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The 6th Annual Downtown Taneytown Elf Hunt will kick-off November 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drawings for grand prize, 2nd and 3rd place will be held at 5 p.m. at the Mrs. Claus Bake Shop, 14 E. Baltimore St. The “elves” will be hiding in various downtown shops awaiting discovery by patrons and elf-hunters. McCormick said, “You have to go in the shops with “OPEN” flags displayed.” After you find all the elf cards, you go and get your card punched/stamped by the shop owner, and head to the next participating shop. Shop owners will guide you along the way!

The annual Elf Hunt originated in 2011 and was created by local shop owners in hopes of promoting buying local. This event, which occurs the weekend before Thanksgiving, was created by a desire from business owners to create a unique family shopping experience prior to the Christmas season.

Shop owners will showcase all their wares and merchandise that

they will have available for Christmas, in hopes that the customers will return to do their Christmas shopping in Downtown Taneytown and support their local community.

Many downtown Taneytown shop owners support the surrounding local communities, therefore everyone benefits. The designated shops include: Konsos Collectibles and Gifts, Good Hope Thrift Store, Stone House Cakery and Café, Mrs. Claus Bake Shop, Taneytown Dance Center, Rust by Justin, Curiosity Shop, Jumble Up cycle Thrift Store, Country Kitchen Restaurant and Red Door Boutique. Additional Sponsors include: No Anchovies Pizza and New Windsor State Bank. Other available shopping choices are Main Street Dog Groomers, Designer’s Edge Salon, Tina’s Barber Shop and Hair Barn. Auto Service Centers and Design Associates Print Shop are also in the downtown shopping area.

There are several new shops opening in our downtown shopping area, so please stop by to check them out for their grand openings. Downtown

Taneytown has evolved into a “Destination Town”, where you will find unique, “one-of-a-kind” shops.

When visiting the downtown shops, customers will find that they can spend the day shopping and enjoy breakfast and lunch at the country Kitchen or the Stone House Cakery and Café. Both restaurants can also provide customers with catering needs during the busy holiday season. Additionally, the Stone House Cakery and Café makes unique, special order cakes for an array of parties or events. They also provide Catering for weddings and Lois Trout, Director of Joy, will make a wedding cake that any bride could dream of.

While visiting downtown Taneytown, one may book a craft class with Red Door Boutique, which is celebrating their one year Anniversary that same day! One of the handmade crafts created could be a great gift for Mom, Dad and Grandparents. And while you in the area, don’t forget to drop by The Mill in Keymar, just 5 miles south of Taneytown



on RT 194. The Mill offers some of the areas most exceptional antiques, sure to satisfy your gift giving needs for that finicky antique lover.

Help find the elves and send them back to the North Pole in time to make the toys for Christmas. All the merchants hope to see everyone at the 6th Annual Taneytown Elf Hunt on November 19th.

10th Annual Foothills artists studio tour

The 10th annual Foothills Artists studio tour will be held November 19 and 20 at nine locations in Fairfield and Cashtown. See firsthand where the artists create their one-of-a-kind pieces of art. Artists featured in this year’s tour include:

Dorothea Barrick – Creates square format paintings and original mixed media prints for 2016 tour. The prolific artist/educator has work in private and public collections, including UMUC, and Kala Institute of Printmaking.

Raymond Buchheister – In a classical style he paints and teaches the fundamentals of drawing, oil painting, and Iconography. He believes that beauty through art helps one transcend the ordinary giving sight to the soul of a larger world beyond.

Sharon Pierce McCullough – A painter and sculptor of abstract and minimalist work, she is an internationally recognized artist and Children’s book author and illustrator.

Geoff Grant – Fine Art Photographer whose subjects include painterly interpretations of landscapes, architecture, and street photography in the U.S. and overseas. He has been accepted into the Adams County Arts Council juried art show, and his work has appeared in several other shows, in-

cluding this October at the Waterford Fair, Waterford, VA.

Jack Handshaw – An active local artist for 35 years, he is a potter working in all forms of clay, particularly reduction fired glazed porcelains. He is a juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, and has been accepted into numerous juried shows and received many awards. He also shares his art through teaching and demonstrations.

Dan Mangan – Fine Art Photography. His work has been juried into the Art of the State, Harrisburg; and the Adams County Arts Council juried exhibition (second place, honorable mention). He has won two first prizes in the Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Barn Art Show.

Don Rinehart – Specializes in Watercolors, Pastels, Oils, Pencil, Stained, and Etched Glass. He has won a number of awards and has shown in local galleries and exhibits.

Ann Ruppert – Designs and creates jewelry and works in two-dimensional media including pastels, oils, watercolors and colored pencil. She has been accepted into the Adams County, PA Arts Council juried show and has earned awards in the Franklin Co. Art Alliance annual show and the Franklin County Arts Council miniature show.

Rod Stabler – A fifth-generation woodworker and retired cab-



Sharon Pierce McCullough works on some new paintings in her studio for the upcoming tour of 10 artists’ studios on November 19 & 20th.

inet maker, he creates useful and practical woodcraft “with a flair”, each piece is one of a kind. He strives to make objects of utility that also are objects of beauty.

Geoffrey Thulin – A painter specializing in abstracts, landscapes, and animal imagery. He works primarily in watercolor and gouache, and also various drawing media. His award-win-

ning work explores rhythm, pattern and color and their connection to the spiritual aspect of nature.

Visit www.foothillsartists.net for more in-depth biographies and artwork examples for each artist as well as a map of each studio’s location and street address. See the Foothill Artist Studio Tour ad for additional information and addresses.

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Emmitsburg elects town Commissioners

During the October 3 Town Council meeting, re-elected Commissioner Glenn Blanchard and newcomer Commissioner Elizabeth Buckman were sworn in to their elected positions.

181 votes were cast this year, which is an improvement from last year's election, which only brought 38 voters to the polls. Blanchard was re-elected to his third term with 127 votes and Buckman was elected to her first term with 116 votes.

Blanchard has been a Commissioner for close to a decade, and was glad to be re-elected to the position. He strongly believes in the importance of helping the community through volunteerism, and has dedicated much of his time to various organizations

within the community. Blanchard has been involved in several volunteer projects including church activities at his parish, he has held the role of treasurer of the Emmitsburg Food Bank and has volunteered at the shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton.

During his next term, Blanchard hopes to see a revitalized downtown square, upgraded parks and a pool that will serve the community. He also hopes to see an increased sense of community that connects each and every citizen together.

Buckman, a new-comer to the Council, was also thrilled to begin her term as a Commissioner and hopes to make a difference in the town. As one of the main figureheads of the "Emmitsburg Cares"

group, Buckman hopes to make a difference in the community by raising awareness of the heroin epidemic in town and raising the overall quality of life within the community.

As O'Donnell stated, the vision painted by both candidates must have struck a chord with town residents, and resonated with them enough to send more people to the polls. Her fellow Commissioners welcomed Buckman to the Council as all stated how they look forward to working with a new member. Blanchard was also welcomed as fellow Commissioners agreed they would enjoy continuing to work with him.

Furthermore, Blanchard was elected for another year as the treasurer for the Council, Tim O'Donnell was once again reinstated as President and Clifford Sweeney as Vice President. Buckman will be the liaison of the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Flat Run Bridge replacement work

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) began a \$4.3 million project to replace the MD 140 (E. Main Street) Bridge over Flat Run and sidewalk construction along MD 140 between North Avenue and Silo Hill Road in Emmitsburg last month. Back in 2014, the bridge was slated for replacement beginning in 2015, and ending in the summer of 2016. Milani Construction, Inc., the con-

tractors for this project, projects the completion of the bridge to be summer of 2018.

The Flat Run Bridge was originally constructed in 1912, and hasn't undergone any repair since 2011. In fact, the only previous work on the bridge that could be found 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 sid-

ing, along with some realignment of drainage.

The 84 year-old steel girder bridge is safe, but has outlived its useful life. In addition to the bridge replacement, SHA will realign the roadway to match the new bridge approaches and construction of storm water management facilities. Work will be complete in phases to maintain one travel lane in each direction during construction. A pedestrian bridge will be constructed

New online bill pay system

During the August 1 Town Council meeting, Commissioners discussed a potential update to the on-line bill payment system. The topic was re-addressed and voted upon during the October Town Council meeting.

Upon request by many residents in town to refine the on-line bill pay, Cole Tabler, the Town Accountant, researched several avenues in order to find a more user-friendly and accommodating system. Residents have been able to pay their water and sewer bills online by credit card or by check or cash at the Town Office. The utilization of a new system would be to allow for easier access and management by residents hopeful-

ly avoiding too much additional cost to the town.


Tabler reached out to different providers weighing the advantages and disadvantages in order to find a vendor that would meet the desired criteria. The Town was looking for a vendor that would offer the most ease of transition for residents as well as a system that was straightforward and compatible with the current online processes and software in place.

After speaking with the local bank, Invoice Cloud (the vendor that specializes with the Town), and the current billing system for water and sewer in place, Tabler found that the current utility software vendor, had the most to offer. The vendor currently in

use offers the addition of a web portal at no additional cost to the Town, and would allow residents to pay utilities such as water, sewer and trash online by credit card.

One of the greatest features of this system is that residents' accounts will be automatically updated and residents will be able to view their payment history. This is doubly beneficial for the Town as they will no longer need to enter all transactions manually, because the system will be updated automatically every time a resident pays their bill.

The fee structure for this system would be \$3.95 or 2% of the customer's balance. Residents will also be able to use bank check elimination, which



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this winter before any traffic is shifted. More than 5,000 motorists use this portion of MD 140, each day. "SHA is replacing aging and outdated infrastructure all through-

out Maryland," said SHA District Engineer Mark Crampton. "We urge motorists to slow down in our work zones to make sure everyone, including our crews, get home safe.

will be a \$.25 cost per transaction to the Town. These fees were the lowest of all the different vendors researched.

No disadvantages were seen with this system, and there would be no additional cost to the town to upgrade the system. Any cost would only be seen in

the future, if additional modules would be added to the system. For now, the town just be making the upgrade.

This system upgrade was voted upon and accepted by the Council. Residents can plan to see the transition in the system over the next few weeks.



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FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

Carroll Valley receives \$1.3 million for building project

On Tuesday, October 18 at its 2017 budget meeting, the Carroll Valley Borough Council reviewed the impact of a \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant on the Borough's bottom line. Notice of the grant award for the Greater Carroll Valley Community and Education Complex was delivered by Senator Richard Alloway (R-33) and provided in writing from the Governor's Office of the Budget on October 14.

"We can't possibly thank Senator Alloway enough" commented Dave Hazlett, Borough Manager. Hazlett went on to explain that a \$70,000 annual appropriation from the general fund that had been budgeted for the building project was no longer needed. "We knew we'd applied for a grant, but I didn't realize what a huge impact this would have on our budget. This is a very good thing for the Borough."

The borough's funding consultant, Amy Kaufman of GMS Funding Solutions, explained that the Borough will also realize a savings of more than \$489,000 in interest payments as a result of the grant being applied to a principal pay down on the construction loan that is financing the new complex. "After paying all consulting and related costs, the Borough will realize more than \$1.3 million in net financial benefit," Kaufman reported as she addressed the Council. "Your investment in time and financial resources has paid off. Congratulations."

The news elicited a round of applause from Council, with several members expressing their gratitude to Senator Alloway for his persistent advocacy.

Council went on to approve a temporary construction easement and a permanent water line easement for the York Water Company, which will service the new complex. The new 11,000 square foot municipal building has been under construction since the summer and is slated for completion by early March of 2017. It will include municipal staff offices, a new police department, appropriate ADA facilities, a branch of the Adams County Library System and community meeting rooms.

"This project has been a decade in the making and now we can start planning its grand opening. What a wonderful thing for our community," remarked the borough's Mayor, Ron Harris.

RACP grant funding for this project is provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor.

Carroll Valley debates chicken ordinance

Residents of Carroll Valley attended the October 11 Borough Council meeting to voice their opinions concerning the topic of backyard chickens. The Council was slated to vote on a revision to Ordinance #2 (concerning the keeping of chickens) later during the meeting.

Mr. Sites, a Carroll Valley resident spoke first and stated that he didn't understand why there was a ban on the keeping of hens in the backyard. He mentioned that he understood why it was desired to ban roosters, because of the noise, but why would it be wrong to have four or five hens to provide a family with eggs.

The Council spoke in reply of Mr. Sites saying that an ordinance was drafted to allow for a small flock of chickens but was voted down twice in the past. This same topic has been discussed in length in the past, where it initially went through the Planning Commission who brought it back to the Council with recommendations.

Ultimately, the idea of keeping chickens was voted down both times. Other residents questioned whether an official census of the public's opinion was ever taken or if surveys were ever provided. The Council replied by stating that meetings are made public and advertised, but no official census or survey was ever taken.

As the current ordinance stands, residents must be living in an agriculturally zoned area in order to own livestock, which includes chickens. If a resident lives outside the Agricultural District, in a residentially zoned area, and own livestock or poultry, they are susceptible to a penalty.

The topic that was slated for discussion and voting that evening was the revision of that same ordinance, specifically to clarify the wording used in order to allow for more ease of reading. The Board told residents at the meeting that they could get a group of people together to draft a revised ordinance for the Council to vote on. This would be a good way to get the public's opinion involved.

Council member Tyler Pyles motioned to suspend any further action on the ordinance until the Planning Commission makes a decision, brings it back to the Council and rewrites chapter 27. The motion passed and the Council discussed the possibility of providing a survey for the public, concerning this topic, to gauge the residents' opinion.

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2016 House legislation update

Dan Moul
91st District State Representative

This has been a particularly productive legislative session for me, having succeeded in getting eight of my bills through the House and over to the Senate for consideration. Every one of these bills would benefit the citizens of Adams County and I am hopeful the Senate will take action to move this legislation to the governor's desk before time runs out.

Just this week, the House unanimously passed legislation that I sponsored to prevent the Department of Revenue from retroactively taxing agricultural easements and land bank transfers prior to the exemption that became effective on Sept. 11. House Bill 2370 would also permit taxpayers to petition for a refund of taxes improperly imposed on transactions that occurred prior to that date. A Realty Transfer Tax would have a chilling effect on Pennsylvania's successful farmland preservation program. The Commonwealth leads the nation in the number of farms and acres permanently preserved for agricultural production.

My other bills awaiting Senate action are:

House Bill 544, which would protect landowners who permit their property to be used - free of charge - for recreational purposes. Adams County has a lot of open space that would be accessible to the general public for recreational purposes if landowners could be assured they will not be sued if someone gets hurt on their property. Current law limits landowner liability for such activities as hunting and fishing, with few exceptions, but House Bill 544 would expand recreational uses to include exercise, sport, education, recreation, relaxation or pleasure.

My bill would guard against frivolous lawsuits and would award legal fees to property owners who are sued by recreational users and found not liable.

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THURMONT NEWS

Thurmont receives Sustainable Maryland Certified Award

Thurmont was named as one of the 14 Maryland municipalities honored at the Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony in October. Sustainable Maryland is a certification program for municipalities in Maryland that are striving to “go green,” save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life for the future years to come.

In order to achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a Green Team. This team is a group of people made up of local residents,

community leaders, municipal staff and officials. In addition to the formation of a Green Team, the municipality must complete a variety of sustainability-related actions worth a total of at least 150 points and submit the appropriate documentation as evidence that the requirements have been satisfied.

Thurmont accomplished and met many of the actions detailed on the list. The town adopted a Sustainable Procurement Policy this year that ensures that town staff will consider sustainability when purchasing products

and/or services to be utilized within the town’s operations. In 2015, the town began an LED street light retrofit program, which has thus far installed 62 new downtown LED street lights and 30 new subdivision LED street lights.

Thurmont has achieved many healthy choice, food related goals as a part of this program. A few of them include, the organization of a Farmers Market, which has been held since 2005, and the utilization of the town’s food bank. An average of 320 households made up of over

1,300 individuals receive food each month from the Food Bank.

The town also promotes local businesses through a program utilizing “Thurmont Business Bucks” which are part of a “Buy Local” campaign. This program allows residents to purchase “coupons” that can be used at any participating business in town, thereby keeping more money circulating locally.

Thurmont Mayor Kinnaird stated: “I am very proud of the joint resident and municipal effort that has result-

ed in Thurmont being recognized as a Sustainable Maryland Certified municipality. I specifically want to thank the Thurmont Green Team for their tireless investment of time, energy and leadership in this worthwhile endeavor. The projects and initiatives implemented by the Thurmont Green Team has set our town on a course of environmental awareness, renewed our sense of community and most importantly will help insure a healthier and economically viable future for Thurmont’s residents.”

Thurmont news-briefs . . .

New traffic signal project begins

Construction has begun to replace and upgrade the traffic signal lights at the downtown square in Thurmont. The downtown square in Thurmont encompasses the intersection of East and West Main Streets, North Church Street, and Water Street.

This project includes three main goals. Firstly, replacing the existing poles and signal lights. 4 poles were previously in place. There will now only be 2 poles with 50’ long arms for the signal lights to be attached. Secondly, pedestrian crossing assistance devices will be installed on all 4 corners of the square. Push pads that will control new pedestrian crossing lights will also be installed. Lastly, all underground wiring to control the new lights and devices will be installed.

“Over the next few months, there may be traffic delays when traveling through or around the center of town. Drivers are urged to use caution and watch for workers and flaggers. Pedestrians should also be alert and exercise caution when walking in this section of town,” said Thurmont Police Chief Greg Eyler. Thurmont Chief Administrative officer Jim Humerick stated “This is yet another significant upgrade to our downtown area. We appreciate everyone’s patience while these improvements are underway.”

Shop small on November 26

American Express promoted the first-ever Small Business Saturday that took place on Saturday, Nov 27, 2010. The movement was created to encour-

age people across the country to support small, locally owned businesses. In 2011, The United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution of support for Small Business Saturday.

During American Express Small Business Saturday, small businesses owned the day and American Express encouraged small business owners to take charge of the day, which resulted in 14.3 billion dollars spent in small locally owned establishments. November 26 is Small Business Saturday

created by American Express. Think Big and Shop Small on November 26 to make a difference in Thurmont! Support your locally owned businesses – they are the heart of the community. Watch for promotions and local businesses information on Thurmont Main Street FB page the week of Small Business Saturday.

Police Officer of the year award

During the October 25 Thurmont Town meeting, Thurmont Li-

on’s Club President Bob Johnson and Committee Chairman Jonathan Hamrick, presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Thurmont Officer First Class Timothy Duhan.

OFC Duhan began his career with the Thurmont Police Department in September 2012. Since his first day of employment, OFC Duhan used his experience and began working on all drug investigations. He has since authored numerous Search & Seizure Warrants and charged numerous individuals with CDS Possession and Distribu-

tion of illegal substances. He regained his certification and serves the Thurmont Police Department as a Certified MPCTC Instructor, Firearms Instructor, and Glock Armorer.

OFC Duhan was instrumental in developing a Canine Position for the agency. He facilitated the purchase of the agency’s first canine. Due to his previous experience, OFC Duhan was selected as the agency’s first Canine Officer and currently serves as the handler of “Buddy” a black Labrador narcotics detection canine.

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Small Business Saturday - Nov. 26th - Think Big & Shop Small!
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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

November 1916

November 3

Boozer's Rally Fizzles

The much anticipated Former-Former Boozer's counter rally to the planned Prohibitionist rally on the square failed to materialize when the Boozers, who had been encouraged to "bring their best hooch," started the rally early in the Hotel Slagel's saloon. By the time the Prohibitionist rally began most Boozers were so inebriated that they were incapable of standing, let alone protesting. Those not inebriated used the opportunity to partake in the "hooch" of those passed out, forgetting completely about disrupting the prohibitionist rally outside. As it was, the logic of the women dominated Prohibitionist rally was enough to drive any right-minded man into the saloon to join the Boozers.

Taneytown To Expand

The Record sees the approaching necessity for expanding the borough limits of Taneytown. It says: "the growth of Taneytown out the state road, naturally causes the conviction that sooner or later the Corporation limits must be expanded in that direction. Not only to extend the sidewalks, water and light, but to take in a considerable population that the town is entitled to credit for."

Charles Michael Kills Aunt

With pools of blood within a few feet of each other, Mrs. Daisy Marshall, 30, and her nephew Charles Michael, 25, were Wednesday evening found dead by Catherine Marshall, six-year-old daughter of the dead woman, on returning home from school. On the floor between the two was a 32-caliber revolver, containing four exploded shells. A bullet entered the left breast of the woman, penetrating her heart. Michael's had a bullet wound in the forehead and in the roof of the mouth. Mystery surrounds the double tragedy. Michael's, who was a laborer, had been lodging with his aunt for the past three weeks. Mrs. Marshall had separated from her husband, James Marshall, for two years. Mr. Marshall lives near Rocky Ridge.

Athletics Now In School

Athletics have been introduced into the Frederick County schools on an extensive plan this year. Both the Thurmont and Emmitsburg high schools organize physical education and hygiene under the teacher's supervision.

November 10

Tragedy Is Cleared Up

Friday afternoon the state's attorney and Frederick County Sheriff made an investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Daisy Marshall and Charles Michael and came to the conclusion that Michael's shot his aunt and then killed himself.

The second floor of the home was torn up and the direction of the one stray bullet was traced. This indicated that the shot was fired from the couch, where the two bodies were found, and not from the doorway by a third party. Jealousy is given as the cause of the tragedy. Services for both deceased were held at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren.

Frederick County Is Dry

Complete returns from every district in Frederick County shows that prohibition won by a majority of 851. The votes for prohibition were 6,156, against 5,305. Wets carried seven districts - Libertytown, Criegerstown, Petersbill, Emmitsburg, Johnsville, Mount Pleasant and Brunswick. The Dries carried the remaining 19 districts. Emmitsburg was a banner Wet district with 480 voting Wet and only 226 voting Dry. With Wednesday's results, there will not be a saloon along the National Pike after May 1, 1918 from Cumberland to Ellicott City. From morning until evening large crowds were in town, but there was no disorder of any kind. From 7 until midnight a record crowd was in front of the Chronicle office, waiting for the returns. When the returns came in, tears could be seen in the eyes of most Boozers who defiantly insisted they would never give up the fruits of John Barleycorn.

Emmitsburg Savings Bank Opens

Although a few little details yet remain to be completed, the new Emmitsburg Savings Bank building was occupied by the officers of that institution this week, and the business transferred from its temporary location in the Zimmerman building. The bank calls its patrons' attention to the transfer to the new building in its regular advertisement in this issue of the Chronicle, announcing that a formal opening will be held on a date to be announced later.

