clean through. He collected the ball and placed it in the top left corner of the goal, tying the score at one a piece in the 60th minute.

Not even five minutes later, Boonsboro was playing the ball well down in the Cougars' defensive zone. The Cougars seemed

to be chasing the play and with a stunner from 18 yards out, Pumppty sent Boonsboro into the lead. The Cougars were obviously frustrated. When play resumed they seemed to be chasing it instead of taking back the game. When they were on the ball they could not generate any offense.

The floodgates opened and poured over the Cougars a few minutes later. A shot from the side of the box sent Noah Stone sprawling. He saved the ball nevertheless; he sent the rebound into traffic and Funk collected the rebound. He was patient and took one touch past two flailing defenders. He then chipped the ball past the goalie, who was still in the midst of standing from his first save.

The final nail in the Cougar's

coffin came in the 75th minute. Brapson was dribbling up the sideline when he decided to try for goal. He struck the ball over 35 yards. It floated in the air and came down toward the net. It was the perfect strike, crossing the goal line right in the small gap between the crossbar and the goalkeeper's glove. The Cougars did score a constellation goal in the final minute of the game off of a cross sent from Robert Hawkins. The ball was deflected backward into the net off of a near post run by Jacob Mitchener. The game ended a few minutes later with the final score in favor of Boonsboro at 4-2.

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FITNESS AND HEALTH

Complementary Corner Cold and flu prevention

Renee Lehman

Part 1

Aaahooo! The person next to you has just sneezed. Now what? Are you concerned about “catching” a cold or the flu? There are many ways to support your immune system to have a healthy cold and flu season! Here are ways to be able to answer the above question with a resounding NO!

Wash your Hands. Probably the single most important measure you can take to prevent getting a cold or the flu during the cold season is to wash your hands often and keep them away from your eyes and nose.

Get enough sleep. A study conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that getting less than 7 hours of sleep a night impairs the immune system.

So, if you have been burning the candles at both ends, your body might just put the brakes on for you - in the form of a bad cold or flu that puts you down for the count. Another study out of the Netherlands found that severe

sleep deprivation caused reduced white blood cell counts. The cells, specifically granulocytes, offer broad-based immune activity.

Sleep is the time when our body detoxes, repairs and renews. So if you are not getting enough sleep, you are going to be compromising your body's ability to do the important work of sweeping up free radicals and dealing with viruses (from www.rebalancelife.com/2013/09/15/natural-cold-flu-prevention-tips).

Stay hydrated. Staying hydrated is important in every season, but it is particularly useful in the winter. It's easy to forget to drink enough water in the cold weather, as we're not sweating as much as we do when it's warmer outside. Keeping well-hydrated is very important because parched mucous membranes are more susceptible to inflammation and irritation, and then they don't do their job of acting as a primary barrier against infection. Try drinking water and herbal teas.

Eat dark berries. Blueberries and other dark berries strengthen your immune system. They con-

tain anthocyanins, which have been proven to decrease inflammation.

Eat chicken soup. Chicken soup (especially the kind made from organic chicken bones) is very good for our immune system. Studies show that it reduces inflammation and supports our immune system. Cooking organic chicken bones over a long period of time extracts the collagen from the bones, which boosts the immune system. The longer it is simmered, the better.

Refrain from foods that weaken your immune system. Foods such as alcohol; dairy products; processed, greasy, or raw foods inhibit the immune system. One of the worst kinds of foods for our immune system are sugary foods and drinks. Studies have shown that ingesting a sugary solution reduced white blood cell effectiveness by 40%, thereby reducing the body's ability to fight infection. Sweets also increase systemic inflammation in the body, and create imbalances in our gut bacteria, which as we know, are both important players in the immune system.

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Vitamin D is not really a vitamin, but a pre-hormone produced in the skin after exposure to the sun's UVB rays. So vitamin D levels typically drop in the Fall/Winter months when we get less sun exposure. A study published in 2009 in the Archives of Internal Medicine, found that 70% - 97%

of Americans have insufficient blood levels of Vitamin D. Vitamin D is known for its role in building strong bones, but it also plays a significant role in our immunity.