November 17

Brewery To Become Mill

The Hagerstown Brewing Co.'s brewery may be converted into a mill. While the Dry law adopted is reported to allow breweries and distilleries to operate, the owners claim that with the County Dry and large quantities of beer shipped in from Baltimore and Cumberland, the brewery at Hagerstown could not be operated profitably.

It is reported that some of the ultra-Wets have consulted a lawyer with a view to having the constitutionality of the act under which Washington County voted Dry last Tuesday determined by the courts. The Wets claim, it is said, that the election may be upset because three units in the county that had been

made Dry previously by legislative enactments participated in the election.

Adams County Apples Sunk

3,500 bushels of Adams County apples are at the bottom of the sea. 2,000 bushels went down with the Rawanmore which was sunk in mid-ocean by a German submarine, and 1,500 bushels were sunk when the steamer Alaunia was torpedoed off the coast of England.

November 24

Wet Versus Dry

The Wet and Dry fight in Frederick County, which ended November 7, when the county went Dry with majority of more the 800, has left a bitter fractional feeling. The Wets, it seems, are determined to send a Wet delegation to the Maryland legislature and he convenes next year. It is said that supporters of the prohibition movement are boycotting Dry merchants in Frederick city and vice versa.

Jump To His Death



James Butler, 70 years old, employed upon the cement roadwork being done by the Road Commission in Taneytown, died Tuesday night from injuries when he jumped from the running board of an automobile and fell heavily to the ground. Butler was walking into Taneytown when an automobile passed him. The driver offered Butler a lift, and the offer was accepted. As the machine approached Butler's boarding house in Taneytown, he jumped from the running board without waiting for the car to stop and fell.

Visits Boyhood Home

Mr. S. Jodon, formerly a resident of this area where he was born, was a visitor to his old home this week; this was his first visit in 30 years. Mr. Jodon said that some of the folks were living who we knew in early life, but although he searched the district over, he failed to find a single person with whom he was familiar in his boyhood days.

Mr. Jodon was born near Annandale schoolhouse, not far from

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Mr. Voter do you believe that Free Schools will be abolished if Frederick County votes "DRY" November 7th?

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the Gamble place, there is no trace left however of the old house and the only familiar thing besides the school was an old tree. Mr. Jodon dropped into the old school and gave a very interesting talk to the scholars. He told them that he was a pupil of their 75 years ago and that a man by the name of Crooks was his teacher. Interestingly he referred to the old paper mill that at one time stood near the school, some of the products of which the scholars then used. Crude indeed must the disks have been in those primitive days, for, according to Mr. Jodon, they were made of slabs hewn from nearby oaks. Nor were steel pens in existence; everyone used quills which had to be soaked in oil before they were fit for writing. And there were no matches; live coals were borrowed from a neighbor to make the morning fire.

In 1846 Mr. Jodon left Emmitsburg for West Virginia and afterwards went to Texas from which he enlisted in the Confederate Army. From Texas he went to Portland Oregon, which is now his home.

Lettermen & Son, Harney

We wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage the past month and we invite you and all your friends back to Harney's Real Bargain Store, as we are now selling lots of goods for less money than we could buy them today. You will now find we are stocked full and are receiving new goods almost daily. You will find in each department stock of the best quality and right up to date in every respect. Remember by doing your business with us you get a beautiful and useful present free or 4% off for cash. Our lines of premiums, now in the window, are all free. Notice besides the above premiums the party returning the largest amount of tickets before New Year's Day, will receive a beautiful \$7.50 pair of wool blankets. The second-largest amount a beautiful \$4 blue bedspread. Thank you for your business.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

County Councilman Kirby Delauter

This month let's discuss the disaster known as the Downtown Hotel Conference Center (DTHCC). When we follow the trail of deceit for this DTHCC, you'll see that our County Executive, along with a majority on the Council will vote for this even though I laid out every reason under the sun as to why this is a really bad deal and the people that will get stuck paying the tab will be you, the taxpayer.

The City of Frederick, their Economic Development Office, the Chamber of Commerce, the County Executive, the County Department of Economic Development and the Frederick News Post, are all in on hatching this scheme to build the DTHCC under any and all circumstances. Opinions don't matter, economics doesn't matter, and the simple math required to come to the basic conclusion that $-2 + -2 = -4$, doesn't matter. You might ask, how does the Frederick News Post (FNP) play into this agreement? It's simple, they own the land that is in

question for this new building. The FNP stands to gain multi millions by dumping this alleged brownfield property off on to the taxpayers, so that A: they can get their payday, and B: they can avoid the multi millions it would take to mitigate the environmental impacts of cleaning up the site at their expense.

It's nice how they run positive puff piece after puff piece on the front page of their paper letting the people know what a great asset the new DTHCC would be for downtown Frederick. As they run these fairytale front page stories, they have placed disclaimers that they own the property, they just fail to mention what a great deal they would get vs the shafting the taxpayer would get once dumped into their laps.

The issues I have with this are many, but in the interest of time and clarity, here are a few. The original plans called for a parking garage to house the hundreds of vehicles that will come to the DTHCC. The parking deck has been eliminated due to its additional \$18 mil-

lion cost. My first question to the City and their ECDC team, where will you now park the hundreds of vehicles that were going to be in the garage that's no longer being built? Their answer, Somewhere on site. No plan, no details, just somewhere on site.

My second question to them, have you been approved by the historic preservation commission in the city since parts of the property are historic? Their answer - Not yet. My third question, have you been approved by the city planning commission? Their answer - Not yet. My fourth question, who will fund the \$53 Million shortfall in financing since the private partner in the deal is putting up \$40 Million of the anticipated \$93 Million cost? Their answer - They want the county to enter a Tax Increment Financing agreement for \$5 Million. They had the County Council raise the hotel tax to raise revenue.

We were then informed that an entity known as Maryland Economic Development Company

(MEDCO) is now looking to get in on this sweetheart arrangement. I went ahead and pulled MEDCO's financial information which is readily available since they are a quasi-State agency. What I saw was shocking to say the least. MEDCO has a negative net worth of -\$228 million. Their debt service will increase starting in 2018 by 500%. They have a project they built / financed at University of Maryland which they currently cannot make the debt payments. They built and financed Rocky Gap Resort for \$54 Million it went bankrupt in three years and was sold for \$5.7 Million. They built/financed the Chesapeake Bay Conference Center that is currently -\$163 Million in the red. The best part of the MEDCO deal (If you're not already impressed) is that if for some reason it fails, MEDCO can walk away leaving who else but the taxpayer to pick up the tab.

If this isn't enough to deter you from supporting such a horrific deal known as the DTHCC, let me add just a few more items that will make

you ask yourself, why is the county even contemplating such a disaster. There is another privately owned Hotel Conference Center in Frederick known as the Holiday Inn Conference Center owned by Cohen Enterprises. Cohen Enterprises is preparing for an \$89 Million renovation of this facility and the novel thing about this is, their doing it with their own money, no taxpayer subsidies. So, while Cohen Enterprises takes the risk of doing it on their own, we have politicians willing to subsidize the DTHCC so it can compete with Cohen on a very uneven playing field. This is just plain wrong.

We also have the Mayors and Town Councils around the county falling for the bait and switch by the Tourism council that is dangling the increase in the hotel tax revenues in order to bribe them for support of this DTHCC. They promised to give the Town's main street monies from the increased taxation so they can create ways to throw those tax dollars down a black hole too. Very shortsighted of our local leaders to not look at the long term conditions of this disaster.

County Councilman Bud Otis

Proposed Frederick County Charter Amendments

In a continuing effort to keep you informed, I humbly submit this information for your review and consideration. After reading this it is my hope you choose to vote in support of these Charter Amendments.

The Frederick County Council has proposed two Charter Amendments on the voting ballot this November. The first one will appear on the ballot as "Question A - Charter Amendment - Bill Amendment Notice"

This proposed change to the

Charter entails posting on the County website notice of amendments to pending bills at least four days prior to the hearing on the amended bill, instead of two consecutive week advertisements in the local paper. This change will assist the County Council with meeting the 90 day deadline to complete the process of passing legislation, which includes the 1st reader (introduction of the bill), 2nd reader (public hearing), to 3rd reader (vote).

When changes to the bills are proposed after the public hearing,

then the Charter requires that the process begin again with an amendment to the proposed bill. In a perfect world, the legislative process takes at least six weeks when no amendments are proposed. If amendments are proposed, it increases the legislative cycle length to almost 12 weeks, which cuts very close to the 90 day window provided in the Charter to pass legislation. The risk of running out of time to complete the legislative process when bills are amended would be reduced by passage of this proposed Charter amendment

to reduce the advance notice of the second public hearing from two consecutive week newspaper ads to at least four days' notice posted on the County's website.

The second will be "Question B - Charter Amendment - Budget Deadline and Budget Amendment Notice"

This proposed change relates to the Budget process, specifically timing. It is proposed to extend the budget timeline a few days, moving the Council's deadline to pass the budget from May 25th to May 31st. And it shortens the length of time that notices of public hearings on budget amendments (only) must be provided from two consecutive weeks in print media to two days' notice via the county website.

The proposed budget adoption deadline change from May 25th to May 31st allows a little breathing room for Council Members to review and research the budget and bring it through the public process of public hearings, amend-

ments, and votes. The proposal to decrease the budget amendment hearing notice timeframe from two weeks to two days prior to the hearing via the county website is based upon the fact that the budget has already been through the public notice and hearing process, and that amendments are considered to be small modifications to the budget. Currently the time frame to process the county's budget is very tight, and Council Members envision these changes will help the process, while activities remain open and transparent to the public.

I hope this clarifies these proposed Charter Amendments. When you get your voting ballot, these Amendments will be at the very end of your ballot. I hope you go all the way to the end and support these changes. Please vote on November 8th! Thank you very much.

Please email or call me if you have any questions or concerns, BOtis@frederickcountymd.gov 301-600-1101. See you at the polls!

VOTE **YES** on Ballot Questions A&B

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Frederick County Charter Amendments

Question A: Requires the County Council to provide at least 4 days notice for public hearings on bill amendments.

Question B: Extends the County Council's deadline for adopting the County Budget until May 31, and requires 2 days notice for public hearings on substantive changes.

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It is time to get out and vote in the general election coming up on Tuesday, November 8th. Early voting is already under way and runs through Thursday, November 3rd. Take advantage of the convenience of early voting. The closest voting center to most north county residents is the Thurmont Regional Library on East Moser Road in Thurmont. Polls are open each day of early voting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

I want Frederick County residents to be assured that the voting system in Maryland is totally secure. Nationally, some people have expressed concern that hackers might be able to compromise voting systems and alter results. In Frederick County and in Maryland, no part of our certified voting system is connected to the Internet. Ballot marking devices and scanners stand alone and are never connected to the internet. Final ballots are scanned to a stand-alone local server. Maryland has also returned to a voting system with paper ballots. If there is ever a need for a re-count or to re-certify results, results can be verified with paper ballots, which are stored in a secure location.

I want to urge voters to VOTE

YES to Questions A and B on the ballot. Questions A and B are amendments to the Frederick County Charter. The Frederick County Charter can only be changed by a vote of general public. Both amendments A and B were supported by every member of the County Council and are supported by myself as well.

Question A requires the Council to provide at least four days' notice when a *second* public hearing is needed on proposed legislation. When a bill is introduced and accepted by the County Council, the bill is scheduled for a public hearing that is advertised in a local newspaper for at least two weeks. The amendment would only come into play if the Council makes a change to a bill after its initial public hearing and wants to have a second public hearing on the proposed change. If Question A passes, the Council could hold a second public hearing the following week to gather additional input in response to the public's initial feedback. Notice of the second public hearing would be made on the County's website.

Many citizens use the county website because it provides more information and details than a newspaper ad, including a full staff report and a copy of the proposed bill. Many residents do not read the public notices printed in the paper and these ads provide few details.

It is important to note that the Charter provides for a more transparent process than the former commission form of government. Under a commission form of government, many of the

changes to a bill could be adopted and voted on the same night without a second hearing. Now, virtually all changes require a second hearing.

Question B on the ballot has two parts to it. First, it would extend the number of days the Council has to discuss and vote on the county's budget each spring. Under the Charter as it reads today, the budget must be presented to the Council by April 15th and adopted no later than May 25th. This is only five weeks. Everyone agrees that the Council should have additional time to consider the budget. Question B adds six days to the timeline and sets a new deadline for adoption of the budget of May 31st. This also provides the public with more time to weigh in on budget priorities.

The second part of Question B is similar to the notice requirement in Question A. If the Council makes a change to the proposed budget after the initial public hearing, a second public hearing could be announced on the County website with at least two days' notice. Under the Commissioner form of government, changes to the budget did not require a second public hearing. Again, Charter government requires more public input.

I hope this additional information explains why these changes were supported unanimously by the County Council. These changes will make Charter government more responsive and efficient for the citizens of Frederick County.

Vote YES for Charter Amendments A and B.

Rt. 140 bridge dedication



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seidel along with members of the Emmitsburg Veteran's of Foreign Wars post 6658

On October 29, hundreds assembled on a bright, sunny morning to witness the dedication of the Rt. 140 bridge over Rt. 15 to Emmitsburg native, 1st Lt. Robert Seidel who was killed in action in Iraq on May 18, 2006.

The ceremony was overseen by County Councilman and army veteran Kirby Delauter, who championed the sponsoring of the bridge in Seidel's name.

Seidel graduated from Catocin High School in 2000 whereupon he received a nomination to West Point. Upon graduating, Seidel was assigned a Rifle Platoon Leader in the 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. In August 2005 his unit was deployed to Iraq. Seidel, along with three other soldiers under his command were killed when their Humvee hit an improvised explosive device.

During the ceremony, friends and dignitaries paid tribute to Seidel's courage and service to his county, but it was Seidel's own words on his entry application for West Point that summed up his life best:

"I am fully aware that along with my commitment to the military, there may come a time when young soldiers will lose their lives in

the defense of our country. There is no possible way to justify the act of killing, but in their world it is sometimes necessary for men and women to give their lives in battle so that others may live their lives in peace.

I could not in good conscience ask these soldiers to sacrifice their lives if I were not first willing to do the same. So it is for these men and women who would stand by my side in the presence of death, that I am willing to lay down my life for our country. I would take some comfort in the fact that these men and women by my side are professional soldiers, trained in the art of warfare. I would build my courage not from my own soul, but in the eyes of every soldier under my command who has entrusted me with his or her life.

I know that with every flag-draped coffin, there are that many times that number of children that will have the opportunity to live their lives in peace. And with every pair of empty boots, sitting at the end of an empty rack, there are many more people who will be able to sleep safely at night because of the men of the armed forces who are standing guard."

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

As of November 1st, we are 24 days to the unofficial or official start of the holiday shopping season. 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. 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 6th. That means an extra hour of sleep and at my age I need all that I can get.

Election Day is November 8th. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The two polling locations are separated into two districts. The District #1 voting location will remain the same, the Carroll Valley Borough Office. The new parking area will be temporary open for voters. The District #2 voting location has changed from the Ski Liberty Children's Learning Center to the former ACNB/Ski Liberty Sales Office on Sanders Road. The address is 104 Sanders Road. Be sure to go to your correct location. If you have any questions regarding the election, 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 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps. 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 to 10 a.m. 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 4th. You can call the office at 717-642-2045 or email fsvets@fairfield.k12.pa.us. As a 20-year veteran, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. We celebrate Thanksgiving this year on November 24th.

A question has been asked about vendors selling their wares door to door in Carroll Valley Borough. The official term is "Transient Retail Business". In my day, it was called a "Door to door salesman". The term is defined as to engaging in peddling, selling, canvassing, soliciting or taking orders either by sam-

ple or otherwise, for any goods, wares or merchandise, upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public place, or from house to house, within the Borough. So, what is the law (ordinance). No person shall engage in any transient retail business within the Borough without first having obtained from the Zoning Officer, Dave Baker, a license, for which a fee as established by the Borough Council, shall be paid. So, the next time someone appears at your door step selling something, ask to see their Borough license. Remember if you become uncomfortable speaking with a solicitor, decline what they are offering and close your door. If you see suspicious persons knocking on your neighbors' doors or ringing their doorbells and then leaving, call the non-emergency number 717-334-8101 or 911.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve is hosting their Annual Twisted Turkey Trail Tussle on November 12th. They bring together runners and walkers of all ages, a challenging set of 5K, 10K, and 15K trail run courses & 10K powerwalk is offered that day. The location of this event is at Strawberry Hill Nature Pre-

serve located in the Michaux State Forest. This fun fall event is designed to offer runners a chance to experience miles of trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains, while giving families the perfect opportunity to enjoy the colorful autumn foliage. For more information, please visit www.strawberryhill.org or call 717-642-5840. Funds raised from this event will continue to support their environmental education programs.

The Carroll Valley Citizens Association (CVCA) will be having a Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance on Friday, December 9th from 6 until 11 pm in the Highland Lodge at the Liberty Mountain Resorts. The cost is \$35 per person which includes a delicious buffet dinner that will be served at 7:00 pm. Music will be provided by a DJ for your listening pleasure during dinner and afterwards for dancing. Reservations are required by prepaid ticket purchase. Tickets will be available at Mountain View Realty, Jester's Computer Services, and by call Mary at 717-642-6654, or Marie at 642-8343.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Senator Richard Alloway for securing a \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant to be used for the construction of our Great-

er Carroll Valley Community and Education Complex building. It is difficult to express the level of our appreciation of what this means to all of us in Carroll Valley. As Dave Hazlett, our Borough Manager said "We can't possibly thank Senator Alloway enough." I agree.

If interested, you can view the pictures taken at Pippenfest, Fairfield Fire and EMS Open House, and CVCA Yard Sale at www.ronspictures.net. Based on the results of the October 10th Finance Committee review of the Carroll Valley draft 2017 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 approves the advertisement of the budget for public review at the November 15th meeting and will sign the ordinance at the December 13th meeting. The Borough Office will be closed November 8th (Election Day), November 24th and 25th (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 MayorRonHarris@comcast.net. Happy Thanksgiving folks!

2016 House legislation update (continued from page 3)

House Bill 1528, which would enable adoptive families to appeal the amount of the state subsidy provided to them by their county Children & Youth Services agency. The Adoption Opportunities Act provides adoption subsidies for families who adopt a child or children, but in situations in which the adoption placement is difficult due to a physical or mental disability or other extenuating circumstances, the normal subsidy may be insufficient for the care and maintenance of the child.

My legislation would remedy this by enabling these families to appeal their adoption subsidy to the Department of Human Services. The subsidy may cover maintenance, medical, surgical and psychological expenses, and other costs stemming from the adoption.

House Bill 1313, which would eliminate the cap on weekly prize payouts for nonprofit and club licensees that offer small games of chance, enabling them to make larger contributions to local charities. My bill would

allow for three-year games of chance licenses and expand the number and types of games offered by clubs, nonprofits and tavern liquor licensees. It would cut costs and sharply reduce or eliminate fees associated with small games applications, investigations and renewals. It would also curb penalties for violations associated with small games licenses.

House Bill 1204, which would amend the Pennsylvania Liquor Code to permit limited winery licensees to obtain a restaurant, ho-

tel or malt/beer beverages liquor license for a premises not located on or near the licensed limited winery.

House Bill 1940, which would clarify the law as to what does not constitute fundraising activities. Volunteers, members or affiliates of nationally chartered veterans organizations, volunteer fire companies, ambulance associations and rescue squad associations, and an auxiliary or affiliate of any of the aforementioned, can provide assistance with fundraising activities provided they

are not receiving direct or indirect compensation for it.

House Bill 577, which would enable members of the General Assembly who serve on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin to have a designee with proxy voting rights. On occasion, the legislative duties and rigorous schedule make it difficult or impossible for members to attend all commission functions or meetings. My bill would enable members to have a voice and a vote on the commission.



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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Marty Qually

Are we there yet? When I was a child, almost every Summer my parents would load all nine of us into the big blue VW bus and drive to visit our grandparents in Texas. This Presidential election is starting to feel like one of those drives. We would start off excited to hit the road, the luxury of staying in hotels, eating at diners, seeing new places, we loved it. By the second day the hours started to drag, playing Eye Spy lost its luster, the seats that were comfortable became small and crowded. The final day became a test of survival and patience, then as always happens the choruses of, "Are we there yet?" began. Right now I believe every voter is saying, "Are we there yet?"

This year there has been an unprecedented (and some might say un-presidential) claim that our National election is rigged. Specifically, some areas of Pennsylvania will have high levels of voter fraud. That claim rings hollow in Adams County. These claims are calling into question the validity of elections in all areas of Pennsylvania. In Adams County during the 28 years that our current director of elections has served there has never been a documented case of illegal voting,

provide a valid Social Security Number or Pa driver's license. Each application must also contain a signature. It is the combination of voter ID and voter signature that serve as the primary lines of defense against voter fraud. When a voter arrives at the polls, their identity is verified prior to being given a ballot. For a new voter, or one who has changed their address and is voting at the precinct for the first time, they must provide proof of their identity. This is most commonly done by providing a driver's license. All voters must also write their signature in front of the election officials thus confirming the signature on file. This is a great verification process. In order to be fraudulent one must provide a valid ID at registration and then forge the signature on Election day. Not only is it tough to get away with this, but the penalties for voter fraud range from misdemeanors to felonies.

During the election voters will notice a group of people working in the polling site. These people have very specific roles to ensure that the election is fair. There is an elected Judge of Elections, a Minority and Majority Inspector, a few appointed clerks, often

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cyber breach. While using computerized systems have helped to speed up elections, they also require specific steps to ensure their safety.

At 8:00 PM on November 8th the election will be over and the counting will begin. From the time a voter votes until the time the vote total is sent to the Pennsylvania Department of State, the ballots and all voting materials are under the constant watch of election staff. Likewise all provisional and remaining absentee and unused ballots are secured until the final canvass a few days after the election is over.

"Are we there yet?" This year as in all Adams County elections, I am not concerned about voter fraud. I am concerned that passions are high and patience is low. Please be mindful of this when you vote. The staff and elected officials at the polling site are there to help you and will be working all day guaranteeing a fair and open election. Each and every one of them takes their jobs seriously. I'm proud of our system and the people that make it a success. When you arrive at your polling site, relax, thank the people out front making last ditch efforts for their candidate, thank the staff in the polling site, then put on the "I Voted" sticker and be proud that you performed your civic duty.

State Representative Candidate Denise Weldon-Siviy

While viewership of the Presidential debates has been high, the debate between myself and Incumbent Dan Moul for the 91st District House seat was far more informative. No drama, no accusations or posturing. Just clear answers from both candidates to the same questions about the major issues facing the Pennsylvania legislature.

The difference between our candidacies is crystal clear. Dan focused on apportioning blame for Pennsylvania's problems. At various points, he blamed our current governor, previous governors, other legislators, and the teacher's union. He resorted to partisanship frequently, noting "I won't tell you which party he's in, but..." when assigning blame. At no point did he accept any personal responsibility for his lack of success.

While Dan focused on assigning

blame, I focused on the need to work together to solve those problems.

I think the most telling part of the debate is when Dan explained why he believes he hasn't been able to deliver on his promise to lower property taxes or resolve major budget deficits in education, specifically pensions.

In his exact words, "When you say that you have been there 10 years and haven't fixed it, for anyone who understands how it works up there, first of all 10 years is not a ton of time, even though it sounds like a ton of time, I haven't reached enough seniority yet to even become a chairman of a committee let alone the guy that makes the decisions as to what bills come to the House floor. OK?"

Dan's argument at this point is that we should keep him in Harrisburg, even though he hasn't delivered on his promises, because only "senior" career politicians

can make a difference. This is a far cry from his campaign rally in 2006 to "end" professional politicians.

Dan advocated for "Term Limits" when he ran in 2006. He wanted to end "professional politicians". He was right then. In the 10 years since, we've paid him over \$850,000 and he's changed his mind about term limits. Obviously, that benefits him. But does it benefit you?

As for Dan's claim that only "senior" (i.e. "professional"?) politicians can make a difference, I completely disagree. Lead-

ership isn't something that's handed out in exchange for seat time. It does not require decades. It requires initiative and determination. If you want to be a leader, you need to just be a leader. Make the establishment listen and take notice.

The professional politicians in Harrisburg have not served us well. We need people who are willing and able to change the status quo.


The other thing that will stand out from the debate is how often we agree on issues of taxes and balancing the bud-

get. The real difference is that you already know that Dan can't deliver.

But please, don't take my word for it. Listen to Dan's answers to questions about important state issues and compare them to mine. Make an informed decision. The debate is available at <https://vimeo.com/187731403>. Please watch it!

After you compare our positions side by side, please vote for the person best qualified to represent your needs in Harrisburg. Vote for me - Denise Weldon-Siviy.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

The eye is the lamp of the body

Fr. Elias Yelovich
Orthodox Mission of the Entrance
of the Theotokos into the Temple

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! (Matthew 6: 22-23).

One of the movies which most everyone of my generation has seen is a 1962 film starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke called *The Miracle Worker*.

If you have not seen it, you must do so. It portrayed the story of Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan. Helen Keller was born in the year 1880, and when she was very young suffered from a disease (perhaps Scarlet Fever or Meningitis) that left her blind and deaf at a very early age. Unable to see; unable to hear; and, consequently unable to speak, she was plunged into a world of absolute silence, darkness and loneliness; unimaginable and seemingly hopeless.

Helen's parents sent her for whatever help could be given to the famous Perkins School of the Blind in Massachusetts. A former student there, Anne Sullivan, moved in with Helen and her family, and over a period of much time, with much patience and perseverance and a series of strong battles of wills, the teacher-therapist helped Helen come out of her lonely misery.

Little by little she worked with Helen, challenging, pushing, wait-

ing and working to help the child know that she was not alone, teaching her to understand and communicate, and eventually giving her the one priceless quality that seemed impossible to attain – the quality of hope.

Of course the story of Helen Keller is known by most Americans; several states have holidays commemorating her birthday on June 27 (Pennsylvania among them). And at least when I was in school, her story was taught as a lesson in perseverance, patience and the value of teaching.

I think of this story whenever I read the account of our Lord healing the man born blind; it is told by St. John in the 9th chapter of his Gospel. The hopelessness of the blind man is overturned by the presence of the Incarnate Savior, Jesus Christ, Who heals him with a word. The blind man is brought to faith and gives witness to those around him to the Lordship of the Jesus Christ.

He is opposed by the enemies of Jesus, the Pharisees and scribes from the temple, who in their unbelief seek ways to find fault with the One Who gave the gift of sight. St. John describes the miracle clearly: the man who had been born blind, now sees – not only with his physical eyes, but with the “eyes of his heart,” he sees the truth – that Jesus Christ is Lord. Those who oppose Jesus, however, born with their physical sight intact, are the ones who are truly blind; the “eyes of their heart” are clouded, dark, closed to the Light of Truth. They have closed the eyelids of their souls

to God. The man born physically blind has been given hope, while they, the leaders, temple priests and scribes, they are without hope, for they have cast themselves into the darkness of unbelief willfully.

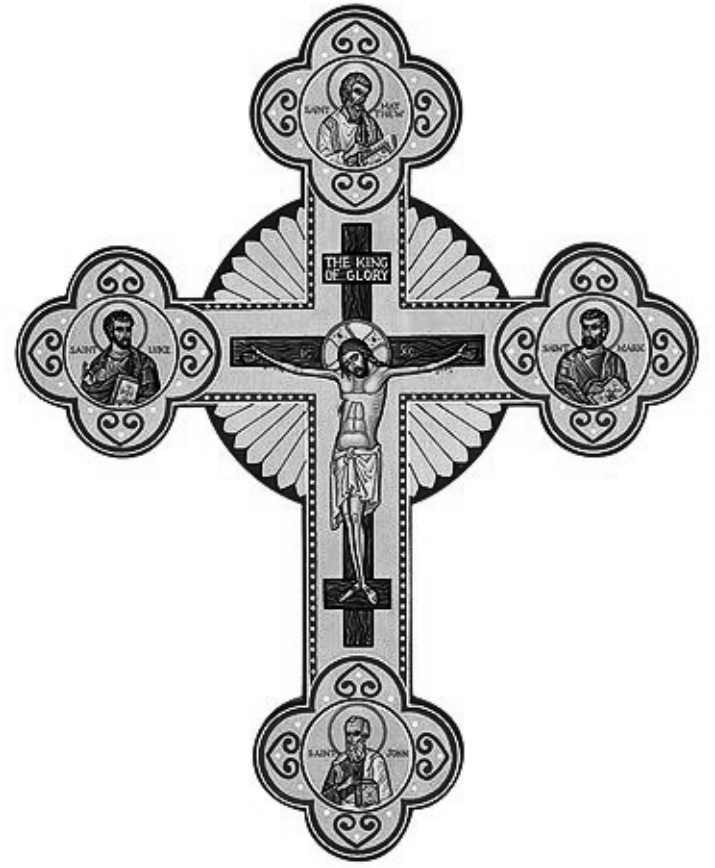
Brothers and Sisters, each of us is like the man born blind. The eyes of our hearts have been darkened through sin and can be enlightened only through the action and grace of God Himself. Each of us lives in the loneliness of our own blindness, deafness and dumbness like Helen Keller, until we are brought into communion with the Lord and through Him with one another.

Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can each of us be given hope, for He alone is the fulfillment of our inmost needs and purest desires. And the role that each of us has in the Life of Hope given to us, the life of Christian discipleship, is to be like Anne Sullivan to the countless young “Helen Kellers” around us.

Sometimes this means we must be patient; other times it means we must oppose the will of the other if it is directed to actions and words that hurt. Always it means we must persevere and teach – not with words, but with actions. We teach others how to love only by loving others in our actions. This is what the “miracle worker,” Anne Sullivan did with Helen Keller; and this, Brothers and Sisters, is what we must do with those around us who are spiritually blind, deaf and dumb.

Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” for it was on a Sunday that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Every Sunday is a sign of the life-giving grace bestowed upon us through the Resurrection of the Savior from the dead. He Who overcame the last enemy, death, offers and truly bestows on all who will receive, the grace of Life Eternal and the hope which that brings. It is the only hope we will know in this world of lost souls and otherwise hopeless dead ends.

Christ is Risen! Death has been overthrown! The blind see, the deaf hear and those in despair have Good News preached to them. The “eyes of our hearts” have been en-



lightened with the self-giving uncreated grace of the Lord. Let us receive Him with joy and bring Him to so many around us who are in such desperate need!

Remember what the LORD has done for you! Give Him thanks and praise! Glory to His NAME in all things!

The Orthodox Mission of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Entrance Mission), located at 306 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, was established in November of 2010 by a small group of Orthodox Christians who left the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America to practice Traditional Orthodox Christianity.

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The Gunpowder Plot



Like the Bartholomew massacre at Paris in 1572, and the Irish massacre of 1641, the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, standing as it were midway, at a distance of about thirty years from each of these events, has been the means of casting much obloquy on the adherents of the Roman Catholic religion. It would, however, be a signal injustice to connect the Catholics as a body with the perpetration of this atrocious attempt, which seems to have been solely the work of some fanatical members of the extreme section of the Jesuit party.

The accession of James I to the throne had raised considerably the hopes of the English Catholics, who, relying upon some expressions which he had made use of while King of Scotland, were led to flatter themselves with the prospect of an unrestricted toleration of the practice of their faith, when he should succeed to the crown of England. Nor were their expectations altogether disappointed. The first year of James's reign shews a remarkable diminution in the amount of fines paid by popish recusants into the royal exchequer, and for a time they seem to have been comparatively unmolested. But such halcyon-days were not to be of long continuance.

The English parliament was determined to discountenance in every way the Roman Catholic religion, and James, whose pecuniary necessities obliged him to court the good-will of the Commons, was forced to comply with their importunities in putting afresh into execution the penal laws against papists. Many cruel and oppressive severities were exercised, and it was not long till that persecution which is said to make 'a wise man mad,' prompted a few fanatics to a scheme for taking summary vengeance on the legislature by whom these repressive measures were authorised.

The originator of the Gunpowder Plot was Robert Catesby, a gentleman of ancient family, who at one period of his life had become a Protestant, but having been reconverted to the Catholic religion, had endeavoured to atone for his apostasy by the fervour of a new zeal. Having revolved in his own mind a project for destroying, at one blow, the King, Lords, and Commons, he communicated it to Thomas Winter, a Catholic gentleman, who at first expressed great horror, but was afterwards induced to cooperate in the design. He it was who procured the co-adjutorship of the celebrated Guido or Guy Fawkes a gentleman of good family, actuated by a spirit of ferocious fanaticism.

Other confederates were gradually assumed. One of the party, named Thomas Percy, a gentleman-pensioner at the court of King James, agreed to hire a house adjoining the building

where the parliament met, and it was resolved to effect the purpose of blowing the legislature into the air by carrying a mine through the wall.

To avert suspicion while they occupied the house hired by Percy, they had laid in a store of provisions, so that all necessity for going out to buy these was obviated. Whilst in silence and anxiety they plied their task, they were startled one day by a rumbling noise was heard directly over their heads, and the fear seized them that they had been discovered. They were speedily, however, reassured by Fawkes, who, on going out to learn the cause of the uproar, ascertained that it had been occasioned by a dealer in coal, who rented a cellar below the House of Lords, and who was engaged in removing his stock from that place of deposit to another. Here was a golden opportunity for the conspirators. The cellar was forth-with hired from the coal merchant. Thirty-six barrels of gunpowder, which had previously been deposited in a house on the opposite side of the river, were then secretly conveyed into this vault. Large stones and bars of iron were thrown in, to increase the destructive effects of the explosion, and the whole was carefully covered up with fagots of wood.

These preparations were completed about the month of May 1605, and the confederates then separated till the final blow could be struck. Extensive preparations had been made during the summer months, both towards carrying the design into execution, and arranging the course to be followed after the destruction of the King and legislative bodies had been accomplished. New confederates were assumed as participators in the plot, and one of these, Sir Everard Digby, agreed to assemble his Catholic friends on Dunsmore Heath, in Warwickshire, as if for a hunting-party, on the 5th of November.

On receiving intelligence of the execution of the scheme, they would be in full readiness to complete the revolution thus inaugurated, and settle a new sovereign on the throne. The proposed successor to James was Prince Charles, afterwards Charles I. Guy Fawkes was to ignite the gunpowder by means of a slow-burning match, which would allow him time to escape before the explosion, and he was then to embark on board a ship waiting in the river for him, and proceed to Flanders.

The fatal day was now close at hand, but by this time several dissensions had arisen among the conspirators on the question of giving warning to some special friends to absent themselves from the next meeting of parliament. Catesby, the prime mover in the plot, protested against any such communications being made, asserting that few

communication in question was the only avowed or ascertained method by which the King's ministers were guided in detecting the plot.

Though the conspirators were made aware, through a servant of Lord Mounteagle, of the discovery which had been made, they nevertheless, by a singular infatuation, continued their preparations, in the hope that the true nature of their scheme had not been unfolded. In this delusion it seems to have been the policy of the government to maintain them to the last. Even after Suffolk, the Lord Chamberlain, and Lord Mounteagle had actually, on the afternoon of Monday the 4th November, visited the cellar beneath the House of Lords, and there discovered in a corner Guy Fawkes, who pretended to be a servant of Mr. Percy, the tenant of the vault, it was still determined to persist in the undertaking.

At two o'clock the following morning, a party of soldiers under the command of Sir Thomas Knevet, a Westminster magistrate, visited the cellar, seized Fawkes at the door, and carried him off to Whitehall, where, in the royal bedchamber, he was interrogated by the king and council, and from thence was conveyed to the Tower.

It is needless to pursue further in detail the history of the Gunpowder Plot. On hearing of Fawkes's arrest, the remaining conspirators, with the exception of Tresham, fled from London to the place of rendezvous in Warwickshire, in the desperate hope of organizing an insurrection. But such an expectation was vain. Pursued by the civil and military authorities, they were overtaken at the mansion of Holbeach, on the borders of Staffordshire, where Catesby and three others, refusing to surrender, were slain. The remainder, taken prisoners in different places, were carried up to London, tried, and condemned with their associate Guy Fawkes, who from having undertaken the office of firing the train of gunpowder, came to be popularly regarded as the leading actor in the conspiracy. Leniency could not be expected in the circumstances, and all the horrid ceremonies attending the deaths of traitors were observed to the fullest extent. The executions took place on the 30th and 31st of January, at the west end of St. Paul's Churchyard.

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Words from Winterbilt

The candidates - perceptions and choice

Shannon Bohrer

Much of the news coverage about the presidential election has been about the dislike of both candidates. There has been coverage of what the candidates have proposed, but, most of the news is about weird things that Donald says and the cloud that follows Hillary. According to the news, Hillary Clinton has a perception and trust problem which is directly related to her likeability.

I think Hillary's issue of likeability goes back for some time. If you are in public service for over 30 years, you are bound to have some history. Some trust issues started with the Whitewater investigation - that according to many still clouds Hillary's image. The investigation was started after a news article in the New York Times, reporting on the Clinton's real-estate investments. They were from the 1970's and 1980's and the article was published during the presidential campaign in 1992. Initially a special prosecutor, Robert Fisk, was appointed to investigate the matter, but he was replaced by Kenneth Starr in 1994.

In 1996, Hillary Clinton testified before a grand jury concerning her investments in Whitewater. She was and has been the only first lady ever summons to testify to a grand jury. The grand jury did produce indictments and trials that resulted in convictions, but the Clintons were not among the indictments. What the investiga-

tion did reveal was that the Clinton's lost money with their investment in Whitewater and President Bill Clinton had committed adultery. The special prosecutor examined everything for over five years and found nothing on Hillary and found an adultery case against her husband. It really doesn't sound like much of a scandal.

While Hillary was not charged with anything, her husband; President Bill Clinton was impeached by the House of Representative in December 1998. He had lied about his adultery. He was acquitted by the Senate in February 1999. However, being acquitted did not mean that the Clintons were off the hook. We also had "Travel gate", "File gate" and "Vince Foster's death." The "gates" and "Foster's death" were all side issues investigated by Kenneth Starr and the grand jury, but again nothing was found. In fact Kenneth Starr withheld the lack of evidence in these matters during the 1998 congressional elections and he was criticized for doing so. It was believed that the investigations were politically motivated. While nothing was found, the cloud of uncertainty remained. Sound familiar?

When Hillary Clinton was a Senator from New York, she had positive likeability numbers, over 67 percent at one time. In 2008 when she ran for President, she also had positive numbers. As Secretary of State her numbers were also positive but during that time they stated to turn. It is my be-

lief her numbers turned for several reasons. One was that she was working for the first black person in the White House. The second being that Congressional leaders made it clear that their priority during President Obama's first term, was to see he did not have a second term. And third, after his reelection the same leaders made it clear their priority was to see him fail. Hillary was viewed in ways very similar to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. Christie was vilified by the GOP leaders just for shaking President Obama's hand, so I can only assume that it must be bad luck to shake the president's hand.

After Hillary's position as Secretary of State, it was widely expected that she would run for president. To deal with that possible threat the opposition created the Benghazi investigation committee. A few facts about the committee:

The estimated cost of the investigation to the taxpayers is over 23 million.

The State Department reported that it has spent over 14 million responding to the EIGHT congressional investigations of Benghazi. This include turning over tens of thousands of pages, interviews, witnesses and briefings.

In late 2015, republican and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarty said, "Everybody thought Hillary Clinton was unbeatable, right? But we put together a Benghazi special committee, a select committee. What are her numbers today? Her numbers are dropping.

Why? Because she is un-trustable. But no one would have known any of that happened, had we not fought." After this admission there was a scramble to downplay the Majority Leader's words. However three additional republicans admitted to the committee's goals of "clouding" Hillary's image. Republican congressman, Rep. Richard Hanna said the committee was "designed to go after" Hillary.

The House Intelligence Committee, which is Republican controlled, said that the CIA and the U.S. Military responded appropriately in the 2012 attack at Benghazi. They also said there was no wrongdoing by the Obama administration appointees. The investigation showed that no Military was close enough to send and the CIA was not sending arms from Libya to Syria. They did find that the Intelligence analysts made the wrong calls, but not the political appointees.

There was also the Accountably Review Board investigation by the State Department. That investigation held over 30 hearings with over 50 senior level staff and disclosed over 100,000 pages of documents. According to this report, Hillary did nothing wrong.

Of course, during the committee investigation it was learned that Hillary had a private email server and we all know how that turned out. Hillary was accused of hiding something because 30,000 private emails were erased. The fact is that a contractor that managed the server deleted the emails.

When the FBI did their investigation they said they found 15,000 missing emails that Hillary did not turn over. And, possibly 30 of those were related to Benghazi. What did not make headlines, but it was reported, was that

the State Department came back and said only 3 of the emails were new, all of the others were duplicates. 15,000 duplicates - and this was the FBI. It was also reported that altogether there were hundreds of lawyers working on the emails, which include emails from the State Department, other federal agencies and her home server. While sorting them for request and summonses, I guess they missed a few.

I don't think there are too many people that could withstand the numerous investigations without bringing something to light, but she has. As a committee members said, the investigation was "designed to go after" Hillary Clinton and it worked, they did a good job. How do we know, because she is stuck with Benghazi - even after being cleared by three different investigations? People still bring up white water, as if she was charged and found guilty.

Hillary Clinton has served in the public forum for over 30 years and through all of those investigations they found she sent some emails and she still has that perception and trust problem. But, if you don't like her, then vote for Trump, he has no cloud around him. Well, there are the six bankruptcies, the hundreds of civil suits and the fact that FactCheck.org, says he was the most untruthful candidate in the election. There is also the issue of his charity scam, but I am sure that will be cleared up with the release of his tax returns. And to be safe I should include anything he says or does until Election Day. He has no cloud, it's more like mud.

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Common Cents

Manhattan money

Ralph Murphy

Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen speaking at a Washington meeting of the Board of Governors noted the continued health in the economy and wouldn't commit to any change in the federal funds interest rate until December. Interest rates encourage borrowing or saving and are a primary source of manipulating the money supply. The federal funds rate she cited amounts to almost nothing as the system has developed since 2008. The cash provided by the Fed is alternately managed and available from private sector manipulators with new and illegal access to stored government-held deposits.

The Federal Reserve Bank (The Fed) has two primary objectives relevant to the economy's financing. It is chartered with regulating the banks as well as the money supply. Policy options used to be fairly simple as the central bank would buy and sell bonds from institutional investors in open market operations (OMO's) to raise or lower the currency levels. Private investors could also serve as currency brokers for the economy through purchases of direct Fed loans that pay interest at a "dis-

count window" from the Treasury or stored central funds. There was also a Reserve Requirement that froze the funds in private vaults. Interest rates have been near zero since 2008 when the federal funds rate that Ms. Yellen cited was split into a "target rate" - the one she said may change shortly - and an "effective federal funds rate". This is the one that banks report they used in an average of interbank loans as reported by private banks. It's at variance with the target rate and the Fed has to retain control of the money supply as outright grants or Repurchasing Agreements (Repos) have been arranged as well. These require little oversight and often come with no interest for borrowers.

The Federal Open Market Committee doesn't publicly report the Repurchasing Agreements (Repo's) to the conventional press as New York-based "borrowers" now operate out of a System Open Market Account (SOMA) tied to the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The Repo funds are taken from central bank vaults in "a deposit for a defined time period" and made available by the Fed to a very limited group of bankers. There are varied estimates but it could credibly involve fewer than 25 commercial borrowers. These actions are surely illegal as the Fed

outflow would require Congressional approval as Treasury issue. That Constitutional mandate was more for payment, but the modern supply of transaction currency ideally would also reflect it. Storage of working capital by the government simply isn't working as the access group of private sector investors use it as their pooled account. It's in the system but the Fed lacks real control.

The mortgage market that helped cause the liquidity shortage with a drawdown in 2008, ushered in other investor concerns with international fallout and repercussions. A one time financial services group called LIBOR or "London Interbank Offered Rates" has made news in recent years for their actions tied to their mortgage division. It provided governing authorities in England and abroad, interest rate portfolios reported as required by member banks, but established a "benchmark" that the banks had to charge or be pursued by respective justice departments. These departments could task them although they were still operating from the private sector. Benchmark rates are generally associated with cartels or price manipulation. Those markets are primarily for primitive, primary markets as commodities. Pooled money could theoretically be

viewed as a resource to access. However, flippant regard for the money is not the same as losing the mineral wealth- although the access authorities appear to equate them. Libor has been regulated by NYSE Euronext, Inc. since 2014 when it assumed a controlling interest. Banks still report the interest rates they pay worldwide and the arbitrage or divergences from the benchmark rate are penalized.

The money supply provision mentioned earlier is a central bank dictate but cannot be tied to politics and must be linked to actual earnings in national income changes as reflected by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For example the labor market is often cited as a reason to alter Fed rates, and while it is important to production, it is but one of the aggregate earnings. Money supply changes affect it, as does all other production in the monitored cycle.

The interest rates to policy issue reflects inflation concerns and there are two types of inflation. One erodes the purchasing power of money and the other maintains it if the money supply and price rises match new supply and demand of GDP. The challenge is to provide the money to meet short term demand. With today's new technology, they can and should be able to tabulate rates far more often than the seven Federal Reserve meetings held each year. The rates could be tabulated daily or each night with an eye toward symmetry

of GDP and new money supply.