Probiotics, so-called “good bacteria” in your gut, have been shown to help fend off colds and the flu. It can rebalance the bacteria we need in our bodies that can be destroyed by antibiotics. Probiotics come in pill form and a typical dosage is in the billions of CF units, but you can also introduce probiotics into your diet through yogurt, miso, tempeh, kimchi, and sauerkraut. As Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine said, “All disease begins in the gut.”

Part 2 of this article will appear in the December edition. It will cover Traditional Chinese Medicine's approach to preventing a cold or the flu. Until then stay well!

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Keep moving Here come the holidays!

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I usually reprint my Thanksgiving article with changes to the menu for the big meal and any new ideas or ingredients I have learned about over the past year. This time I am going to just remind you of the many temptations there will be over the next couple of months. It seems that everywhere you go over the holidays there is some type of candy, baked goods or some new food item that is just calling out your name. I don't want you to be so self-conscious or anxious about trying new things or eating too much that you don't enjoy the festive season but the thing to be aware of is how often you are eating and how much you are sampling. If you know

you will be attending an event that will be well stocked with tempting treats think ahead about having a little healthy snack before you go and be selective about what you try at the event. Maybe, if the host is a friend or family member, you could ask for a sample to take home if there is something you really want to try but you know you have already over tried your limit.

If you don't feel comfortable asking for a sample you could ask for the recipe. People are always flattered if someone thinks their dish is worth getting the recipe. Another idea is to take a walk or do a little extra time of the bike or treadmill if you know you will be tempted to overeat later that day or even workout for a few days if you will be attending a family dinner that you always need to

loosen your belt after eating. Don't be fooled by thinking that an extra mile or two or an extra fifteen minutes will burn up all the calories you may be consuming. I don't want to discourage you from doing a little extra but those calories accumulate a lot faster than they burn off. That's why I am suggesting starting now and add some extra exercise in your schedule so that when the time comes you will be ready for that dessert and you may not feel so guilty about it. I am also not telling you to just eat whatever you want if you do some extra exercise because that will only result in upset later when you get on the scale, get dressed or go to the doctor in January and he tells you that you may want to lose a few pounds. Keeping an eye on your eating and exercise habits is always important but I am trying to give you a heads up that the holidays are always a little overwhelming and I want you to be right back on track when the new year starts that way your New Year's Resolution will be easier to reach in a short amount of time.

Overeating during the holidays is a very hard thing to avoid and as long as you think about your choices and keep things in check you will be able to work those extra few pounds off quickly. While preparing your own treats you may want to check into exchanges and lower fat and sugar ingredients to use and still maintain that great taste that your family is expecting. Everyone will appreciate you trying to keep the old recipe's taste while trying to watch out for their health and waistline. One thing to remember is many people have allergies to certain foods or especially to sweeteners.

Please remember to tell them what you substituted or changed so they will be able to make the right choice for them. Remember to Keep Moving and the holidays will not be so hard to get through. If you have any questions or ideas that I can share for the upcoming issues that will help make the holidays healthier please let me know.

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Fitness matters

George Puvel
Anytime Fitness Owner

Question: I see kale mentioned everywhere these days. It seems to be used as an ingredient in many recipes such as soups, smoothies and even used to make potato chips. What are the nutritional benefits of kale that makes this vegetable so popular?

Answer: Kale is a nutritional powerhouse! Per calorie, kale has more iron than beef, and more calcium than milk. It's high in vitamins A and C - with only 30 calories, 5 grams of fiber, and 0 grams of fat per cup. This vegetable aids in digestion, provides anti-inflammatory benefits, and is heart healthy. When buying kale, look for firm, deepcolored leaves. Store kale in a plastic storage bag or container and remove as much air from the bag as possible. Kale can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Question: My gym has a few different types of elliptical trainers. Is there really a difference? If so, how do I choose which one is best for me?