The provision of new transaction currency should go back to the discount rate that is interest rate controlled. OMO's still would work but the federal funds rates have to be dropped as do the new Repos due to real criminal theft issues. Reserve Requirements could be used but would be slow to effect loans. The old Fed tools that were employed as the interest rates for borrowing have to be restored. The Repo seems to serve the very few bankers or dealers who have access to the Fed.

Private sector banks are still an effective broker for Fed cash and can fuel new growth based upon expansion of the economy. But, they must be regulated as to competence and integrity based on past and future dealings that relate to the lending targets. Repatriating foreign money would also have an impact on the domestic market, but must be monitored closely as the funds may not reflect "value added" or new production source needs. It is important that authorities determine the value a currency should maintain amid changes in production. They should act with policies that are tied to that alone. Playing politics or trusting the traders has proven costly without oversight or accords that are tied to need.

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The American Mind

The election may be ending, but the fight is just starting

William Hillman

Is the system rigged? The fix was in: Ask Sanders. In the Democratic primaries, the big enthusiastic crowds were all for senator Bernie Sanders. Thanks to leaked emails, we know that the super delegates, Democratic National Committee, the White House, and a collaborationist press were colluded to deny Sanders any chance at the nomination.

You are naive if you think the fix stopped at the primary.

Anyone that denies the existence of voting fraud has his or her head in the sand. I've seen it firsthand and have heard about it my whole life. Take this headline from the Baltimore Sun, May 19th of this year: "About 1,000 more votes were cast during Baltimore's primary election than there were voters who checked in at the polls, an ongoing state review has found."

In the days of the mechanical voting machines in Philadelphia, a decent paying job on Election Day was "dusting." The job of a duster was to be the first to "vote." Once in the machine, he would apply a phosphorus powder to all the levers that were not to be pulled. At the exit of the polling location a black light would be hung. Under this light, the ward leader would thank each voter for coming and voting with something called the "Philly handshake," a palm up handshake. The black light and phosphorus powder would give away anyone who voted "incorrectly." Punishment for improper voting could include loss of patronage and city em-

ployment and withholding of city services. I have no idea if this goes on in the city today. I do know, in recent years, Black Panthers have been used to intimidate voters at polling locations.

Out of state college students are encouraged to register to vote at their school while maintaining registration at home. You can cast an absentee ballot at home and vote in person at school. It's illegal, but it's done.

My entire life there has been anecdotal stories of big city political organizations registering dead people to vote. Now, political organizations register illegal aliens to vote. When Republicans pushed to implement Voter ID laws, the progressives countered by giving illegals driver's licenses.

In an email posted by Wikileaks, Podesta wrote that illegal immigrants with driver's licenses should be allowed to vote: "I think Teddy's idea scratches the itch, is pretty safe and uncomplicated. On the picture ID, the one thing I have thought of in that space is that if you show up on Election Day with a driver's license with a picture, attest that you are a citizen, you have a right to vote in Federal elections."

I refer you to James O'Keefe's video series "Rigging the Election."

The bigger question is, how big will these instances of voter fraud be, and will they be enough to affect the outcome of the presidential election. I would say most likely not.

Let's look at the major media. Donald Trump's success in the primary is due to two things. First, he had the right message on national sover-

eignty and employment. His message resonated with a large sector of the American population that had been ignored and had dropped out of political participation.

The second element of his success is the press. For years he's been tuning his celebrity status. He's learned to work the media and he knows what earns airtime. It's like they used to say about Howard Stern, people listened to him just to hear what he would say next. In the crowded field of the Republican primary, all attention was on him. Few of the other candidates received much airtime. The Republican primary debate had record audiences. People were not tuning in to watch Ben Carson or Ted Cruz. They wanted The Donald.

But the mass media is a vicious partner. And it has turned Trump.

In the general election, the media has ignored the mounting evidence of Hillary's lies, corruption, and manipulation. They will take a half hour speech by Trump and edit it to a five second clip with the intent of defacing him. They will not show him talking about the issues that have galvanized people around him.

The most important issues to the voters in this year's election are secure borders, and an end to trade policies that have shipped abroad the jobs and arrested the wages of working Americans.

Hillary Clinton's speech to Brazilian bankers (for which she was paid \$225,000), revealed her dreams of a "common market, with open trade and open borders" from Nome, Alas-



ka to the southern tip of South America. That would mean the end of the USA as an independent nation. A nation without borders is not a nation. The American press, who is in bed with and in many cases outright owned by transnational corporations, is more interested in old tapes of Mr. Trump on the Howard Stern Show.

Is there any wonder why the crowds of thousands at his rallies break into chants of "CNN sucks"?

"Big money and the media power of the establishment elites and the transnationals may well prevail."

And if they do, Middle America – those who cling to their Bibles, bigotries and guns in Barack Obama's depiction, those "deplorables" who are "racist, sexist, xenophobic, homophobic", who are "not America" and are "irredeemable" in Hillary Clinton's depiction – will have to accept the new regime.

But that does not mean they must

love it, like it, or respect it.

Because, in the last analysis, yes, Virginia, the system is rigged." – Patrick Buchanan / Oct 18, 2016

I think Mr. Buchanan is right. I really don't see Trump winning the election. But that's okay; this is just the first round. Mr. Trump has brought to the forefront issues that the media and the political establishment have ignored and pushed under the rug for years. They now know the American public will not stand by like sheep being brought to the slaughter while they sell our country to the multinational corporation. Trump may not have scored the winning touchdown, but he has moved the ball far down the field and shown the great vulnerability of the political elite.

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Down Under

Radical Solutions

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The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.

—Winston Churchill, September 1943

You are about to venture into the unknown again, a nail biting journey into discovering the reality of having someone new as president, as well as a whole new corpus of civil servants. Yes, I realize you believe you already know what to expect, but from past experience I can say you are wrong.

It's possible, even likely, that Donald will have either fallen on the sword or the Republican party will have used the guillotine before then. Not to do so would give an imprimatur to immorality, chicanery, blatant dishonesty and total disregard for the welfare all Americans by the whole of the Republican party, which no one could seriously entertain. Of course the question of how this came to pass will reverberate around the nation for a few days or weeks, then quietly fade because more important issues will be on the cycle.

They will seem to be more important, but are they? Trump type issues are far from uncommon, and stem

from the fear of asking one simple question: WHY? Why did his message of overthrowing the system appeal so strongly? Why did 9/11 occur? Why was laissez faire economics allowed to spiral out of control? Why have the extreme right been allowed to dictate foreign policy? These and similar fundamental questions have generally been ignored by politicians and the media, because they are at odds with underlying national philosophy: A nation as great as ours makes the rules and answers to no one.

This is the pride that comes before the fall, and contrary to all sense, continues to dominate thinking – and the further to the right the more the domination. Introspection is not a word that's preached from pulpits, consideration of weakness is a venal sin, and while Darwin is often a dirty word, survival of the fittest is the jacket fitted to all citizens.

When congress decides that the first order of business is not to secure supply but to perform some soul searching and admit that the American way has been derailed, and then to put everything off until a plan is forged to not only determine why these catastrophes happened, but the ways in which they can be put right. Solutions depend

on understanding the problem in detail, beginning with, 'What have WE done wrong?' OK, that's a pipedream, but some real soul searching has to be done, some high level humility shown if the underlying causes of this mess are to be dealt with.

Like many great ideas a free market economy was an astounding addition to trade, creating prosperity for the middle class while keeping the ratio of wealth dispersion in bounds. Coupled with laissez faire economics and the dismantling of regulatory controls, the prosperity of commerce was a firework that sparked copies around the world. The morality of this was never discussed, because it was known that the probity of CEO's and boards was as good as gold.

Government was inefficient, wasteful, interfered in business – which was totally able to run its own affairs. Yet a major or crisis erupted, one that very nearly destroyed you and us. How could this be? Simple: probity had turned into greed. When corporations are allowed to police their own worlds they make rules to suit themselves. They deny others the ability to discover or understand what they are doing. This transformation occurs for one, and only one reason: the quest for profit outstrips all other considerations. Politics is only a means to an end, no matter which side you're on, and the assurances of adhering to the law are tongue in cheek at best.

Social responsibility, moral recti-

tude, community connections are put aside for the pursuit of gain. Legislation is geared to enhance this process. Neoliberalism is sold as the panacea for all problems, checkbacks and crutiny are diverted, and it finishes up with the only thing trickling down from the heights is the sewage. Milton Friedman, for all his promise, forgot just how corrupt the worship of money makes anyone.

That's what Mr. Trump has actually focussed on, the resulting decimation of the middle class. That he's quite unfit to become president does not alter this, but it does raise a seemingly insoluble problem: What on earth can the Republican party do about it? Even more importantly, what can America as a whole do about it? Well, at the distance I live from you, and free from the many minor issues that hover around this issue, there is one thing that stands out. It's not something that is allowed by the constitution, but is something that was ratified as recently as 1950. That is, the number of terms a president can serve in succession. So here it is:

Arrange for President Obama to stay on another term. Let him step down for a day, then be reappointed. He is the ONLY president you have had in the past fifty years with a clear vision for the future, a moral perspective, the ability to address the enormous problems you and the western world now face, and above all to present to the world a picture of an America that is powerful,

mindful and sane. The whole world (except China, Russia, North Korea, and Syria) would breathe a sigh of relief. So would 90% of all Americans, once they began to see the results.

I guess that solution is rather unlikely, so here is another solution: You may recall the war crime tribunals after WW 2, where the usual excuse for those crimes was 'I was just carrying out orders.' That didn't go down too well, and many Nazis were executed because obeying an order does not absolve you for carrying out a crime against humanity.

So if Mr. Trump or Ms Clinton are elected and subsequently order any of you to take unconscionable actions, saying 'NO' will at least show your countrymen and the rest of the world that morality is alive and well in America. You may go down in history as the martyrs that changed the world, and not the cowards that allowed it to go to hell – it is the future of the world that is at stake here.

Given that, you can and must find the will and means to achieve either option – or others as radical. As Winston Churchill said, the empires of the future are the empires of the mind.

Barak Obama has the best mind to lead your country, the best of your citizens have the resolve.

Let's make the world as safe as possible.

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THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

Following a wandering mind

Bill Meredith

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
— I took the one less travelled by..."*
—Robert Frost, "The Road Less
Taken."

*"The road to Hell is paved with good
intentions."*
—attributed to John Ray (1670),
who probably paraphrased it from
Bernard of Clairveaux (1150), who
probably swiped it from Virgil's Aeneid
(29 BC).

I taught an assortment of biology courses for 41 years, and I got in the habit of working on a rigorous schedule. Each day was an orderly sequence of lectures, labs, committee meetings and conferences with students, with reading, grading and preparation squeezed into any gaps. But suddenly, in May of 1998, that all ended. I retired, and Order was replaced with Chaos. It was stressful for a while, but at some point I came across this quotation by Christopher Morley:

*"Read, every day, something no one else
is reading. Think, every day, something
no one else*

*is thinking. Do, every day, something
no one else would be silly enough to do.*

It is bad

*for the mind to continually be part
of unanimity."*

I found that appealing, especially the part about doing something silly; so I adopted it as a new scheduling paradigm for my retirement.

My wife's adjustment to retirement was more seamless, but I have noticed in recent years that she is of a more

nervous disposition than she used to be. When we got married, she never seemed to worry about anything; she slept like the proverbial log, assuming that sleeping logs roll around a lot. But over the last few years she has got into the habit of worrying about whether the bathroom is still there, and she gets up in the middle of the night to check on it... sometimes more than once. I have tried to take the logical approach that if the bathroom was actually gone, we couldn't do anything about it until morning, so I never get up. But it is starting to make me wonder if other things might have happened and I missed them.

I'm pretty sure I would notice it if the bathroom disappeared, for that would not be an ordinary event. But I do miss things that are ordinary, just because I forget to look for them. For example, I have four small friends who enjoy being amazed, and I meant to get up early on September 22 and mark the direction of the sunrise on the sidewalk with chalk, so we could measure it with a compass. It should have been due east that day, and then if we had measured it a month later it should have been several degrees further south; and we could have talked about it and maybe figured out why. But I forgot to get up that morning, so I missed it. Of course, we could do that exercise any time and find the sun rising in a different place a month later; but the ideal teaching moment would have been to start on one of the cardinal points of the compass. It's not too big a deal; I'm pretty sure there will be another equinox next March... if I don't forget again.

Forgetting is a problem when you get to a certain age. My daily schedule this summer was to get up early



when it was cool and work outside until I got hot and sweaty. The intention was to pick some tomatoes and cucumbers, pull a few weeds, and cut the grass or plant a flower or two for a while; and any time I got tired I could sit down in a lawn chair and sip some coffee while I watched things grow. It was a good intention in theory, but in practice it ended up like the paving stones in a certain well-known road where we would prefer not to go. What actually happened was that I would either doze off to sleep, or my mind would wander off to some less-travelled road.

For example, a week or so ago while dozing in the lawn chair near the plum tree that supports our bird feeder, I noticed that leaves were beginning to fall. It has been a dry season, and the leaves dried up early; and they fluttered aimlessly on the way down. About that time, a chickadee flew into the top of the tree. It looked around to make sure no predators were watching, and then it dropped downward to the feeder, fluttering in a pattern just like the falling leaves. In a few minutes another chickadee arrived the same way... into the treetop, make sure the coast is clear, and flutter down to the feeder. In the next

five minutes the scene was repeated as more chickadees came, and more leaves dropped. Hardly thinking about it, I took out the notebook from my shirt pocket and wrote the following lines:

Chickadees are much like leaves:

They flutter when they drop from trees.

*But leaves aren't like chickadees when
they drop;*

When they reach the feeder, they don't stop.

That kind of doggerel won't allow me to compete with Bob Dylan for the Nobel Prize in Literature, but my wife says it does meet Christopher Morley's standard for silliness. I felt good about it for the rest of the day.

My mind also seems to enjoy wandering off in pursuit of squirrels. Several of them successfully raised families this summer in the Great Forest behind our house, and the young ones quickly learned the way to reach the feeder without the risk of traveling on the ground. Each morning they leave their various nests and follow the trail which leads by leaping from one tree to the next to the big silver maple by the woodpile, then down the grapevine to the apple tree, then to the redbud, and onto the roof of the house. Over the

roof they come, and leap into the plum tree where the feeder is. I watched them early in the summer before they were fully grown; they were clumsy at first, but quickly learned where the feeder with the sunflower seeds hangs, and now they have mastered the technique of hanging from their hind paws while they use their front ones for stealing seeds. They are now molting into their darker winter coats, and a few of them are already starting to compete for dominance in their society. There is a good crop of nuts this year, and they seem to realize that the soft soil of flowerbeds is easier to dig in than the hard-packed soil of the lawn. One of them takes that idea to the extreme; it insists on burying nuts in the flower pot that holds my wife's basil plant, cheerfully digging clear to the bottom of the pot and spilling potting soil all over the sidewalk. The other squirrels tell me his idea for hiding food is too silly to copy; but if he makes it through the winter, he may start a new craze for herb-flavored acorns among his friends next year. I hope I will still be here to see.

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The wood wide web

Tim Iverson
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Imagine yourself in a forest. Within this grove you're liable to see trees, shrubs, birds, mammals, and more. At the base of this, or any given forest, is a thin layer of substrate. Lining all forest floors is a tangle of woody and leafy debris that accumulates over time. On the surface, if you look closely enough, you'll discover tiny decomposers - mainly insects whose job it is to clean this perpetually building mess. Decomposers come in all forms: insects, slugs, molds, fungi. The decomposers consume all the accumulated leafy and woody material and excrete the nutrients out so the forest can continue to grow upwards and outwards. One of the most important agents in this cycle is the one often unseen - the fungus, mycelium. Extending vastly under the soil, surfacing just at the bottom of leaf litter are barely visible thin white threads. This is just the tip of the iceberg. This fungal network, the mycorrhizal network, is an internet - a wood wide web.

It starts with the hyphae of fungus spreading out across the forest floor. Hyphae is a white filament that looks similar to thread or string, and is collectively called mycelium. The hyphae spurs vegetative growth for fungi, and is the first principal agent in breaking down all those leaves and other things in the detritus litter. Enzymes are secreted from these which breaks down the dead plant material, then nutrients are absorbed and carried throughout the body of the fungus. It's a lot like chewing and swallowing.

As this network of mycelium spreads out across the forest floor it connects with other mycelial networks, plants, shrubs, and trees. This interconnected expansive network is called the mycorrhizal network, or more commonly "the wood wide web." Just like the internet is the information superhighway, this wood wide web functions in a similar way. This network collects, transfers, and shares resources such as water, nutrients, and minerals to connected plants and trees across the network. It even appears to act like a banker or resource broker in some instances, and more incredibly as a communicator sharing information between individual organisms within a population.

Like any good banker or broker this exchange comes with a fee. The fungus wraps around and connects itself to the roots of trees and plants. Trees are good at producing sugar, this is where syrup comes from after all. They use some sugar to grow, but the rest is banked or given to the fungus. In exchange the fungus provides the tree with necessary water, carbon, phosphorous, and other nutrients and minerals. Dr. Suzanne Simard conducted an experiment to test this underground economy and

network. She took three different species of tree within a single stand, sealed them in plastic, and sprayed them with a radioactive isotope. They absorbed these isotopes through photosynthesis and then she tested neighboring trees outside of the stand. Outside of the initial 30m by 30m plot other trees were testing positive for the radioactive isotope. After extensive mapping her research showed that a single tree can be connected to as many as 47 other trees (including trees of the same and different species).

Her argument is that a forest is more akin to a superorganism, like a colony of bees. Our traditional view is that trees act as a single organism competing for resources, but this appears not to be the case. Each individual is connected into this fungal network and sends and receives food and resources to each other. In times of abundance they share and bank resources, in times of hardship they can make withdrawals. A German forester, Peter Wohlleben, released a book (The Hidden Life of Trees) that describes a stump from a tree harvested approximately 400 years ago. What is remarkable about this stump is that it is growing and continually adding new tissues and layers. Without leaves to photosynthesize and create sugar this growth would be impossible. His explanation is that this stump was being supported by its neighbors. This mycorrhizal network is like a neurological social network sharing resources and information to those who need it.

When a tree or a plant gets eaten by animals and insects it attempts to defend itself. It sends electrical and chemical signals to other areas of the tree to start producing allelochemicals, which are foul tasting, in order to discourage the attacker. These chemicals and signals are then picked

up by neighboring trees of similar species so they can begin their defense. A well known example of this is with Acacia trees in Africa. Giraffes feast on the leaves, the tree produces these chemicals which are very acidic and cause severe indigestion and can even poison an herbivore in high concentrations. Surrounding trees get the message and start producing these chemicals as well. The giraffe, however, has caught on to this and will bypass two, three, or four surrounding trees before beginning his buffet again in order to avoid this defense mechanism.

Resource exchange has been well documented to occur as seasonal exchanges too. Birch trees are documented as transferring carbon and other resources to Douglas Fir during the summer months when they are surrounded in shade by the taller groves. In the late fall and early spring the pines return the favor by shifting resources back to the birch. When a tree dies or an old stand is doing poorly for extended periods of time they have been documented to dump their resources into the network. In a final last act or dying gasp they will their sugars and nutrients into the wood wide web. Interestingly, these resources don't seem to go to trees of the same species. Research appears to show that these resources are reallocated to younger trees who are better adapted to harsher conditions. For example, in the western United States Dr. Simard has documented that Douglas Fir is sending resources to Ponderosa Pine. The Douglas Fir isn't well adapted to the increasing effects of climatic changes that are ongoing, but the Ponderosa Pine is well suited for these conditions. By exporting carbon and other nutrients to the Ponderosa Pine the forest as a whole is stronger.

The question at large among



Contrary to the long-held idea that plants are uncommunicative, recent research has made it clear that many species conduct lively and informative conversations with one another. Scientists have revealed that plants communicate through the air, by releasing odorous chemicals called volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and through the soil, by secreting soluble chemicals into the rhizosphere and transporting them along thread-like networks formed by soil fungi. And this is more than mere gossip: these signals warn neighbors of the many dangers facing plants.

botanists, foresters, and researchers alike is mostly a matter of intelligence. Science has proven these exchanges are occurring in the mycorrhizal network. What remains to be seen is to what extent does this network act as a broker. Is it simply an economic exchange or does it help to allocate resources to where it can be best

used? One can not simply walk away from this evidence thinking as trees as solitary stoic islands, but rather as intricately interwoven into the social network of the wood wide web.

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REAL SCIENCE

Renewable Energy & Climate Change

Michael Rosenthal

In September of 2011 Constellation Energy announced that they had started construction on a “16.1 megawatt DC grid-connected photovoltaic solar installation” in Emmitsburg. The cost of the project, \$50 million dollars, would be financed, owned, and operated by Constellation Energy. The energy produced was to be purchased by the state of Maryland’s Department of General Services and the University System of Maryland in a 20 year power purchase agreement. The energy being produced from this facility, some 22 million kilowatt-hours of emissions-free electricity, would release 15,170 metric tons of carbon dioxide, if produced from non-renewable sources. The property on which this has been constructed is on 100 acres of land leased from Mt. St. Mary’s University, and some of this power is being directed to the University. This is Maryland’s largest PV (photovoltaic) project, and is a part of the State of Maryland Generating Clean Horizons initiative.

The ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of the project took place in late August, 2012. Another benefit of such a project, said then Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, is the number of solar sector jobs that have been created. He further stated that in five years the solar grid was increased by a factor of 530 and that some 2,000 jobs were created. A year later, in July of 2013, this facili-

ty was designated as Best Solar Project of 2012 at the Fifth Annual Solar Power Generation USA event held in Newport Beach, California.

Another Emmitsburg solar energy operation began a year later on Creamery Road off of Route 15, on property owned by the Town of Emmitsburg, for its waste water treatment plant. Through a competitive bidding process, Standard Solar was awarded this project, a 1.1 megawatt ground-mounted array to be done in two phases, estimated to produce 1400 megawatt hours in its first year. In the Fall of 2015, the Town of Emmitsburg dedicated the solar-powered wastewater treatment plant. A 4.4 million dollar solar array powers the \$19.5 million dollar plant, as well as powering other town-owned buildings and facilities. At the dedication, Mayor Don Briggs announced that “Emmitsburg is now 95 percent reliant on solar energy.”

Wind energy is another important potential source of energy in our future. In August 2016 the first offshore wind farm in American waters was opened near Block Island, R.I. The five turbine wind farm is small, but it is an example of things to come – the use of ocean wind to produce energy with minimal environmental effects. The New York Times and Washington Post stories on this accomplishment state that offshore wind stations could produce as much as four times the energy as is generated on the current American grid from all sources.