Answer: Using an elliptical trainer is generally considered a low impact form of cardio and can be less stressful on your knees, hips and back. However, proper fit is essential and it's important to find a model that is comfortable for your height and body structure. When moving the pedals, your feet should push behind you slightly, just as if you were walking on the ground. If your feet stay in front of you, the stride of the machine is too short and you'll need to try another model. If you wish to mimic a climbing motion, you'll want to choose an elliptical that has the "wheel" on the back. This type of elliptical has pedals that move up and down, and allow you to change the incline of the ramp. If you prefer a walking motion, choose an el-

liptical in which the "wheel" is on the front. This type of elliptical has pedals that move back-and-forth. Many ellipticals also have upper body handle bars that move with the pedals. You can use this type of machine with or without the use of the upper

arm handles. If you do choose to use the upper arm handles, go with an elliptical that gives you plenty resistance so your upper body gets a good workout too.

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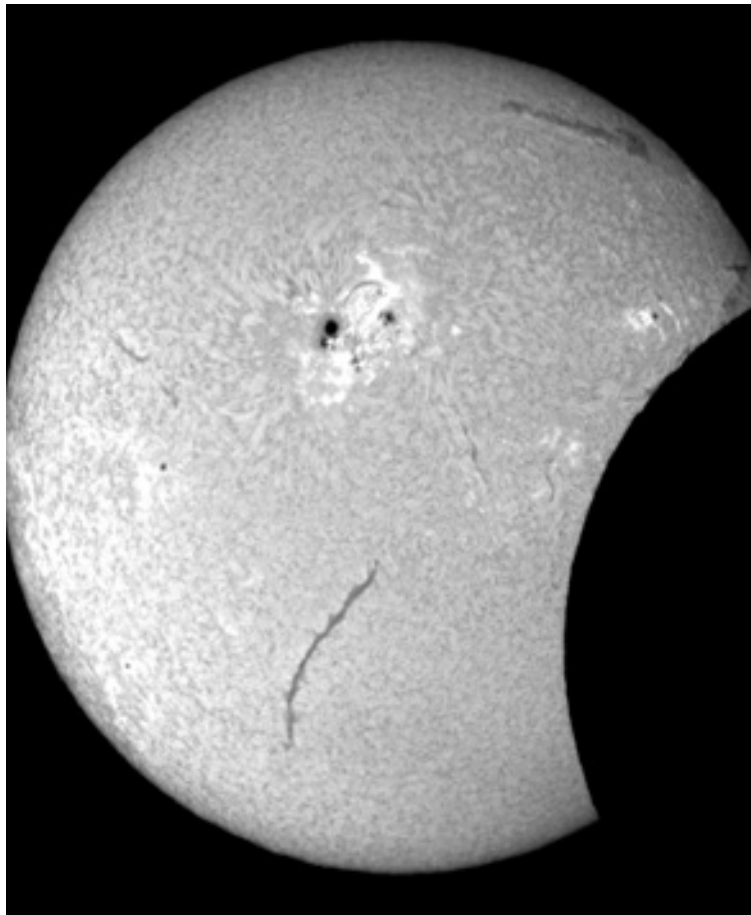
The night sky of November

Dr. Wayne Wooten

We fall back to CST on Sunday, November 2nd. The moon is full, the Frosty Moon in tradition, on November 6th. The last quarter moon passes 5 degrees south of Jupiter, both rising about midnight on November 14th. The next new moon is on November 22nd, and the month ends with the first quarter moon overhead at sunset on November 29th.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for November 2014; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map.

It is not a good month to spot the planets. Mars is low in the SW just after sunset, moving eastward in Sagittarius and getting lost behind the Sun by December. Mercury, Venus, and Saturn are all too close to the



North America had a ringside seat to the partial eclipse of the sun on October 23. Those lucky enough to have telescopes got some great shots of the sun like this one.

Sun for good observing this month, but Jupiter is well placed in the morning sky in Cancer, rising about midnight.

Setting in the southwest is

the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way Galaxy, but the best view of our Galaxy lies overhead now. The brightest star of the

northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky in the northwest. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear autumn evenings. Use binocs and your sky map to spot many clusters here, using the SkyMap download to locate some of the best ones plotted and described on the back.

Overhead the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it is the only bright star of Fall, Fomalhaut. If the southern skies of Fall look sparse, it is because we are looking away from our Galaxy into the depths of intergalactic space.

The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W, rising in the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them. She contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we pro-

ceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the W of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant.

To the northeast, Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. Between him and Cassiopeia is the fine Double Cluster, faintly visible with the naked eye and two fine binocular objects in the same field. Perseus contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie. It fades to a third its normal brightness for six out of every 70 hours, as a larger but cooler orange giant covers about 80% of the smaller but hotter and thus brighter companion as seen from Earth. Check it out on a clear November evening, and see if the gorgon is winking at you. If so, then instead of being as bright as Polaris, Algol fade to be only as bright as kappa Persei, the star just to its south. Look at Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster to rise, a sure sign of bright winter stars to come. In fact, yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, rises at 7 PM as November begins along the northeastern horizon. It is the fifth brightest star in the sky, and a beacon of the colorful and bright winter stars to come.

Farmers' Almanac

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Fair and cool (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with showers, storms (8, 9); Fair and mild temperatures (10, 11, 12) with more showers and a bit cooler (13, 14). Windy, cool, with some lake-effect snow (15, 16, 17); Periods of snow in the northern part of the region, rain in the south, heavy late (18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24); Fair and cold, turning windy, colder late (25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30).

Full Moon: The Full Moon for November occurs on the 6th.

While many Native Americans called it Dying Grass Moon Or Falling Leaf Moon because the colder days and killing frosts have killed the grasses and the last leaves have fallen from the trees, many referred to it as Big Wood Moon, because of the high winds this time of year.

Special Notes: Remember to turn your clocks back at 2AM on Sunday, November 2nd as Daylight Savings ends for this year.

Holidays: Elections are held on Tuesday, November 5th. Though it is an off-year election (not a presidential election but one for congressional, gubernatorial, local seats, etc.), it is still important and remember, it is both a privilege and an obligation to be a part of the shaping our great nation's policies and future and it starts with us. Veteran's Day is celebrated on Tuesday, November 11th. May we never forget that without the sacrifices of millions of servicemen and women, both past and present, we would not have the freedoms to create our own destiny, speak our minds, and practice the religion of our choice. Celebrate Thanksgiving this year on Thursday, November 27th with family and loved ones and we all must be thankful every day for what we have been blessed with in our lives.

The Garden: Even though lawns rest in winter, they still need all the winter sunlight they can get so don't put away the rake until all of the leaves and pine needles have fallen and you can remove them. Keep watering until the ground temperature reaches 40 degrees F. Now is the time to start those forced bulbs that were placed in a cool area in August or September. If you've decided to store your bulbs indoors for the winter, try storing them in a pail filled with sawdust after they have dried off from being in the ground. Take the time to organize, clean, and sharpen your garden tools. Keep them from underfoot, cleaned, and sharpened and they will be ready to go come Spring.

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COMPUTER Q&A

What you need to know about Windows 10

Ayse Stenabaugh
Jester's Computer Tutor

With Windows 8's everlasting negative reputation, Microsoft is on the verge of releasing the failure operating systems predecessor: Windows 10, in just two years. With Apple's increasingly seamless experience across devices, Microsoft has had to reinvent the wheel to keep up with their competition. In Windows 10 not only will you see many of the annoying Windows 8 features eliminated you will also begin to see Windows 10 become the standard across platforms integrating the cloud and synchronizing across devices such as the Xbox One, Windows Tablets and Windows Phones.

START here

Let us go ahead and get the elephant out of the room! The poorly thought out Start Screen is no longer in Windows 10 and you will be pleased to know an even better start menu is back! This start menu integrates the old style with the Windows 8 start screen apps to create a combined view that lets you easily access everything from one convenient location. For those who DID enjoy the Windows 8 style you can still disable the start menu should you choose to do so.

Search away in the integrated search box located in the start menu. Just like previous version of Windows (Vista & 7), you can search for files, applications and even internet results just by clicking the start button. You do not even have to click in the box to start typing just click and type and see results based on your entry.