Some people object to offshore wind turbines, citing noise, the blight on pristine views, and the above-market costs to consumers, while others focus on their potential to harness the energy of strong ocean winds.

They state that 53 % of Americans live near coasts, so this source of energy can have a huge impact. The idea is not new. Europeans have utilized offshore wind farms for 15 years, but interest in the United States has lagged. Now, such interest is increasing with support from the federal government and states. New York State has committed to getting 50 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030 with a strong interest in wind farms. There is an active proposal to build a 15 turbine wind farm off the eastern coast of Long Island. We have already made strong advances in supplying energy from wind in Texas, Iowa, and other states, accounting for about 5 percent of the country’s energy generation. Some 22 other offshore wind projects are in various stages of development across the country. The Atlantic coast is better for wind farms than the Pacific coast because the water is shallower there; to construct such wind projects on the Pacific coast, where the waters are much deeper, would require more expensive floating plat-

forms. We will surely see more of this direction to produce our energy.

Opposition to wind generated electricity is found among those who have little or no confidence in wind generated electricity, usually because they haven’t learned much about it, and because there is little history to support wind reliability.

Related to our discussion above on sources of energy is the question of climate accord among the countries of the world. Individual countries making rational energy decisions is important, of course, but broad accord across the planet is what we want and what we need.

In the September 15 Washington Post, it was reported that Secretary of State Kerry expressed optimism the Paris climate agreement could become widespread and successful quickly. For the agreement to “enter into force” 55 countries representing 55 % of global emissions must officially join the accord. At that date, 28 countries had done so, including the United States, China, and Brazil, adding up to 41.5 percent of global emissions. The September 22 New

York Times reported that 20 more countries had formally joined the accord! This brought the total to 60 countries said to represent 48 percent of global planet-warming emissions that have bound themselves to the Paris Accord. Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations secretary general expressed optimism, saying “What once seemed impossible now appears inevitable.” The next major United Nations climate change summit meeting is in November in Morocco. Diplomats hope to create an independent body to modify and verify countries’ pollution levels and to use public scrutiny to push countries to reduce their emissions. There is also a problem producing enough money to make it all happen. Under the Paris deal, rich countries voluntarily pledged to spend \$100 billion dollars annually by 2020 to help poor countries adapt to climate change and develop new clean energy technologies.

As we know, there are differences of opinion both within countries (even ours!), and between countries on climate change and what steps to be taken on the issue. There are still those who deny climate change, and there are those who have personal connections that are hard to put aside.

California is a leader in supporting the reduction of carbon emissions. Governor Jerry Brown signed a hugely consequential bill in September to reduce carbon emissions. The state law has a “cap-and-trade” system that makes polluters pay for the emissions they produce. In spite of this law, the state’s economy has grown faster than the rest of the country’s economy in recent years, as have wages. The next step, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 40 % by 2030, is much more ambitious. If President Obama’s Clean Power Plan is approved by the courts, ultimately by The Supreme Court, each state will be required to produce an emissions reduction program.

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Art(ist)

Jack Deatherage

DW stops in the upstairs dining room on her way to what has become our reading room. She shakes her head. "You know you will clean this mess up."

Seated at the table, which could comfortably accommodate four diners if I felt like cooking for so many, I consider expanding it to its full size around which we have seated eight people (back when there were eight people I wanted to cook for).

"Mess?" I survey the several paper mache masks in their varied stages of incompleteness. "This art."

The room temperature rises slightly as Balor, of the evil-eye, attempts to escape DW, the one-eyed's control. Which is kinda cool in that the wheat paste dries a bit quicker, though some of the paper edges begin to smolder, as does my beard.

"Of course I'll clean it up!" I hurriedly scramble to rearrange my paper strips and point out that what paste did get slopped onto the table easily wipes up with a damp kitchen rag.

She stands there watching me, her one eye flicking about in agitation. ("Mad-eye" Moody comes to mind, but I've pushed my luck far enough with the Balor reference.) Oh gods, she's going to ask me what it is I'm doing.

"Just what are you doing anyhow?"

Honesty is always best. "I haven't a damned clue."

She mumbles something that sounds like, "That's what I thought." She moves along to the reading room.

Little does she know how badly she wrecked my commune with a Muse. Gone is the peacefulness I was into as I dipped strips of newspaper into the bowl of wheat paste. The gentle stripping of excess paste from the paper and the carefully thought out placing of the wet strips onto whatever mold I happened to be working suddenly became futile acts leading to no purpose I can define. I'm left thinking.

Dammit. I don't want to think.

Is this art? According to a dictionary; art is "the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power." And "the various branches of creative activity, such as painting, music, literature, and dance."

I'm thinking that what I'm doing is not art, but simple mechanics that might be taken up by a creative person and made into art? There is no creative skill and less imagination involved in what I am doing and anyone looking on my efforts and seeing beauty or emotion in them had to bring such to the table because I sure didn't mix them into the paste!

Back to this thinking thing. Other than the half baked Zen state I was wallowing in, just what was I doing?

With the factory temporarily closed I'm drawing from the unemployment insurance fund DW's da began paying into in my name back in 1973. After a brief expedition to several area restaurants, hoping to be hired as a dishwasher before I signed up for unemployment, I quickly realized there ain't much need for a 62 year old factory drone who will most likely cost more to retrain than he's worth as fertilizer.

Sitting quietly, gluing strips of paper to a balloon at least feels like I'm doing factory work as there ain't no shoe factories around here I can apply to. And maybe some artist can buy my blank masks and turn them into something worth owning? Who knows? I hadn't gotten that far in dealing with the Muse who was helping me learn the mechanics while her sister, who specializes in the art of trade, waited for me to catch a clue. Now, all this thinking, dammit.

And how did I end up gluing strips of paper to molds? Wasn't I going to paint my face and stagger about town as a hobo clown begging for pennies, or offering bread recipes for fifty cents each, or mead recipes for a dollar? Or was I going to tote a sandwich board sign proclaiming the soup of the day for some area restaurant for a percentage of each bowl supped? Or had I planned on promoting the library by standing in front of it being myself? Which leads to the niggling question, am I as senile as I've claimed to be these last 30 years? (That's a question that disrupts DW's peace.)

Whatever I was going to do, clown-face wise, came to an end quickly enough once I realized two things. I ain't shaving, and I haven't enough imagination to work my Spanish mossed mug into a clown face. Still, the clown idea has seized me and won't let go. If I can't paint my face I'll cover it! (People have suggested for decades that they'd be hap-

pier if they didn't have to look at me. Sooo maybe a mask would ease their discomfort?)

I've read that learning new things as one ages helps keep the mind sharp and senility at bay. Maybe so. Paper mache is new to me, though remembering why I'm learning to work it often leaves me puzzled. Some other things that puzzle me are the library books in our reading room that deal with color theory, and how to use acrylics, and making one's own paints.

A book on medieval calligraphy really had me stumped for a few minutes. Decades ago I played around with calligraphy, but soon realized that hands shaking from too much alcohol, or caffeine, weren't of much use for creating a smooth penning style. (Faced with the choice of giving up the drugs or the pen, I, of course, dropped the pen.) But the book also goes into some detail as to how to make egg tempera, the paint the monks used to illuminate their books. It took a minute to remember I'd been arguing with the Mad One (now Citizen Simona, another story in itself) about paints. She telling me to just buy acrylics from Walmart and me grumbling I'll make my own.

Ah-ha! So that's why there are books on color theory and paint making in the upstairs reading room! I was researching. (I knew I'd eventually remember why I'd brought them home.)

Having remembered something vaguely important, I suddenly feel confident enough to open a tube of acrylic paint from Walmart (sigh) and begin spreading it in sloppy strokes with some type of paint brush I'm not sure was made for the way I'm using it. Not that it matters because I notice freshly hand-wound wire springs and some narrow diameter plastic tubing coiled near the masks. Ha! A new puzzle to solve! Something vaguely steampunkish



crosses my mind. Am I making some post-apocalyptic gas mask?

Cool. Maybe I am an "artist". Though "senile" would work just as well, maybe better. Why, in a senile world each day would be a new adventure as I rediscover whatever it was I thought I was doing the day before. Hell, maybe I'll soon achieve

cowhood. (I doubt I'll achieve sainthood.) Cowhood is when you think it's a new day each time you blink. I could live more years than Methuselah if each blink becomes a day!

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What Thanksgiving is all about

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

The humans here talk about something called Thanksgiving. I've heard them mention turkey and family and I'm not sure what they mean.

When the lights go out, I look through the bars of my cage to see if Old Man Smokey is still awake. He's been here since March of 2015. He'll probably know what all the fuss is about.

Smokey's lying with his back to the bars of his cage, so it's tough to tell if he's sleeping or not. I let out a little meow, but he doesn't move. I try getting a little louder and I see him heave a sigh. I know he hears me. I go for one more trilling sound and I find success.

"I hear you kid," Smokey says. "Whatcha want? Tryin' to get my beauty sleep here."

I know Smokey has adapted this persona because he's been here the longest. He tries to play it tough, like the fact that he's lived in a cage for more than a year doesn't bother him at all, but sometimes, just sometimes he lets go of that gruff exterior and shows me that big teddy bear heart of his.

Then he starts talking about tradition and the harvest and tons of food and how it's a time to be grateful for the bounty that people have been given.

I scoff. Grateful. Yeah, right. What do we have to be grateful for? We live in cages.

Myrna in the cage above me sneezes and snuffles. She's been on medication practically since the day she arrived at the shelter and she says she knows it's be-

cause she has to live with so many other cats. She's not used to it. Says something about her immune system. She's convinced the only way for her to get better is to get out of a cage.

But she has to wait for someone to pick her.

The kittens are still playing. The lights have been turned off, guys. How about some sleep? I don't even bother saying anything. They're young. They don't yet understand where they are. Must be nice.

He says gratitude is important for everyone and everything. Including us.

I hear Myrna sigh above me. She's not buying it either.

He rolls over in his cage and seems to focus those gold eyes on me. I know he's been through a lot in his life and when he gets serious like this, I know I'd better listen.

He says Thanksgiving is the one time all year that people stop and look around them. He says out on the streets humans are in constant motion. They always have somewhere to be and somewhere to go and they're always looking for the next bargain or sale or purchase. He says when you're out on the streets, it can be difficult to stay out of their way, especially if you don't know what you're doing.

Street wise, he calls it. You gotta be street wise.

He says some of them seem like they're always trying to find something outside themselves. They gotta have the better car, the better house, the better job, the better income. Better than what, he doesn't know, but

there's a real push to get that extra something. He thinks it's supposed to make them happy.

"But see," he says, and he gets real quiet now and I swear you could hear a pin drop in this place because we're all glued to Smokey's words, "it never really does. All those things, everything they collect, that constant drive for something more, it doesn't really make them happy. Not in here." He curls a paw near his chest.

He says for some humans Thanksgiving is the time to stop the bizarre race. It's a chance to look beyond all the items in their lives and see what really counts—the people, the friends, the love.

"That's what it's about, you all," Smokey whispers. "Love."

Myrna coughs and it sounds a lot like a sarcastic, "yeah, right."

"Don't discount the power of love or gratitude," Smokey warns. It sounds kind of funny coming from him, but you can hear the sincerity for sure.

He says we all have a lot to be grateful for and it's like you can hear the eye rolls. Smokey asks if anyone in the room is hungry. Truly hungry. There's no answer.

He asks if anyone is thirsty. Really thirsty, like you haven't had a sip of water in days. Not a peep.

He wonders if anyone is cold. Actually, rattle-your-bones, I'm-never-getting-warm-again cold. None of us were.

"Living in a cage isn't ideal," he says. "I'll give you that. But the thing is, we don't have it so bad. Believe me, there are plenty other animals out there way, way worse off than us. I've seen it. I've been there. The truth is when your basic sur-

vival needs are met, your natural state is contentment."

We're all pretty quiet.

"Would we like a home? Sure. That's what we're all here for, after all. But don't any one of you forget that we have people here who care a lot about us and we have bowls of food and water and a comfortable blanket to sleep on. We actually do have a lot to be grateful for and maybe while the humans celebrate Thanksgiving, it wouldn't be a bad idea for us to think about it, too."

We all fall asleep that night with Smokey's words whispering through our minds.

And the next day something incredible happens. A woman comes into the shelter looking for the cat who has been here the longest. The staff members take Smokey out of his cage and into the bonding room.

We're all watching intently.

When they come out, the staff member still has Smokey in her arms. She squeezes him and says, "I knew it would

happen for you. Great job, buddy!"

She's taking him out of the adoption area and he's draped over her shoulder. When I look up, he winks at me and that's the last I see of him.

We all seem to sigh collectively and wish our longtime friend well.

As I fall asleep that night, Myrna sniffs above me and whispers, "Happy Thanksgiving," and the sentiment echoes throughout the room.

The power of love and gratitude. There may be something to it after all.

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An appropriate horse

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It is challenging trying to find the "perfect" horse. As I've said in previous articles, the perfect horse doesn't exist, so the goal should instead be to find an appropriate horse for the rider and the family. I've seen numerous clients purchase the wrong horse and get injured. Even a good horse can seriously injure his or her owner, but the appropriate horse is much less likely to cause an injury. The appropriate horse is also a lot more fun for his owner.

While everyone would agree that they are looking for a sweet, gentle, and cooperative horse, the other desired characteristics of the horse (talent, amount of training, age, color, gender) are at the discretion of the future owner. Matching a horse with a good potential owner involves a lot of skill, as well as some luck. That being said, certain horse and rider matches are obviously destined to result in an undesirable situation.

Several years ago I acquired a new client. He was new to horses, and had never owned one before or even really ridden other than a couple of times on guided trail rides at national parks. He called me to come to his farm as he had recently bought a 10 month old paint colt and needed to know how to take care of the horse. He'd bought the farm a year ago and decided that he wanted to get a horse. The farm had about an acre fenced in with a small run-in shed on it that looked like it had previously been used for goats, but a smaller sized horse would be comfortable living in it. The horse, who we will call "Killer", acted like your typical young, baby horse. While I was able to examine and vaccinate Killer, he was very wiggly and lacked training and ground manners.

During the exam, I spoke with the owner about his plans for Killer, the next set of vaccinations and getting Killer castrated. The owner informed me that his plan was to train Killer himself and that he had purchased a book as well as several DVDs on horse training. He was also not planning to get Killer castrated and was going to leave him as a stallion. In addition to wanting to trail ride Killer, the owner also wanted to breed him so he could make a little money with the horse. As the owner was talking, I was thinking to myself that he was going to get himself killed. Very few people have

any business owning a stallion. Stallions can be dangerous. I know several professional riders that have been injured by stallions. Even if a stallion has basic training, making money by breeding a stallion to local mares is usually not a successful endeavor.

The few people who want to breed their mares expect to breed to a stallion who is an experienced and successful competition horse in their discipline of choice. If they want their mare to produce a Quarter Horse barrel racer, they will breed to a Quarter Horse stallion who is a good barrel racer. Another challenge with a stallion is that they are hard to sell should you no longer wish to keep the horse. As this owner was also an inexperienced horseman, he should not be training a young horse without assistance from an experienced trainer. A respected horseman once told me that the combined years of experience between horse and rider should be 10 or greater. For example if a person has been riding regularly for 2 years then they should get a horse that has been being ridden for 8 years. In my mind Killer was a completely inappropriate horse for this owner. If the owner were willing to geld him and send Killer for professional training then it had the potential to turn into a good situation, but otherwise I anticipated disaster.

I discussed my concerns with Killer's owner. I told him that I would be happy to recommend several good trainers in the area and that I would strongly recommend that he reconsider his decision to keep Killer as a stallion. I recommended that the owner do basic genetic testing if he had any thoughts of keeping Killer as a stallion. Having seen two beautiful foals die from the Lethal White genetic syndrome, passed on by an untested stallion, I don't like to see stallions out breeding without appropriate testing. Since Killer looked to be primarily Quarter Horse, he could also be carrying the HYPP genetic abnormality. The owner told me that he was sure Killer was healthy. He wanted to do all the training himself and thought that it would be a good bonding experience for him to learn alongside his horse. He was also adamantly against having Killer castrated. He said he knew that horses were expensive and selling breedings would help offset the cost. I asked the owner if Killer was registered with any of the breed registries or had good bloodlines that made him valuable breed-

ing stock. The owner informed me that while Killer had no papers from a breed registry, since he had fancy markings, the owner knew he could market his stallion.

As the years progressed Killer became increasing dangerous and un-handleable. The owner did decide to castrate Killer, but only after he realized that no mare owner would pay to breed to Killer, and Killer was impossible for him to work around. Each year I suggested that the owner send Killer for training. Not only was the owner unable to ride Killer but he was not able to lead him without being bitten or kicked at. Killer had to be heavily sedated for the farrier. While we had previously been able to put sedatives in Killer's food, the oral sedatives eventually were no longer effective enough that I could work with him and inject him with additional sedation.

I told Killer's owner that I did not feel that I could safely work with Killer and that he needed to find another vet. Only a few months ago I saw on Facebook someone who had posted a GoFundMe page. She had outbid the meat man and bought Killer at an auction. Upon getting him home, she realized that Killer was unhandled and extremely dangerous. She was asking for money to send Killer for professional training. If she couldn't send him for training, she was going to have him euthanized as he was too dangerous to keep. While I don't know what the final outcome was for that horse, I know that situation was probably preventable had Killer's owner gotten him castrated and the appropriate help training him



A sure fire way of knowing if you have the right horse is if they bring a smile to your face every time you ride them. If they do - treasure them!

while he was young. It always saddens me to see an animal suffer due to his owner's stubbornness.

Buying the right horse is not easy, but is really important. If my client had bought a suitable horse, most likely a quiet, older horse, he could have been out enjoying the trails in the parks with his horse. Instead, he spent a lot of money caring for a horse who wasn't able to do the things that the owner enjoyed. His young and untrained horse never learned the skills that would have helped him find

a new home, when the owner could not keep him. A good, honest, trainer, who has good matchmaking skills, would have immediately suggested to the owner that a yearling colt was not a good match for him. The trainer could have helped find a good horse for this owner. Instead, the owner got a horse he couldn't enjoy, and the horse almost ended up as someone's dinner.

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

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THE MASTER GARDENER

Colorful fall!

Mary Ann Ryan
Adams County Master Gardener
Coordinator

As I was driving to work this morning, the colors caught my eye. The various yellows, reds and oranges of maples, and the bronzing of the oaks were just striking, as the sun was peering through the leaves. Autumn brings colors of a different kind. No longer do we see generous varieties of pink, purple and white from flowers, but hot colors or red, orange and yellow from foliage as plants prepare for the winter months ahead.

This seasonal change has not only brought on a change in color in our gardens but a change in our garden chores. The summer was filled with weeding and watering. Days were too hot to begin projects, whether planting or garden construction. But now that the weather is cooler and we've had a bit of rain, hopefully those garden projects have begun again.

Many plants come to life through colorful leaves and bark. Fall is the second best time to plant, so why not design a fall/winter garden? It is important to carefully choose, place and plant your trees and shrubs. The trick is to know what the effect is that you may want, design the area for an all-season garden focusing on the fall and winter, and choose the right plant

for that particular location.

We can create these gardens with just a few good choices of plants that will thrive in our climate. When thinking about designing a fall and winter garden, think about texture and form. Unless you choose an evergreen shrub, leaves will be leaving us this time of year. So bark, color and form become a high importance.

Visit nurseries and garden centers and check out what is available. Many trees, like sweetgum, sourwood, red maples and serviceberry offer wonderful color in the fall. Shrubs, like oakleaf hydrangea and fothergilla are also beautiful during the fall and winter months.

Many shrubs offer beautiful berries, like red chokeberry, inkberry holly and callicarpa that may hold their fruit through the winter, before the birds discover them. Consider mixing plants that have fall and winter interest with the plants that you enjoy in the spring and summer. Here is a short list some plants you may want to try.

Hydrangea quercifolia, oakleaf hydrangea, is a large shrub that not only has summer interest with its big, white conical flowers, but also has terrific red to purple fall color. The bark on the shrub is a cinnamon color and peeling. A native shrub, it is grown best in part shade. This plant will be



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generous with its fall color. Typically reaching a height and spread of 6-8 feet, site this plant in a shrub border or as a specimen plant. Dwarf cultivars are available as well.

Fothergilla gardenii is a great native small to medium sized shrub reaching 4 -6 feet in height as well as spread. It's not only showy in the spring with its white, bottle-brush flowers, but the yellow, orange, and red fall colors are spectacular. This plant is a slow grower, making it a good choice for foundation plantings. It does prefer an acidic soil with good drainage and part sun to full sun.

Aronia arbutifolia, red chokeberry, has proven to be another spectacular native plant for fall and

winter interest. You can enjoy this plants bright red fruit from September through January as well as its red fall color in October. It tolerates most soil types excluding dry, but does prefer well drained soils. It will reach 5-6 feet and is a good selection for the shrub border.

Callicarpa japonica, beautyberry, is a shrub that will stretch 4 to 6 feet in height. It likes full sun to part shade and gets lovely purple berries in the fall - hence the fall attraction of this shrub, as purple is not a common color this time of year. Use this plant for a shrub border, or mix it in with some spring blooming plants. The stems with berries are great for indoor arrangements.

Its native cousin is Callicarpa americana is easy to grow, and slightly faster. Having the same requirements as its Asian cousin, this native can be a bit more difficult to find in the industry, but certainly worth the time to look.

Lindera bezoin, spicebush, shows a great yellow fall color. This plant is known for its fragrant stems when broken. However, the yellow color mixes wonderfully with the oranges and reds of the fall palette. It likes part shade to full sun, but becomes more open and wild the more shade you provide it. It is a large shrub, potentially reaching 8 feet, making it a good native plant for the shrub border.

Liquidambar styraciflua, sweetgum, is a large native shade tree reaching 60-75 feet in height. The beautiful tree offers tons of fall color - colors ranging from yellow, orange, red and purple. It wants full sun and will grow well in most soil types. The star-shaped leaves give this tree an interesting texture through the summer months. The biggest downfall of this stately tree is its seeds. It will drop seed balls, causing some lawn mowing folks to dislike this tree.

Nyssa sylvatica, or blackgum, is a tree often overlooked. This native tree has a habit very similar to the pin oak. The canopy is pyramidal in shape, like the pin oak, but the leaves are oval. The fall color is one of the best of our native trees, changing from dark green in the summer to a brilliant scarlet in the fall. It will stretch to 30 - 40 feet, but is slow growing, making it a good street tree and nice large specimen tree.