Modern Apps

Anyone who has used windows 8 can appreciate the repair the major design flaw among the modern apps displayed in the system. Many users who wanted to enjoy the desktop view they were accustomed to would be greeted by the realization that the "modern apps" would not open in desktop view but would take up the entire screen forcing you into the touch screen Modern Windows side of things.

Anyone who multi-tasks will be grateful that Windows 10 will no longer have two viewing styles. Instead, the standard desktop view will launch both standard and modern applications. Modern apps will launch in a new window on the desktop, just like standard Windows applications do.

What to expect if you want Windows 10 Windows 10 is currently only available as a preview and according to Microsoft will be available for consumer purchase later in 2015. Until then there are a few things that you need to consider about upgrading. We always rec-

ommend a fresh installation over an upgrade to avoid incompatibility and to maximize performance.

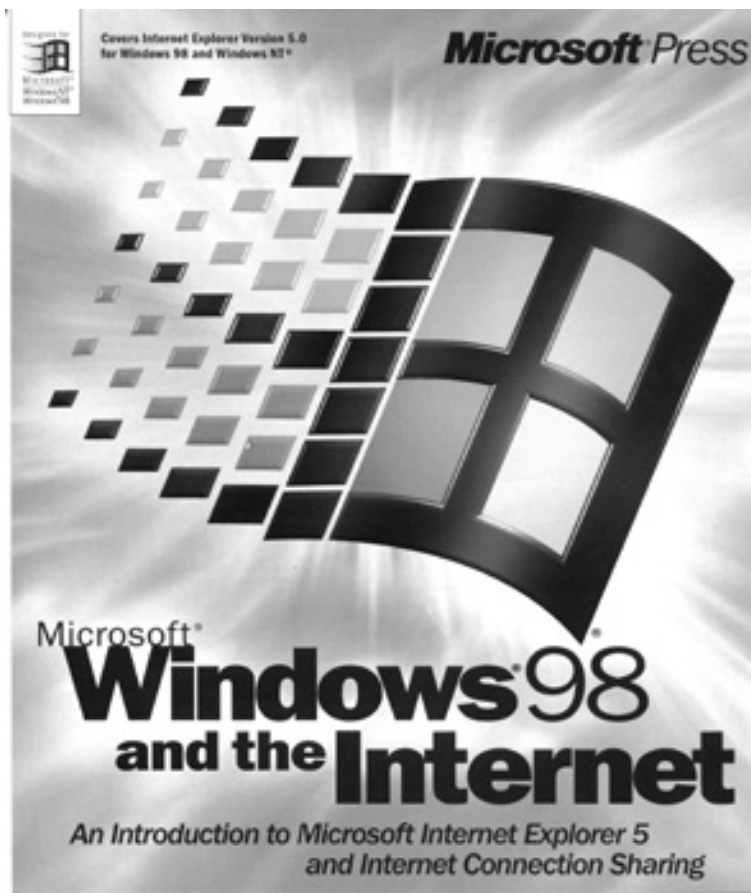
Do not assume your old devices (such as printers) will be compatible with Windows 10. Devices that are compatible with Windows 8 will likely be compatible but older devices may not be. Check with the devices manufacturer before you upgrade to ensure that you will not have to replace your device. In addition to your devices, you should also ensure that your software or programs would run on the new operating system. You can usually find this information by contacting the company who made the software or by visiting their website.

If you are looking to update your Operating System you can expect to pay anywhere from \$130-\$250 for

the operating system although, Microsoft has not yet commented on any pricing for the OS yet. This does not include any additional costs to install or setup your computer. Currently there are over 1 million testers using Windows 10 and Jester's Computer is a beta tester. This means that the final version could still have many changes from the current preview version.

For answers to your computer questions you can contact Ayse at help@thecomputertutor.info or by calling 717-HELP-4-ME. The computer tutor offers one-on-one technology classes and consultations.