River birch, Betula nigra, a native tree to river and creek banks as well as marshy areas, has interesting bark. The cinnamon colored peeling bark is exciting in all four seasons. The leaves on this tree are small, and the canopy is not dense, allowing the bark to be visible in and out of leaf. This tree will reach 50 feet. It thrives in moist soils, but lucky for us, it is very versatile, adapting to drier locations as well. In a grouping of three or five, this selection is outstanding. Use it as a plant grouping in the yard, or as a single specimen tree. Grown in clumps or single stemmed allows for a variety of design styles, from a more natural look to a formal appearance.

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Small Town Gardener

To love, honor and obliterate

Marianne Willburn

A marriage is often tested to its extreme limits by the sad fact that those things precious to one person are not always precious to the other. In the early years of my marriage I boxed up my husband's pre-marriage life with the ruthlessness and efficiency of a paid-by-the-hour home organizer.

I particularly remember a Pepsi Cola can covered in Arabic that he brought back from Kuwait, and which he fully expected would live on our mantelpiece. It joined an Iraqi beret, an outrageously ugly rug and a garish poster, all in a box labeled 'Memorabilia' which lived in a little corner of a cupboard under the stairs.

Over a span of twenty years, that box has had several new homes in different cupboards under different stairs, but as I point out to my husband often, at least it still exists. The same cannot be said for my Mason Cash No. 12 mixing bowl, my antique desk chair and, as of this morning, my beloved Gordonia lasianthus and 'Red Rocket' Crepe Myrtle – which have, like many many others before them, succumbed to the bull in the china shop that is my husband.

My coffee went unexpectedly cold this morning as I wandered out to survey the newly planted garden near the drive and came across the flattened profile of my cosseted and fawned over Gordonia. Surrounded by ostrich fern and hardy begonia, it reclined at a disturbing and unnatural twenty degree angle to the ground.

Deer browse in this part of the world, but they don't trample. This particular act of destruction had "Hurricane-Michael-driving-ancient-Land-Cruiser-with-broken-wing-mirror" written all over it. I stood in shock and tried to figure out what I would tell the North Carolina plantsman who had given it to me with the express idea of testing its hardiness over the winter. I couldn't even get it through the fall.

I stomped into the house with the righteousness of a thousand wronged gardeners and found my husband in the shower. Advantage, Marianne.

"What on earth did you do to my Gordonia?" I said, whipping the curtain back.

He didn't skip a beat, and smiled broadly. "Coming to join me?"

My voice froze the water streaming down the tile. "Believe me buddy, you do not want me to join you, I have pruners in my hand."

My husband is the master of neatly shifting the blame onto my doorstep when he breaks something. He maintains that he is forced to live in a world that is fragile, and that while other men can sit down on a chair without avoiding the cushions, or pick up a chest without being told not to pick it up by its elderly handles, he must levitate through his house, touching nothing but the floor.

I counter with the fact that walnut desk chairs were not meant to be used as recliners and expensive Cutco knives should not be used to cut PVC pipe – and that normal people with a bit of care can easily balance the requirements of function and form. But my husband is not normal. He is a former Marine and all around tough guy. Antique walnut desk chairs and prized Gordonia lasianthus should not be within five miles of the man.

"Why'd you put it there anyway?" he countered. "It's right on the corner – it's begging to be run over. Besides it was dark this morning."

"It's in the corner because it is...excuse me... would have been...perfectly situated to view from our bedroom – a bedroom which you will not be inhabiting for the next month."

Perhaps you think me harsh, dear reader, but had you been down to the barn the day before only to find that in the building of the chicken coop, your new, deep red crepe myrtle was now minus one of its two precious stems with

the cage set up to protect it removed and sitting impotently nearby; you too would feel quite justified in sending your husband to the couch for an adult sized time-out....and this is without telling you about all the plants he's mowed. There is not space in Heaven for the spirits of those innocents.

Nevertheless, I will continue to plant. I will attempt to straighten out my little Gordonia, and if it lives, I will set up a dozen reflectors around it (completely detracting from its beauty). I will re-cage my crepe myrtle and move my new [old] desk chair safely and ironically away from the desk. I will hide my expensive knives, and for now I will sheath my pruners.

But quite honestly, if I were he, I wouldn't be sleeping very soundly.

Marianne is a Master Gardener who writes from Lovettsville, VA. You can view photos and read more at www.smalltowngardener.com or follow The Small Town Gardener on Facebook.

The paperbark maple, Acer griseum, is one of my favorite trees. This slow-growing tree offers a cinnamon colored, peeling bark on the trunk and branches. It is a slow grower that likes part shade to full sun and reaches about 20-25 feet. It's not fussy about soil, but don't place it in a really dry location. Well drained soils are best. This is a great selection for a specimen tree or focal point in the garden where the tree bark and color will be visited on a more personal level.

In addition to planting shrubs and trees, there is still time to plant bulbs for spring color. Bulbs are sold almost everywhere, from grocery stores to garden centers. Tulips, daffodils,

grape hyacinths are just a few colorful possibilities. If you live in a deer populated area, just be sure to check if the bulbs you are planting will be devoured by the wildlife. Deer love tulips, but daffodils are left alone.

We've had a few frosts, so hopefully you have either covered the tropical plants or brought them in for the winter. Check the plants for insects and spray with an insecticidal soap for houseplants prior to bringing them into the house.

Enjoy the last bit of the gardening season before the holidays monopolize your time!

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Solar Co-Op offered in Frederick Co.

Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (OSER) and Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods (MD SUN) are working with Frederick County residents to create a solar co-op. A solar co-op is an organized group of residents and/or small businesses that save on the cost of individual solar installations through their group buying power. By forming a group of interested buyers, co-op members can receive lower prices from installers as a result of economies of scale and reduced labor costs for business development and marketing.

The co-op will hold a series of public information sessions to educate Frederick County residents about solar and recruit people to join the group. A information session will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Middletown Town Hall, 31 West Main Street, in Middletown.

Both MD SUN and OSER have a history of success with solar bulk purchase programs. MD SUN has implemented 21 solar co-ops in Maryland. More than 320 homeowners have gone solar through these co-ops. The largest co-op to date is the recent Montgomery County Solar Co-op. That group has 244 members. So far, 88 of them have signed contracts for solar arrays. The average size of a solar array installed through the co-ops is 7.6 kilowatts and a total of 2.4 megawatts of solar have been installed. Solar co-ops typically result in a discount of up to 20 percent off the installed price of a system.

In 2013, OSER launched a similar bulk purchase program called Solarize Frederick County. This was the first solar bulk purchase program offered in Maryland. This program also included incentive grants up to \$2,500. More than 300 residents at-

tended Solarize workshops and 321 households had their home assessed for solar electric systems. Of these, 66 signed contracts and 512 kilowatts of solar energy were installed at a discount of 23.7%. Solarize Frederick County also included solar water heating systems and 12 households installed the equivalent of 30.6 kilowatts of solar energy with their solar thermal systems.

Once a homeowner signs up online, MD SUN does a preliminary screening of the roof via Google Earth to determine if the roof is good for solar. Once the group reaches 25 members, MD SUN will work with co-op members to select a solar installer to serve group members by issuing a request for proposals from solar installers. This will be issued in early November. Co-op members will then form a Selection Committee to review the bids and select a single installer to complete all of the projects.

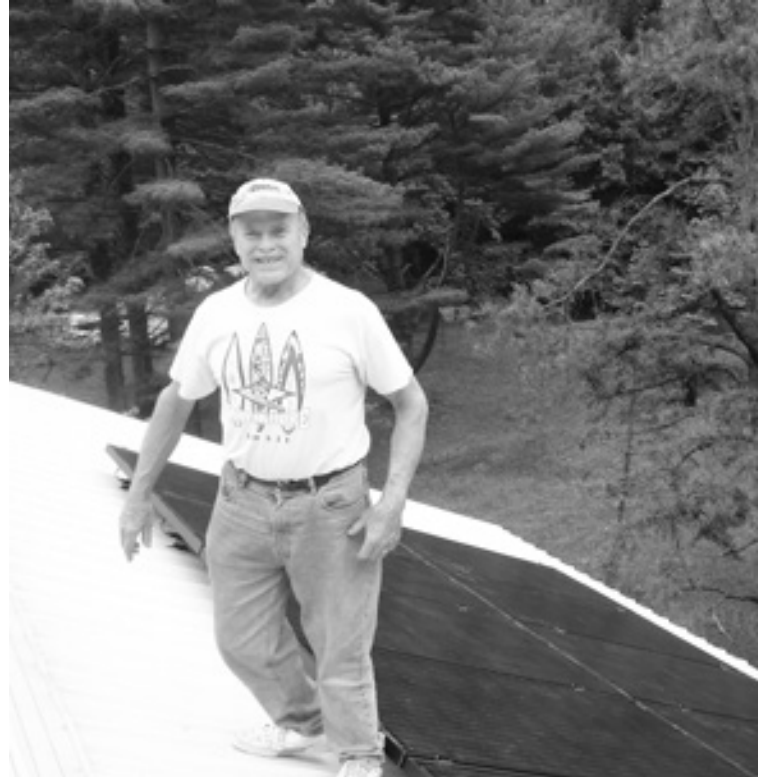
The chosen installer will meet with each participant in order to provide an individualized proposal that lists the size and cost of a solar system for their home. The final cost will reflect the group discount. Homeowners who decide to move forward sign an individual contract with the installer to have the system installed. The installer will begin filing the permitting and interconnection paperwork with the government and the utility. After the paperwork is approved, the installer can begin installing the panels on the roof.

MD SUN is not affiliated with any specific installers and serves as a consumer advocate. The organization educates residents about the benefits of distributed solar energy, helps them organize group installations, and help strengthens Maryland's so-

lar policies and its community of solar supporters. It is a project of Community Power Network, which has helped facilitate the creation of solar co-ops in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Florida, and the District of Columbia.

County Executive Jan Gardner recently endorsed the program, stating "This exciting solar program will bring homeowners together with a common goal to go green and save green through greater purchasing power.... I support this sustainability program as one more way to make sure that Frederick County continues to be a great place to live and work for future generations."

To learn more and register for an information session, visit: www.mdsun.org/frederick. Questions about the program can be directed to onnie Griesemer at 301.600.1416 or BGriesemer@FrederickCountyMD.gov.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

Monocacy River Plan

The Monocacy Scenic River Citizens' Advisory Board has issued its draft Monocacy River Management Plan. The draft plan describes the Monocacy River's ecology, environmental resources, natural and cultural history, plus contains recommendations for enhancement and protection of its corridor.

A public comment period is open to solicit comments on the draft plan through Nov. 9. After the public comment period, the River Board will review and discuss all comments received. The plan will then be transmitted to the Frederick County and Carroll County governments for consideration and approval.

The draft plan can be found at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/monocacyriverplan2016.

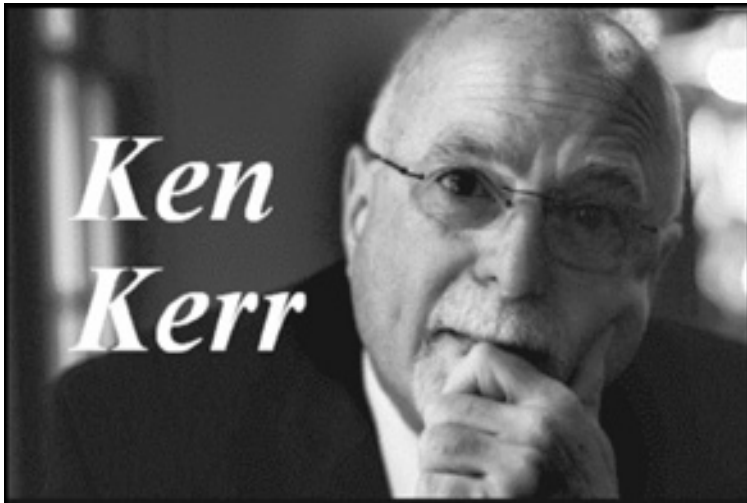
"The river is more than a place of natural beauty, wonder and a wildlife sanctuary. It is a place for recreation and inspiration. As the sustaining wildlife water artery shared by our two counties, let us protect it for this and future generations," commented Dr. George Grillon, River Board Chairman. "The Monocacy River Management Plan is designed as a guide to preserve the splendor of this great natural resource as the region develops. Public access and preservation of the river's health as a vital, wild entity is essential."

Copies of the draft plan will also be placed in the Taneytown, Emmitsburg, and Thurmont Libraries. Additionally, the River Board will hold two informational meetings on the draft plan:

Nov. 7, at the Taneytown Fire Department, 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown and Nov 9, in Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick

Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an open house that will include display maps and staff available to answer questions, followed by a presentation and opportunity for public comment before the River Board meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.


Comments may be sent to Tim Goodfellow, Frederick County Government, Division of Planning and Permitting, 30 North Market Street, Frederick, 21701, or e-mailed at tgoodfellow@FrederickCountyMD.gov; and Byron Madigan, Carroll County Government, Bureau of Resource Management, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, 21157, or e-mailed at bmadigan@ccg.carr.org.



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HEALTH NOTES

Five things a breast cancer survivor wants you to know

Kathy Iverson Reflects on Her Personal Journey During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

To say that Kathy Iverson's journey with breast cancer has been an uphill battle is no exaggeration. But four years (and several surgeries, a blood clot, port complications, radiation, and chemotherapy) later, Iverson is thriving with "no evidence of disease."

The 59-year-old mother and avid bowler from Jefferson, Md., was diagnosed in March 2012. After a four-year battle with a disease that affects about 1 in 8 women over the course of their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society, there are five things she wants you to know about facing cancer head on.

1. Choose your treatment provider wisely.

After Iverson found a lump in her

breast, her OB-GYN immediately referred her to the FMH Center for Breast Care, where she had a mammogram and met with Dr. Susan Bahl, an MD Anderson Cancer Network certified physician through Frederick Regional Health System (FRHS).

She did research on the hospital's quality outcomes, and decided to stick with Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) for her biopsy and lumpectomy surgery in April. After several rounds of chemotherapy at another hospital, she returned to FMH for radiation treatment because of its professional, kind, and caring team.

2. Don't underestimate the power of a good workout.

Studies show that eating right, maintaining a healthy weight, and sticking to a regular exercise plan helps to manage the side effects associated

with cancer treatment and decreases the risk of cancer recurrence.

Iverson, who had gained 15 lbs. from her medications and needed to get the weight off, tried a medically supervised exercise plan offered through the FMH Fitness and Nutrition for Survivors (FANS) program. She found that the exercise helped her strength and energy levels, improved her morale, and gave her a chance to meet other survivors, too.

"I was able to get my strength back from side effects of my medications," she says. "Working with a staff of exercise physiologists and nurses helps, because they understand your limitations and modify all exercises for your needs."

3. It's about treating the cancer patient, not just the patient's cancer.

"I appreciated an atmosphere that



After four years of surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy, Kathy Iverson (pictured at left) is finally thriving with "no evidence of disease."

paid attention to what the patient is going through—treating not just my cancer but my emotional and spiritual wellbeing, too," Iverson says.

Newer facilities, such as Frederick Regional Health System's James M. Stockman Cancer Institute scheduled to open in sum-

mer 2017, often have dedicated space for complementary and integrative therapies, education, and community activities, too. Treatment facilities with healing colors or garden views can make all the difference to patients like Iverson.

"I think that gets lost along the way sometimes when you have cancer," she says. "It's nice to know there are other things to focus on to gain more comfort, privacy, and convenience."

4. Find a higher standard of cancer care, close to home.

For Iverson, traveling outside of her home county for treatment was never an option. She commuted to Washington, D.C. for work in the past, and knew how strenuous that drive can be. It was certainly out of the question when she had cancer.

"It would have made the day longer than it already was," she says. "I couldn't imagine doing it after a day of chemotherapy or daily for six weeks of radiation treatments, and I wouldn't want to."

5. Don't ever give up.

When Iverson first started her exercise program, she could barely walk half a mile. Today, she's not only mobile, but she's bowling again, back to work, and breezing through her exercises. And, more importantly, she's able to enjoy time with the people who matter most—her family.

"My hair was just long enough that I didn't have to wear a wig to my daughter's wedding in April 2013, and now I'm going to be a grandmother in January!" she says. "That was my prayer—I really wanted to see my grandchildren and be able to hold them. I get to go with her to her sonogram appointment this month, and we can do all the things that other mothers and daughters do."

To hear more cancer survivor stories or to schedule an appointment for oncology services, visit www.fmh.org/cancercare or call 301-418-6465.

To learn more about the FRHS Regional Cancer Therapy Center, visit fmh.org/cancercare.

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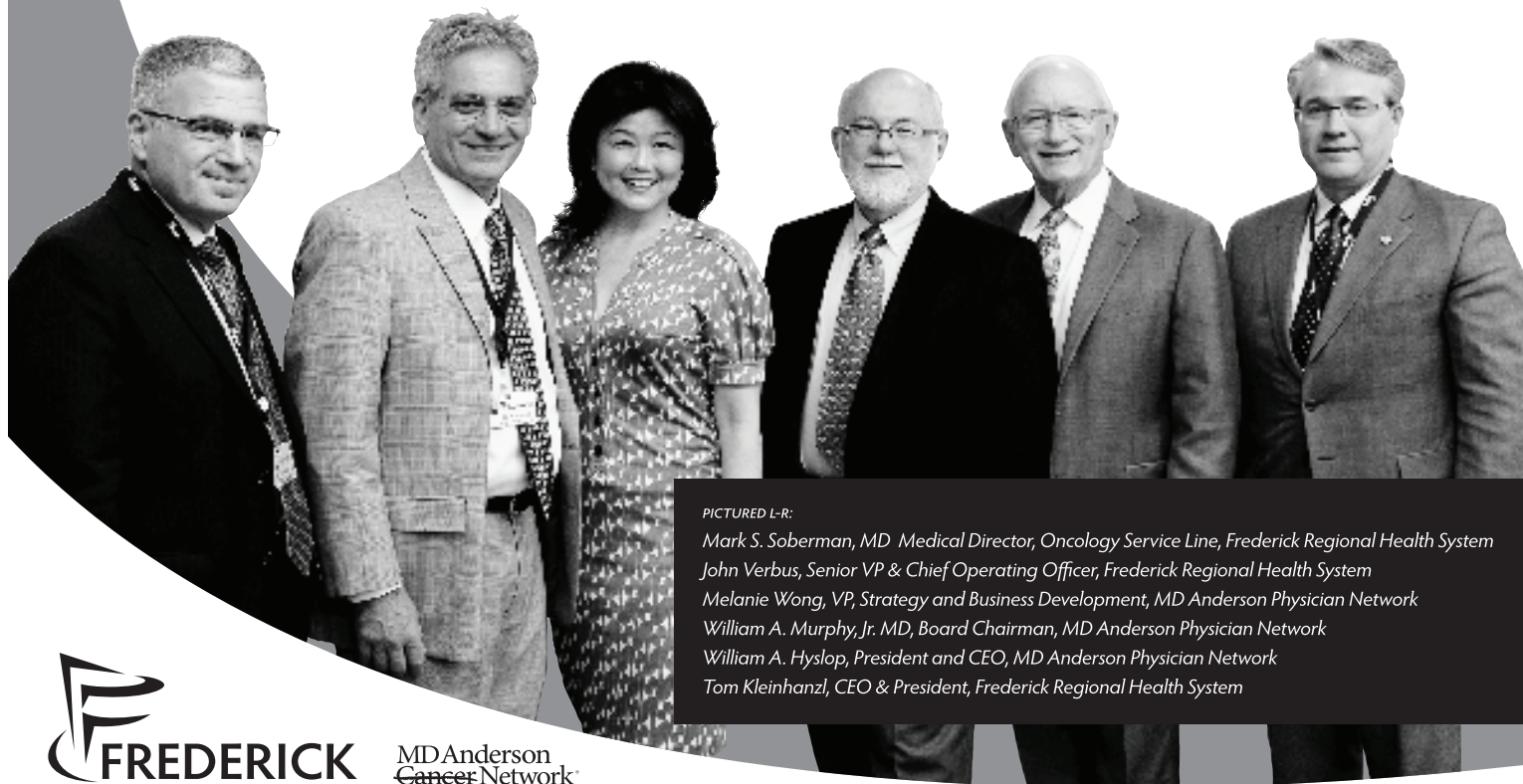
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Make a difference, globally, with holiday shopping

Local church helps empower artisans at 56th annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug Event, November 8-12.

Linda Polley

This November, for the 56th 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 handknotted 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.

As always, this year's gift festival will feature an array of brand new products from talented artisans. "Nothing compares to handmade" says event coordinator Linda Polley. "I love that these products are all directly tied to a person, and that person has a story. This year, we have several new jewelry designs from Rajana Association in Cambodia. They turn bomb casings into jewelry—it's one of my favorite stories"

Decades of war have left Cambodia's fields littered with brass from bullet and bomb casings. Rajana Association of Cambodia chose to take these reminders of devastation and transform them into symbols of hope.

One of the artisans responsible for creating these pieces is Mr. Heng Sopheanith. Once a refugee in Thailand, he was able to travel to the Battambang province where he was trained as a silversmith and eventually was chosen to help lead the Rajana artisan group.

Taking their name from the Khmer word for "design," Rajana is committed to preserving and rebuilding Cambodia's rich cultural traditions, including bombshell jewelry-making.

"Thank you very much for helping and supporting us. Buying our products means giving us salary. Buying continuously means supporting our sustainability to live. Our family is benefiting from all of your support."

Heng is 34 years old and married with two sons (6 and 3 years) as well as an infant daughter. When we asked him if there

is anything he'd like to express to his customers, this is what he said: "This work affects my life by creating employment, giving job satisfaction and a wage that can help me support my family, send my children to school for education and provide good food to help my family have better health, as well as feeling a part of the community."

Every piece of jewelry that is crafted from this unique material is a symbol of hope for the future. By transforming the very same material that had been used for destruction into something used for beauty, Cambodians find not only a means of supporting themselves, but also a way to heal.

The Bombshell Ring was thoughtfully designed with a modern look and the brass that had once been part of a destructive weapon holds a certain weight, literally and figuratively.

The War and Peace Earrings are stamped with the Khmer word for peace. You can wear this message proudly, knowing that the materials and process of the bombshell jewelry support peace as well.

This year, Ten Thousand Villag-

es' 56th Annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug Event will be held November 8th - 12th at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St, Fairfield, PA. Event hours are Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.,

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., with free coffee and chocolate tasting on Thursday and Friday evening from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. For more information visit www.rugs.tenthousandvillages.com or call 717-796-1474.



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WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

The Somme offensive grinds to a halt

November 3

The British reported the loss of 107,035 men on the Somme front for October, which brings the British casualties for the four months of the Somme offensive to 414,202. The average daily loss for October is 3,452. The total reported for September was 119,549, or an average daily of 3,800. In August, the total was 127,945, a daily average of 4,127. In July, however, the casualties reported were only 60,000.

As can be seen, British losses have been decreasing since August. British sources stated the losses of the Allies relative to those of Germans were decreasing as a result of increased efficiency of the artillery and aerial services.

The Germans, however, claim that the stiffening of the German defenses on the Somme, which has been credited by them with stopping the Allied push and limiting the advance of the French and British to insignificant gains, is due to the restoration of the parity in artillery between the two armies.

Apparently Germany, in August, was confronted with difficulties in the supply of munitions and the replacement of worn out or damaged guns, which, it was declared, were largely responsible for the success then scored by the Allies. The German experts found that their calculations were outrun by facts and were faced by consumption of guns and shells far beyond which was expected.

On the Romanian front, the Teutonic drive against Romania continues with little diminished velocity. New successes for the Germans all along the front are being announced almost daily. German reports say that on the northern front the Romanians are retreating in haste, leaving their munitions and baggage along the roads.

Austrian and German forces invading Romania from the north have now penetrated deep into Romania, while German forces in the south are now only 80 miles from Bucharest, the Romanian capital. On the Moldavian frontier of Romania, where a more successful stand had been made by the Romanians against the Teutonic advance, the Russian and Romanian defenses appear to be weakening, compelling the Russian advance post to fall back.

On Sunday, the British steamship *Marina* was torpedoed without warning. The *Marina* sank within 10 minutes after being torpedoed. The *Marina* was torpedoed twice and broke into. The *Marina* was first struck amidships. A terrific explosion occurred on the starboard side. The second torpedo struck about and the steamship went down into parts. Sailors saw the wake of the torpedo according to reports, but until the ship was struck, it was thought the wake was from a fish.

Only 34 members of the crew of 104 were rescued. There were 50 Americans among the crew of the *Marina*, when she sailed from Newport News. The Americans were

signed on here as horsemen. According to information gained from the owners of the *Marina*, she was carrying horses to England.

At the office of the United States Shipping Company, local agents for the owners said the *Marina* was not a transport in the service of the British government at the time. Instead, she was one of the regular steamers plying between Newport News and Glasgow. The owners did admit, however, that in the past the ship had been contracted to ship horses from America to England for use of for the British army.

Destruction of the *Marina* by a German submarine, without warning, the possible losses of American lives, could possibly revive the submarine warfare issue again between the United States and Germany. However, as the report of the destruction of the *Marina* refers to the ship as the British horse transport, if it turns out that she was in fact in the transport service of the British government, the mixed crew of British and American horse tenders could claim none of the immunity against attack without warning that attaches to a merchant ship.

The question of whether the *Marina* was armed is also becoming increasingly important. Affidavits from American survivors of the *Marina* say that the vessel had a 4.7-inch gun mounted astern. The fact that England has been arming more and more of her merchantman has made the question of vital one in Germany's consideration of a wider submarine campaign. Germany has contended that ships armed even with a small stern gun, for defense only, should not be entitled to ordinary guarantees, but could be sunk on sight as they could be considered naval auxiliaries.

On Wednesday, Germany's first commercial submarine, the *Deutschland*, arrived in New London, Connecticut completing her second voyage through the warships of Great Britain and France on both sides of the Atlantic. The submarine tied up at its birth at 2:30 in the morning. The *Deutschland* arrived with a cargo of 750 tons of dry stuffs, medicine and chemicals. A return cargo for the *Deutschland*, consisting mainly of crude rubber and surgical supplies, valued at more than \$500,000, has been ready on the pier for several weeks.

The North German Lloyd steamer *Willehad*, which had been in New London for a number of weeks awaiting the arrival of the *Deutschland*, let her searchlight play on the waters, marking the path by which the *Deutschland* arrived her wharf. The boat was no sooner moored than she was screened from sight by pontoon carrying a high fence.

Local citizens made plans for a public welcome to the *Deutschland's* captain and his crew. The local Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Rogers and a delegation of businessmen, tendered Captain Koenig an invitation to dinner at a date to be set by him.

In an interview, the captain said the weather was awful most of the time and tried his good ship to the utmost. "For hours and for days the decks of our little boat was overrun with heavy seas, which forced the crew to remain under deck with all hatches tight. Even the conning tower was constantly swamped, and the eternally drenched Officer of the Watch, though getting all the fresh air he wanted, did not get a chance to light a cigarette. It was even worse for the rest of the crew, for our undersea boat, although a well behaved creature, is very hot inside."

"But to make up for it all," the captain added, "The American coast greeted us with the fairest weather. It's fine to be onshore again and meet our American friends once more."

It was reported that in the future all German submarines coming to the United States whether naval or merchantmen will make for either New London or Newport. No more submarines will enter Hampton Roads because of the danger of nets being dropped to trap them off the Virginia Capes.

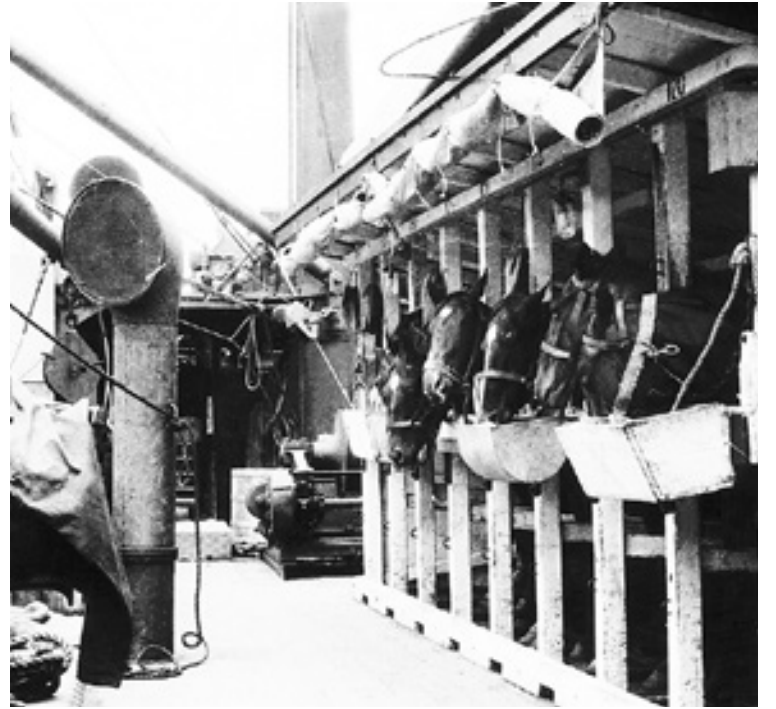
American submarines are usually operating in the waters off New London and Newport at all times of the year. As a result, British nets dropped there might endanger American vessels and the lives of American sailors. German officials do not believe that the British would take the chance of netting an American submarine. Consequently German submarines will take advantage of the better opportunity for clear paths to and from the Atlantic off the Connecticut and Rhode Island coasts.

November 10

The German Admiralty has furnished to the Associated Press the details of an event in which a British patrol ship, flying American colors, destroyed the German submarine U-41, and then deliberately ran down a rowboat with the only survivor in an endeavor to remove the only witnesses.

The U-41 had halted an apparently innocent merchantman flying the American flag to inspect her, as allowed by the agreement with America. As the submarine approached, on the surface with its crew on the deck, at 300 yards the merchantman suddenly opened concealed ports and began firing from two cannons. The submarine, irreparably damaged, went under, only a single German officer, severely wounded, managed to survive.

The wounded lieutenant was left without the slightest medical attention in a small cage on the steamer's deck. It was not until a week later that the officer was transferred to a hospital. A British surgeon proposed that the wounded officer be transferred to Switzerland, where he could be returned to Germany, as he an invalid, but the British surgeon general, it was declared, vetoed the plan, and the officer was retained in England.



WWI was the last war where horses still played a major role. To supply the seemingly inexhaustible need for horses, the Allies sent agents to America. The time could not have been less fortunate for American horses, which were quickly losing to the Automobile and finding themselves without jobs. Unlike these lucky horses, most horses were shipped in the holds of steamer ships, shut off from the sun. No one knows how many horses drowned as a result of the sinking of their transports by German submarines.

The German Admiralty declares that refusal to transfer the officer was evidence of a guilty conscience on the part of the British who wish to prevent the news that the British are using the American flag to lure in German submarines, from being made known. The German Admiralty also pointed out that the British Admiralty had given orders to take no submarine prisoner but to send them to the bottom.

On the Eastern front, on Sunday, a proclamation by German Emperor Wilhelm and Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph called into existence the ancient Kingdom of Poland. This proclamation was read to an assembly of Polish representatives in the royal palace in Warsaw. Inhabitants of the old Polish capital gathered by the thousands to attend the ceremony as the rebirth of the Polish nation. Crowds cheered at the announcement and the Polish dignitaries gave thanks for the Imperial decree.

The Germans assert that the Poles have been found worthy of liberty. Intense interest is shown by officials

in the nature of the various proclamations, the probable boundaries of the new Kingdom, the extent of its independence and the possibility of the recruiting of a Polish army to aid the Teutonic powers.

The recognition by the United States of any new government that may be established in Poland would not be made until the conclusion of the war administrative officials said, as the newly created kingdom is viewed by this government purely as war measures.

November 17

The British have opened a new offensive north of the Ancre River in the northern-most section of the Somme front, one of the strongest points of the German defensive line in this region.

Attacking on a front of nearly 5 miles on both sides of the Ancre, in mist and darkness early Tuesday morning, the British breached the original German frontline. Notwithstanding almost continuous rains, the



Members of the Royal Scots cavalry regiment rest their horses by the side of the road in France. As depicted in the movie *War Horse*, few of these horses ever saw their original home again.

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attacking troops made good progress, the mud having partially dried in the last two days.

The Germans were apparently completely surprised by the attacks as evidenced by the fact that the garrison of the trenches were preparing for breakfast at the very moment when the British infantry stormed their positions. The British, after rounding up 700 prisoners, proceeded to eat the prisoner's breakfast telling the captives that they will be fed when they arrived at the British lines.

The majority of the prisoners according to the British officers were inferior fighting material. The German High Command apparently, on the supposedly impregnable character of the old front line and strongly fortified villages, relied on them rather than the strength of the troops. The British officers believed that the Germans withdrew the better troops for service elsewhere on the Somme front where the new and shallower positions of the Germans made a greater resistance power on the part of the infantry necessary.

The majority of the infantry fighting was done with grenades instead of bayonets. The British stormed over the surface between the trench lines and hurled showers of bombs into the German trenches, capturing in quick succession seven parallel rows of trenches. The British bombardment, prior to the assault, had destroyed machine gun emplacements and made resistance to the infantry charge impossible.

For the past few days, the sector attacked had been subject to successive bombardments which rose to a record pitch and resulted in the demolition of a large portion of the defenses. The garrison accepted the morning's deluge of shells as part of their usual daily program and did not fully realize their danger until the British infantry was seen approaching in the darkness.

The British advance on both sides of the Ancre is considered by the British commanders as one of the most important successes of the four months of the offensive. Military critics in Germany, however, declared it merely a local success and in no sense decisive. The German Supreme Command, undoubtedly reckoned upon such developments when it decided to concentrate its efforts in the Romanian theater and leave in the West only the forces absolutely necessary to maintain the defensive.

German critics declare that Ger-

man airplane security is steadily increasing, that the French have been checked, that the Italian offensive has come to a standstill, after losses of 100,000 men, and that while the Saloniki army of the Allies is showing renewed activity, it has had no considerable success. The German critic adds that the Turks, who had introduced real universal service, and has seen its armies steadily increasing, allowing it to assist the Bulgarians, who have checked the British. The critic points out that the Germans are making progress everywhere on the Romanian fronts and that there are good prospects for winter campaign against Moldavia.

The continued degeneration of the Ottoman Empire, a key ally of the Germans and Austrians, was highlighted this week with the formation of the new Kingdom of Arabia, with Grand Shereef Hussein Ben Ali, as monarch, and Mecca as capital. The Arabic nation, its Foreign Minister said, would henceforth be an active member of the society of nations, and confidently look forward to recognition by the United States. The new kingdom resulted, he said, from a unanimous meeting of the notables and citizens of the country, who definitively threw off the yoke of Constantinople.

Arabia has been seething since Spring, when the Shereef revolted and drove the Turkish garrison out of Mecca. No Turkish force is known to have entered Arabia since then, leaving it practically autonomous. The cession of Arabia, with the holy city of Mecca, the formal and final independence of Egypt, the Russian conquest of Armenia and the cooperation of the Indian and French Mohammedans in Allied armies are expected by students of near Eastern questions to result in an impairment of Turkish power in the Middle East.

November 24

On Sunday, British and Canadian troops advanced down the slopes towards the marshes along the Ancre before daybreak, with a stiff wind that sent flurries of snow into the faces of the soldiers. It was the first snow of the season, following two days and nights of intense dry cold which had solidified the swamp which had become a no man's land after nearly 3 months of constant rainfall, thus giving the attacking infantry a firm foothold on the frozen ground.

They advanced nearly a quarter of a mile on a three-mile front to the German positions south of the village of Grandcourt, where German batteries and machine guns holding the sunken road, checked the British. Elsewhere, German troops were virtually destroyed by the preparatory bombardment, the surviving Germans formally surrendering, through their officers, who met the British as they came over the ruined landscape.

Saturday's successes gave the British command of several villages, fortified farms and other strong German points in the Ancre Valley. In the opinion of a staff officer, the German position south of the Ancre is now virtually untenable as the Germans are unable to bring up supplies and reinforcements, while the only available road is under bombardment.

The Germans are working hard in improving the original second line, apparently anticipating further British attacks, which may necessitate a forced and sudden abandonment of other portions of the first line. The perfunctory character of the German counter bombardment and infantry resistance along the Ancre give the impression that the Germans have little intention of offering serious opposition.

Prisoners taken, who were suffering from cold and exposure because of the lack of food due to the line of communications having been cut by the British guns, said they had received better food on the frontline, when it was possible to get supplies, then when they were resting, because of the policy of the German staff of trying to make duty in the front trenches the attractive end.

German press claims the attacks on the Ancre prove that the allies original plan to break through the German front on the Peronne-Hapaime sector of the Somme front is in ruins. The Germans point out that after 146 heavy and bloody days of battle, which caused more than 600,000 casualties to the Allies, they are not yet masters of this small sector on the Somme. Moreover, they are compelled to make secure the flanks of their advanced positions, the furthestmost points of which were obtained with enormous waste of material before considering a plan for further events.

According to the Germans, the war theater in Romania is to be the scene of the decision in the war, not the Russian front, nor Verdun, nor even the Somme. They note that progress is being made steadily in that fighting area, although slowly, because of the difficulties of mountain warfare and conquest of the numerous passes leading to the Romanian plains, where even a vastly superior force has trouble swiftly following up advances gained.

The unrelenting pressure in southern Romania is now making itself felt in neighboring sectors, namely, in the northern Romanian front. The Romanians have been compelled to confine themselves to the defensive, but the demands of even this form of warfare is now almost too much to be supplied by the forces of their command. The Romanian lines are being continuously drawn back into the center.

By bold and rapid strokes the Teu-



Dead horses and a broken cart on Somme Front. Horses meant power and agility, hauling weaponry, equipment, and personnel, and were targeted by enemy troops to weaken the other side—or were captured to be put in use by a different army.

tonic invaders apparently have conquered a large section of Northwestern Romania. The converging attacks by Austro-German forces moving south and eastward have compelled the Romanians to withdraw and execute a rapid retreat from the northwestern portion of the country to prevent their armies from being cut off.

Whether the rapid retreat has been made in time is rendered doubtful by the German announcement that said Teutonic troops are now before Sariova. The railroad running from Sariova to Bucharest offers the only convenient line of retirement for the Romanian armies. The loss of Sariova, therefore, would effectively bar their way eastward except across open country.

German advances in Western Romania have resulted in the conquest of 11,000 km² of fertile wheat soil. The occupation of Sariova is also of high strategic importance. Two railroads from the Danube converge there, and the communications of all the remaining troops in western Romania must run through it, as well as any reinforcements from the allies. On the other hand, with Sariova in the hands of the Teutonic allies, the German troops can easily be transported to other fronts as needed through the network of roads that radiate from Sariova to all of western and central Romania. As it is, Sariova is an excellent base for new oper-

ations eastward and eventual occupation of Romania.

The death of Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph, in his 86th year and after 68 years on the throne, was announced on November 22. The cause of his death was pneumonia of the right lung. Archduke Charles Francis Joseph will assume the throne of the Polyglot kingdoms of Austria and Hungary at the age of 29. He has been fighting with the armies of the dual monarchy and is popular with all the people who compose it.

The young Archduke is not possessed of any experience in statecraft, but is said to have the faculty of getting along well with everyone. The Archduke is a devout Catholic, and was educated by the Benedictine monks who conduct the most liberal seminary in Austria. There he mingled freely with his sons are professors and businessmen of the empire. After completing his studies he entered the Army as Lieutenant. Later he served in the infantry and artillery, and when the Great War began he was well grounded in the art of fighting. Since then he has held important commands in the actions on the Eastern front. Recently he has been a nominal command of the Austrian forces in the Carpathians.

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Horses were not the only innocent animal subject to the horrors or warfare. Dogs were used for many duties including stringing communications lines and carrying food. Here, a dog-handler reads a message brought by a messenger dog, who had just swum across a canal in France



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HISTORY - CONFEDERATE RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

Confederate retreat and Union pursuit

Part Four

John A. Miller
Emmitsburg Historical Society

Last month, I discussed the movements of the Confederate army as they withdrew from Gettysburg, PA to the Mason Dixon Line, near Waynesboro, PA. I also discussed the movements of the Army of the Potomac, as they too, pursued the Confederate army from Gettysburg toward the Mason Dixon Line near Emmitsburg, MD and Littlestown, PA. This month, I want to write about what happened beginning on July 7, 1863, with regard to those movements of the Northern and Southern armies.

By early morning of July 7, the Union army was on the move. The I and III Corps moved directly to Emmitsburg. They stopped briefly at Emmitsburg before moving out on the Emmitsburg Road. The I Corps moved onward to Lewistown, MD, and turned west to begin its ascent up the Catoctin Mountain. The III Corps moved as far as Thurmont, MD where they were forced to encamp for the night. The XI Corps and VI Corps will march out of Emmitsburg and

move to Middletown, MD. The XI Corps marched over the Catoctin Mountain via High Knob, and the advance unit began arriving at Middletown that evening. The II Corps will take up their line of march to Taneytown, MD from Two Taverns. The XII Corps, near Littlestown, PA, would march to Walkersville, MD on the road that led to Frederick. The V Corps at Emmitsburg picked up the Frederick Road and marched to Utica, MD, where they would encamp for the night.

The Confederate army had encamped along the Mason Dixon Line between Waynesboro, PA and Leitersburg, MD, and began marching to Hagerstown and Williamsport. The bulk of the Confederate army moved without incident. Meanwhile, Union Brigadier General Thomas Neill's infantry brigade and Colonel John McIntosh's brigade of cavalry followed safely behind the Confederate rearguard. They entered Waynesboro that evening, where they received a warm reception. Meanwhile, Union Major General William Smith's division of Pennsylvania militia and New York State National Guard had arrived at Mont Alto, PA. The next day Smith's division would

move into Waynesboro, PA and link up with Brig. Gen. Neill's brigade encamped there.

While the armies were on the move, heated skirmishes took place just outside of Hagerstown, at the College of St. James and Funkstown. At the College of St. James, just outside of Jones' Crossroads, the 6th New York Cavalry was ordered to make a demonstration upon the Confederate front positioned near the college. They managed to push back the Confederate pickets. The 6th New York Cavalry then fell back onto Union Colonel Thomas Devin's line. Shortly before noon, some Confederate infantry, supported by artillery, moved toward the Union Cavalry line. The 9th New York Cavalry moved out to meet the Confederate force near the college, while the rest of the Union cavalry moved east of the Antietam Creek. As the skirmish continued, a squad of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry was ordered to support the 9th New York Cavalry. Seeing these reinforcements, the Confederates began withdrawing back, breaking off the engagement.

The first Battle of Funkstown occurred when the 6th U.S. Cavalry was scouting the area and were spotted by the 7th Virginia Cavalry. As the 7th Virginia Cavalry charged, the 6th U.S. Cavalry quickly deployed skirmishers. During the initial attack, the 7th Virginia Cavalry managed to push the Union troopers back. Orders were given to the Union troopers to mount up and fall back. While they quickly did this, a pursuit took place. The Union troopers of the 6th U.S. Cavalry fell back upon Brigadier General Wesley Merritt's brigade and the 7th Virginia Cavalry quickly fell back. Casualties from the first Battle of Funkstown for the Union was 10 killed, 15 wounded and 66 men



The Middletown Valley with the Catoctin Mountain in the distance.

missing. The Confederates had 2 wounded and 9 missing.

On July 8, the V Corps began their ascent up the Catoctin Mountain, moving through High Knob to access the Middletown Valley. The XI Corps began moving into Middletown and marched to Turner's Gap on South Mountain. That evening the XI Corps would be ordered to send reinforcements to the battlefield at Boonsboro, MD. The I Corps marched to Middletown and then was ordered to follow the rear of the XI Corps to Turner's Gap. The II Corps arrived at Taneytown, MD, where they received a very warm welcome by the citizens of Maryland. The III Corps would march due south of Emmitsburg to Lewistown, and begin crossing the Catoctin Mountain at Hamburg Pass. With the recent heavy rains and the badly torn up road, the III Corps was redirected to march to Frederick, and cross the Cato-

ctin Mountain at Braddock's Gap on the road to Middletown. The VI Corps would march to Lewistown and then take the road that led over the Catoctin Mountain via Hamburg Pass. The XII Corps marched directly to Frederick and moved through Braddock's Gap on the Catoctin Mountain.

As the Union army began penetrating into the Middletown Valley, Confederate General Robert E. Lee knew it was only a matter of time before they would move into the Cumberland Valley. Because of the heavy rains that fell for several days, the Potomac River was too high to ford. The pontoon bridge that was burned at Falling Waters on July 4 by Union cavalry forced the Confederate army to wait for the waters to recede before they could cross into West Virginia. General Lee needed to do a few things in order to protect his army. He needed more time for the rear of his Confederate army to concentrate



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at Hagerstown. Then a new bridge needed to be built in order to carry most of his army across the Potomac River. At the same time, he would order the construction of entrenchments in order to protect his army.