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November 3

Adams county Master Gardener's Fall Craft Series - Master Gardeners will be demonstrating a very fragrant, colorful

table wreath for your fall interior using fresh lemon leaves accented with dehydrated orange slices, lemons, cinnamon sticks, pine cones and kumquats. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you could check off the "to do" list your centerpiece! This will look great for any fall or winter occasion. Come join the fun! Please bring your glue gun if you have one. For more information call 717-334-6271 and ask for the Gardening Guru - Mary Ann Ryan!

November 5 & 6

Taurdis Meteor Shower.

November 8

Catoctin Furnace's annual 'Feast at the Furnace'. Using authentic recipes and kitchenware from the 1800s, cook in

the open hearth of a restored ironworker's log home in historic Catoctin Furnace. Travel back in time 200 years and learn how to cook using early recipes in an open hearth with authentic ingredients. Workshop spaces are very limited. Collier's Log House, 12607 Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont. For more information call 410-243-2626.

St. Francis Church's share the love gift fare and holiday bazaar. Featuring local artists, crafters and vendors, holiday gifts and holiday arrangements, Fair Trade gifts including coffees and teas, baked goods and religious articles. Cafe serving breakfast and lunch menu. St. Francis Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg. For more information call 717-334-0333 or visit www.sfxpcw.org.

Timeless Trends Boutique Holiday Open House . 21 E. Main Street,

Thurmont. For more information call 240-288-8226.

November 9, 15, 16, 22

Catoctin Mount national Park's Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading) at the Visitor Center. Please make your reservation by calling the Visitor Center at 301-663-9388.

November 9

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve's guided 1.5 miles hike at the Preserve. Hike your way to better health and stave off the cold-weather blues with Healthy Adams County's guided Winter Fitness Hikes! Hiking is great aerobic activity. These fully guided hikes are open to beginner and seasoned hikers; we will take breaks as necessary and maintain a moderate group pace. For more information contact the office at 717-642-5840; or visit www.StrawberryHill.org.

November 10

Adams county Master Gardener's Fall Craft Series - Nature Luminary Votive Candle Holders will be our project. The lovely votive candles add a soft touch to any room. These nature votive candle holders make wonderful gifts too! You will be making three nature candle holders using autumn leaves applied to glass votive holder. Just bring yourself, we will provide all the supplies needed. For more information call 717-334-6271 and ask for the Gardening Guru - Mary Ann Ryan!

November 14

The Drawing Room Gallery "Small Wonders" exhibit and sale of small works of art. "Small Wonders" will feature works by the six gallery artists The exhibit, which will showcase various media sized for ease of display (no image larger than 6"x8") will remain up and refreshed throughout the Christmas season for holiday shopping. The Drawing Room Gallery, is located at 333 Baltimore St. Gettysburg. For specifics on gallery news call 717-321-3647.

November 15

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve's run through the Preserve. For more information contact the office at 717-642-5840; or visit www.StrawberryHill.org. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine Parishes' Cash Bash at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Parish Center, 103 Church Street, Thurmont. Cash prizes will be awarded every 15 minutes starting at 3 pm through 7:45 pm, at 8 pm the grand prize of \$3,000 will be awarded. The tickets are \$25 and no tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets please call the parish office at 301-447-2367.

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12th Annual Remembrance Illumination at the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Soldier's National Cemetery, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg. This solemn commemoration features a luminary candle on the grave of each Civil War soldier; candles are placed on graves by Friends of Gettysburg volunteers. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation and the National Park Service. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 717-339-2148 or visit www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

November 15 & 16

Catoctin Forest Alliance Art Exhibit and Show - "The Wonder of Winter" at the Art Studio, 14726 Old Frederick Road, Rocky Ridge. The exhibit will feature original paintings, photographs, prints and cards done by local artists. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CFA. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. For more information call Elizabeth Prongas at 301-271-4459.

November 17

Adams county Master Gardener's Fall Craft Series - Have you visited garden centers lately? If so, you'll notice in the gift department glass ornaments that act as little terrariums. You will have the opportunity to create two winter-themed arrangements from evergreen cuttings and various trimmings. These hanging terrariums can later be used to plant small plants or beautifully display tea lights. They will look great hanging on your Christmas tree, displayed in a window or even hanging from a chandelier! For more information call 717-334-6271 and ask for the Gardening Guru - Mary Ann Ryan!

November 17 & 18
Leonids Meteor Shower.

November 20
2014 Pembroke Woods Annual Homeowners Meeting. Emmitsburg Public Library. For more information visit www.pembrokewoods.com.

November 22
St. Joseph's Ministries' Christmas Craft Bazaar from 10 to 2. A variety of vendors will be on hand such as: homemade crocheted items, custom soaps and lotions, handmade stained glass artwork, antique clocks, handmade jewelry, scentsy, origami owl and much more! Free admission and parking! Face painting and crafts for the kids! For more information, please contact Beth Gilbert at 301-447-5930 or Annie Wantz at 301-447-3906. We hope to see you

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November 22 & 23
The 8th annual Foothills Artists Studio tour. Meet local artists in their studios where their work is created. Meet four new artists this year among the ten studios representing painting, pottery, woodworking, calligraphy and printmaking, jewelry, color pencils, stained glass, and photography. Visit Foothillsartists.net for locations and additional information about the artists.

November 27
The 6th annual Emmitsburg Wattle Waddle will be held on Thanksgiving Day morning. For more information visit www.EmmitsburgTurkeyTrot.com.

122nd. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, St. John's Lutheran Church. St. John's Lutheran Church 8619 Blacks Mill Rd, Creagerstown.

November 30
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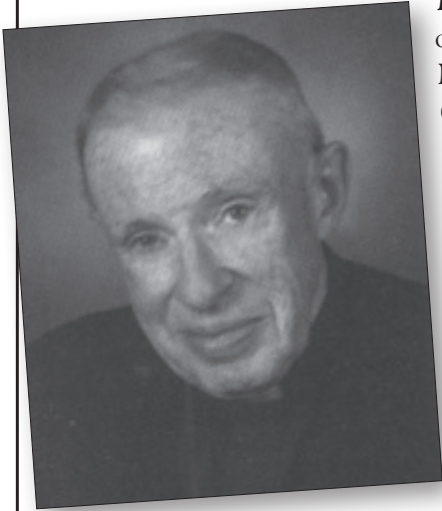
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Father "Call Me Paul," Redmond joined the Mount faculty in 1955, a year after his ordination from the Diocese of Albany, in New York. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 1981, and later awarded the status of *Professor Emeritus* in 1992. During his time on campus he enjoyed a distinguished career and served the Mount in a variety of capacities, including dean of freshmen, vice president, and theology and philosophy department chair. He also established the Nona S. and Jerome V. Redmond Scholarship in Philosophy.

Father Redmond celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest on June 12, 2004, honoring his 50 years of religious service. His dedication and commitment to the Mount and its mission was evident over the years by his active involvement in the religious life of the entire community. In fellowship with seminarians, students, faculty and friends, he hosted countless luncheons, guest visits, and opera nights through the years.

Father Paul was recently honored by University President Thomas Powell with a special recognition—*Father Paul Redmond Day*, which included the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rev. Paul V. Redmond Seminar Room, located in the Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips Library, and a Mass of Celebration in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, with Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn presiding.

"Father Paul was a giant of the Mount who touched generations of students," said President Powell. "His vocation served to lift the hearts and touch the lives of so many members of the Mount community. We were truly blessed to call him, 'Friend.'"



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ART EXHIBITION BY ELIZABETH HOLTRY

Saturday, Nov. 1–Friday, Dec. 12

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MARIAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

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Monday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Knott Arena

Cheer on the Mountaineers as they take on the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in their first home game of the season!

For tickets, contact the ticket

office at 301-447-5700, and visit mountathletics.com for the full season schedule.



FESTIVAL OF ONE ACT PLAYS

Thursday, Nov. 20–Saturday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m.

Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Join us for a three-night festival of one-act plays, directed by this year's directing class students. **Free and open to the public.**



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOME OPENER

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.

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