To accomplish the issue with time, General Lee ordered Major General J. E. B. Stuart to take his cavalry division and move along the road from Funkstown and Williamsport, to keep the Union army busy and to keep them from crossing into the Cumberland Valley, via Turner's Gap on South Mountain. This was to buy at least eight hours of time to allow the rear of the Confederate army to safely move into Hagerstown.

At Boonsboro, Brigadier General John Buford's cavalry was guarding the Funkstown Road, while Brigadier

General Judson Kilpatrick's cavalry remained in the open fields along the road leading to Williamsport. They were to guard Boonsboro in case of a Confederate attack that might move along the road to Turner's Gap.

Early in the morning, Maj. Gen. Stuart's cavalry began engaging some of Brig. Gen. John Buford's pickets at Beaver Creek and the Battle of Boonsboro erupted. This battle is Maryland's largest all cavalry fight during the Civil War. By 10:00 a.m., the battle was concentrated just northwest of town. Brig. Gen. Buford managed to keep back the Confederate cavalry along the Funkstown Road, while receiving intelligence from the Signal Corps base at Washington Monument. But, with the Confederates bearing

down on his position, Brig. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick was forced to enter the fight.

By that time, Confederate cavalry began deploying on the Williamsport Road, as they tried to hit Buford's left flank. With both Union cavalry divisions engaged, a game of chess was being played in order to keep the Confederate cavalry in check. A dispatch was sent to Middletown asking for Union infantry support. That message was delivered to Major General Oliver O. Howard, who ordered Major General Carl Schurz's Third Division to Boonsboro. By 5:00 p.m., Maj. Gen. Schurz was deployed east of Boonsboro. Seeing this, Maj. Gen. Stuart broke off the battle and began withdrawing back to Funkstown. Major General Stuart did exactly what General Lee needed by buying time.

To learn more about this time period of the Pennsylvania Campaign, please log onto www.montereypassbattlefield.org. Or visit our museum located seven miles west of Emmitsburg at Blue Ridge Summit, PA. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Death Notices

Catherine "Catty" Pittinger, 75, of Emmitsburg, passed away October 1. Catty was a wonderful cook and enjoyed baking for family and friends. She loved to sit on her swing in the back yard and watch the birds, rabbits and squirrels.

James Richard Valentine, 92, of Emmitsburg, passed away October 4 at his home. He was the husband of Dorothy (Harbaugh) Valentine for 70 years. Richard lived, loved and worked on the family farm all of his life. He was an avid horse-shoe pitcher winning numerous competitions and enjoying local fame.

Stanley Gustav Lupinski, Jr., 61, of Emmitsburg, passed away October 9. He was the son of Stanley and Elizabeth Lupinski of Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Patricia Jo Ott, 83, of Rocky Ridge, passed away October 12. Patricia was the daughter of born to Myra and Tonnie Baker of Weston, WV.

Larry Eugene Mundy, Sr., 78, of Thurmont, Passed away October 13. Larry proudly served in the Marine Corps. Larry was an active member of the Thurmont Lions Club and was awarded several Lions Club awards, including Volunteer of the Year and the TLC Distinguished Service Award.

John Kermit McGlaughlin, 46, of Emmitsburg, passed away unexpectedly on October 22. He was the son of Dennis and Patty (Glass) McGlaughlin.

Gary Sweeney, 68, of Thurmont passed away October 23. He was the son of the late Paul and France Sweeney

Mahlon Masser, 92 of Sabillasville passed away October 25. He was the son of Harry and Mary (Delauter) Masser of Thurmont.

Joseph "Billy" Wilson, 68, of Fairfield died October 24. Billy was a proud veteran of the Marine Corps. He was seriously wounded during the Vietnam War.

Tammy Marie (Ott) Humerick

We are saddened by the sudden loss of Tammy Humerick from Emmitsburg, on Thursday, October 13. She passed at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, MD. Born December 30, 1968, in Hanover, she was the daughter of David Ott of Emmitsburg and the late Jane Ann (Winand) Ott, of Dave & Jane's Restaurant in Fairfield. She was the devoted wife of Barry Humerick, to whom she was married for 16 years.



Surviving in addition to her husband and father, are son, Brandon Ott; step-children, Nick and Hayley Humerick; sister, Tracy Ott (Shawn Watts) of Baltimore; brother, Jeremiah Ott (Jerrica) of Fairfield; and nieces and nephews, Zachery, Chantel, Kierdyn, Kaylyn, and Jansen. She will be dearly missed by the entire Ott family of Emmitsburg.

Tammy loved her Yorkshire Terriers, Bella, Nyles, and Bristol. She enjoyed spending time with her numerous friends, and their frequent weekend adventures on their Harleys. She was a devoted wife, mother, and friend, who was always there to lend a helping hand. She was a Supervisor for

Horizon Goodwill in Frederick, MD for several years. Tammy will be remembered for her unwavering love and support of her son Brandon and her niece Chantel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at October 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Charles F. Krieg, C.M. as celebrant. Burial will be private at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frederick County Humane Society, 550 Highland St., Frederick, MD, 21701. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

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MOM'S TIME OUT

Small and big blessings

Mary Angel

November already, I refuse to believe it. Alright, my calendar is insisting that I accept it is the month of turkeys, Thanksgiving, and Black Friday. I don't know why it takes a holiday with a turkey to get me thinking about what I am thankful for, but sure enough, every November my mind starts analyzing my life over the past year or so. The small and big blessings are flying around in my head like leaves on a windy fall day.

We were forced to buy a new van this summer (ours finally quit at 240,000 miles). When we were driving home and I wasn't worried about the car leaving us sit on the side of the road, I was very thankful. As the air conditioning froze my nose and toes, I was very thankful. I wasn't super thankful for the payments, but you have to take the good with the bad sometimes. When each of my kids says prayers at night they always thank God for the roof over their heads and their family and friends. Family and

friends are an amazing blessing in my life. Everyday my kids are on the top of my list of blessings, right next to my hubby (the man who still make my heart skip a beat even after 20 years of marriage). My husband does so much for us and means so much to us that it is difficult to put into words how thankful we all are for him. Although all of my friends come to mind when I am thinking about what I am thankful for, my best friend has a big star next to her name on that list. She is always there to help anyone and always has a sacrificial heart; in a word she is amazing.

One apparently small, but lately very large blessing is health. Maybe it is because we have all of the Grandparents living close. Maybe it is because my husband is trying to get into better shape. Maybe it is due to my daughter's weight struggles. Maybe a recent dementia diagnosis is at the root. I am not sure what has ultimately brought me to my extreme thankfulness for health, but here I am. Every day I am thankful that my weight

isn't going up, my feet don't hurt worse, and that my hair is already grey and nothing the kids do or say can make that worse.

One of my memories on Facebook this week was a picture of my girls on either side of our dining room table and their best friend's next to them. When I read the caption it said, "Thankful for the little moments. Watching four best friends play play-dough, while speaking in British accents." My husband took the picture and made the post a little over a year ago. He was right; it isn't just the big stuff. Being thankful for the little, day to day, things is what makes life beautiful. I absolutely love when my girls are all giggly with their friends. When they speak with a foreign accent it is just icing on the cake. When I only had boys there wasn't much giggling.

When it comes to the boys I love when I catch them in deep conversation with one another. I am always thankful when they are being kind to one another and their little sisters. I enjoy immensely when I get one on one time with any of my children. Much to my mother's dismay I am very blessed to see and hear my boys wrestling. It literally cracks me up when they are rolling around on the floor, one of them in a head lock, and

both of them grunting and cackling at the top of their lungs. Another blessing I experience from my family is when we do family game night or family movie night. I am not sure I could be more thankful for the time together, especially since my oldest is a senior in high school. I know it won't be long and there will be an empty chair at family game night. (I am still thankful for whatever is in his future, but I will be sad to see the empty chair) I am also thankful, in the mornings, when I have a full car load of teenage boys (either sleeping or laughing) driving to the high school. I might not be an early morning person, but I have never had a morning when I wasn't smiling my way all the way down the road with these kids.

I am thankful that my parents are so supportive of me and always here for me (and for my

family, and friends, and everyone else). I am thankful that they have moved in with us and therefore have more opportunities to travel and visit their friends and family. My whole family is blessed by how much time and effort my parents put into their grand-dogger. We are also thankful to have my mother-in-law so close and for the time she spends with the girls. They love to be girly and that is far from my forte.

I am thankful for anyone who reads my article and the opportunity to write for a wonderful local paper. My editor and all of his email reminders are another blessing in my life. Making scrapbooks for my friends and any time crafting is one of my long-time blessings. If we stopped to think about every little thing we should be thankful for it could take weeks or months to make that list.

Lastly, I am thankful for what my children say every night during prayers. I am thankful that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Ultimately if it hadn't been for that moment I wouldn't have anything to be thankful for. I will never be able to comprehend that amazing sacrificial love. It is often taken for granted or overlooked, but what an incomprehensible blessing! God Bless!

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How sweet it is...

Carol Cogliano
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It's unfortunate that most of us are missing out on one of nature's most perfect foods – the sweet potato. How many of us only enjoy sweet potatoes once a year, when they are buried in a sea of marshmallow gooey-ness? If you laughed at the thought – because it's true – then you need to consider how versatile sweet potatoes can be, and consider trying them in a new, healthier way!

Sweet potatoes are low in calories, high in fiber, full of vitamins and minerals, and great for diabetics and people who are carbohydrate sensitive. They are considered a “good carb” because they are much lower on the glycemic index than white potatoes. They contain protein and are full of nutrients, including high levels of carotenoids (beta-carotene), copper, vitamins C and E, and fiber.

Typical sweet potato recipes are full of added sugar and fat. (C'mon...you can just see yourself at Thanksgiving time...dolloping on the butter, and covering them with brown sugar!) Not only are these preparations not very healthy, but they also often fail to show off the best qualities of the sweet potato. So...where should you begin? Here are a few sweet potato basics...followed by a few indulgent recipes...because, what are the holidays without a little indulgence?

For orange varieties, prick with a fork before cooking, then bake at 400 degrees F for about 40-50 minutes. No need to add anything additional! This is sweet potato preparation at its most basic!

Peel & cut them up into small chunks. Pan fry them in a bit of olive oil.

Roast or boil them until tender, then mash them up just like you would white potatoes.

Peel & dice them up into chunks, coat with olive oil and a dash of salt and pepper. Bake at 450 degrees F, turning them frequently, until they are lightly browned.

A little bit of farm trivia: All of the tubers called yams in the American marketplace are actually all sweet potatoes. See the following information from the

North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission for some clarification:

Yam vs. Sweet Potato:

A true yam is a starchy edible root of the Dioscorea genus, and is generally imported to America from the Caribbean. It is rough and scaly and very low in beta carotene.

Depending on the variety, sweet potato flesh can vary from white to orange and even purple. The orange-fleshed variety was introduced to the United States several decades ago. In order to distinguish it from the white variety everyone was accustomed to, producers and shippers chose the English form of the African word “nyami” and labeled them “yams.”

Even though the USDA requires that orange-colored sweet potatoes always be labeled “sweet potato,” most people still think of sweet potatoes as yams regardless of their true identity.

Fall is here, and with it – chilly “sweater weather”. Cozy up with a warm blanket in front of the fire; grab a good book, some hot mulled cider and an ooey-gooey piece of this indulgent Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Cake.

Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Cake Recipe courtesy of www.bunnyswarmoven.net.

Ingredients:

for Cake:
3 cups flour
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup sugar
4 tsp baking powder
2 cups cooked sweet potatoes
1 1/2 cups milk
2 eggs, beaten
2 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup butter, melted
for Topping:
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
2 TBLS flour
1 TBLS cinnamon
for Glaze:
2 cups powdered sugar
5 TBLS milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans (my addition)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 13x9 inch baking pan.

In a large bowl combine flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder and nutmeg. Stir with a fork to combine. In another large bowl beat sweet potatoes and milk until smooth. Add beaten eggs, and vanilla, beat until combined. Slowly add flour to sweet potato mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Slowly stir the melted butter into the batter until well combined. Pour batter into prepared pan. Make topping.

Topping directions: Mix all the topping ingredients together until well combined. Drop evenly over the batter and swirl with a knife. Bake cake for 30-35 minutes. After cake is baked, cool slightly while making the glaze.

Glaze directions: Combine glaze ingredients mix until smooth. Glaze cake while still warm.

Brussel Sprouts were never a favorite of mine...possible because (no offense, Mom) they were pulled out of the freezer, boiled and served. If you've never tried roasted Brussel sprouts, you are in for a surprise. Paired with roasted sweet potatoes, this is a recipe that can be made up a few days in advance, and reheated before your holiday meal.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Brussels Sprouts Recipe courtesy of <http://thefoodcharlatan.com>

Ingredients:

1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed
1 large sweet potato (1 pound)
2 cloves garlic, smashed
1/3 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon cumin
1/4 or 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon salt
pepper to taste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
fresh thyme, to garnish

Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F. Trim your Brussels by cutting off the little brown end. If there are any yellow leaves, pull them off. Cut any large ones in half. Add to a large bowl.

Peel your sweet potato and chop into 1-2 inch pieces. Add to the large bowl.



Sweet Potato Pie is an absolutely delicious alternative to the ever-so-popular pumpkin pie. It is no more difficult to make, so why not try making one for your upcoming holiday meals? Serve it with a dollop of whipped cream, and enjoy!

Smash 2 cloves of garlic and add it to the bowl.

Pour 1/3 cup olive oil over the vegetables.

Add cumin, garlic salt, salt, and pepper to taste. Stir to coat.

(Line a large sheet pan with foil if you want super easy cleanup)

Drizzle a little olive oil onto the sheet pan and rub it all over the pan (or foil) with your hand. Or you could spray it really well with nonstick spray.

Pour the veggies onto the pan.

Roast at 400 for about 40-45 minutes. The veggies are done when they are brown and a fork slides into them easily.

Place the veggies in a serving bowl and toss with 1-2 tablespoons red wine

vinegar to taste. Garnish with fresh thyme if you want. Eat hot!

Notes

The garlic is there to add flavor, not necessarily to be eaten, although I do think it's quite tasty.

If you want to reheat these, take them out of the oven and let cool. (Skip adding the red wine vinegar.) Store in a tupperware in the fridge for up to 2 days. When you are ready to eat, spread the veggies on a greased pan and roast at 400 for about 5-10 minutes until you can hear them sizzling and they are hot. Remove from the oven, add a little red wine vinegar, and serve!

Yield: Serves 6-8

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LIBRARY NEWS / SCHOOL NEWS

Local library events

**Frederick County
Public Libraries**

Plan to visit the Thurmont Regional Library for a very special November STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) event. The Thurmont Regional Library was recently chosen from among other Maryland libraries to host the closing ceremony for the 2016 Maryland STEM Festival. The official closing ceremony will be part of a special Earth Science Extravaganza in Thurmont and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 2-4. Through ten days of collaborative, interactive, and dynamic events and activities throughout the state, the Festival displays Maryland's STEM success and further connects the current and future leaders in STEM. Find out more at marylandstemfestival.org to see more.

Speaking of STEM, do you know about the Traveling STEM Lab that shows up at the Emmitsburg Library every Monday at 4 pm. The traveling STEM Lab meets the needs of local students ages 3 to 18 to support the goals of local and statewide education initiatives. Library Associate Cheryl Dillman hosts the lab and explores dif-

ferent concepts each week. You might learn more about Snap Circuits, LittleBits, Microscopes; 3D pens, Ozobots and much more. Stop in – no need to register.

We don't want to leave adults out of the fun. Coming up on November 15th at the Emmitsburg Library, adults who would like a voice in planning library events will be invited to special Coffee & Cookies Meet & Greet with library staff at 7 p.m. We want to strengthen our connection to the community and want you to think of your library as a destination for learning and fun.

Children's Programs

Star Reader Family Storytime (Ages 3+) - Join us for story and art fun when teachers from our local elementary school are the star readers at the library! Thursday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

Fairy Tale Engineering- The Three Little Pigs (Grades K-5) - It's engineering fun as we use various materials to build sound structures that will keep the 3 Little Pigs safe from the Big Bad Wolf! Saturday, Nov/ 5, 11 a.m.

Indoor Sports Day (Grades K-5) -

Get ready for Cross Over Dodgeball, Code Tag, Parachute Play, and other sports fun at the gym in the library building! Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.

Fairy Tale Engineering - Gingerbread Man Traps (Ages 3-10) - The Gingerbread Man is on the loose! Put your engineering skills to work and build a trap to catch that cookie. Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.

LEGO Block Party (Ages 5+) - Join us for an afternoon of LEGO fun! Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.

R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope - The Reading Education Assistance Dogs listen to children read. *Allergy Alert! The dogs and cats are live animals. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m.

For Teens

Board Games and Pizza (Grades 6-12) - Come hangout and unwind at the library. We'll have a variety of games to choose from and free pizza! Wednesday, Nov. 9, 3:30 -5:30 p.m.

All FCPL branches will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. Branches will be closing early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

**Blue Ridge Summit
Free Library Events****Standing Events**

Monday - Lego and Wee Build Creation night!!! Let your imagination show its genius! All ages welcome. From 3-5:30 p.m.

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

Thursday - VITT (very important teens and tweens) night. The community room is reserved for teen use from 3-5:30 p.m. Just hang out or play Wii, board games, do puzzles, eat snacks, watch movies, make movies, etc.!

Saturday - Join us at 11 a.m. for story hour and all of its festivities! What could be better than a great book, a good snack, and a fun craft?

Movies!

Nov 16th- FREE movie "Finding Dory", rated PG, starts at 6:00 p.m. at Blue Ridgeher long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way."

Nov 29th- We will be showing "Happy Potter and the Half-Blood Prince", rated PG at 5:30 p.m. "As Harry Potter be-

gins his sixth year at Hogwarts, he discovers an old book marked as "the property of the Half-Blood Prince" and begins to learn more about Lord Voldemort's dark past."

Special Events

Nov 3rd and Nov 10th at 6:30 p.m. the Aikido self defense classes continue.

Nov 7th at 6 p.m. we are hosting scherenschnitte (German paper cutting) class with Bill Hammann. Make a beautiful Christmas picture for that special person who has everything!

Nov 8th at 5:30 PM will be a meeting of the "Summit Stitches", the BRS quilt club. New members are welcome.

Nov 15th at 6 p.m. Allison Morris will be presenting the 2nd lecture in our women's health series entitled "Family Solutions". Join Allison as she shares natural solutions for your modern family using doTERRA essential oils and wellness products. Find out how easy it is to be ready for anything! Discover what essential oils are, how to use them and how to get them into your home.

Nov 17th there will be a town hall meeting in the community room at 6:30 p.m. with PA State Rep. Paul Schemel.

The Appalachian Trail Club will be taking a brief hiatus. It will resume in the New Year.

Mother Seton School

Lynn Taylor

Is it really November already? I feel like I just put the spooky decorations up and now I'm packing them away to make room for the harvest décor. It's tedious work getting out the black bins, repacking them, and then unpacking the orange bins (yes, I color code the seasonal storage—it has saved my sanity!), but the snack-size Snickers waiting for me at the end is worth it. My husband wonders why I bother with harvest décor, since it's up for less than three weeks, but I think it's important to be reminded that Halloween doesn't just blend into Christmas, despite what the major retailers may want us to believe.

These three weeks between Halloween and Thanksgiving are a wonderful time to take a breath and remember all the people bring joy into our lives, the moments we are grateful for, and the many blessings we too often forget to count.

At Mother Seton School, we begin this harvest season with an All Saints Day Mass, where we show our love for the saints who intercede on our behalf. Many non-Catholics misunderstand the nature of our reverence for the saints, and mistakenly think that we "worship" them. To put it simply, what we really do is ask the saints in heaven to "put in a good word" for us with our Lord. It's much like asking your congregation or your family and friends to pray for you when you have a particular intention, only the saints reside in heaven and hold particular prominence with the Lord. At this Mass, we show our gratitude to those who've gone before us and who have helped our prayers be heard. We invite you to join us at school on Tuesday, November 1st, at 10:15 a.m. for Mass. What a beautiful way to start this season of Thanksgiving.

We are also grateful to our esteemed alumni for their constant support and cannot express our thanks enough. On Tuesday, November 22nd, we will hold

a Memorial Prayer Service in honor of our beloved deceased alumni and family members at 1:30 p.m. at the school. It's one of the ways in which we continue to pray for and honor those former students, faculty, and family members who may have moved on from Mother Seton School, but who remain a part of our cherished family. We invite you to join us in remembering our loved ones. If you wish to have the name of a loved one included, please email us at advancement@mothersetonschool.org.

I am thankful for all the many blessings my family has, one of which is belonging to this warm and welcoming community. It is a sacrifice to be able to send our children to this school, but one that my husband and I gratefully make. We are proud of the education and experience that our children receive at Mother Seton, and we would like to invite you to take a tour of our school on Tuesday, November 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We'd love for you to come see what makes our school so special. As always, you can

also call the office and arrange a private tour at any time.

One last note on gratitude before I leave you to finish your Thanksgiving shopping list—we at Mother Seton extend our thanks to you, the community. From the churches for their spiritual and moral encouragement to local businesses for their generous do-

nations, to the fire station and town hall for helping us provide meaningful experiences for the students, and to the people in this community for your patronage and support—we are so thankful and so blessed to be located in such a spirited place.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!



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CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Ken Kerr

During the recession of the 1980s, my wife was pregnant and had lost her job, though she had found another, pregnancy was considered a “pre-existing condition.” I had completed college in 1981, but had returned to complete a teaching certificate. I was still about a year away from completing the program. With no help in sight and a baby on the way, my wife, Helen, called all over the County to find somewhere we could get health insurance. I came home from class one afternoon, and she excitedly told me, “Good news—you can be a school custodian or a bus driver!”

I chose bus driver. With only weeks to spare, we qualified for health insurance; the baby (now 32 years old) was born; I completed my studies and

started teaching fourth grade.

I left teaching after a few years to work in the computer field. I started at the bottom, assembling PCs. I then learned to fix them. I was promoted to operations and then product management. Then we hit the recession of 1990, and I was laid off.

By now, Helen had started studying to be a pharmacist, and I was sole earner for our family of four. I scrambled to find any kind of work—substitute teaching, freelance writing, I turned nothing down. After a successful freelance experience as an instructional designer with a computer-based training company, I landed full-time work with a software developer as a technical writer. But the work was not satisfying, and I felt I was not serving a higher pur-

pose—only making money. I wanted my work to mean something. It was then that I realized how much I missed teaching, and that I was a pretty good writer. I returned to school and earned a master’s degree in writing and began teaching at the college level.

My first college teaching was with underprepared students—those who graduated from high school but were not ready for college. I was really good at helping them get their skills up to where they needed to be. Most went on to be successful in their college courses, and many went on to satisfying careers. I, myself, went on to complete a doctorate in education degree.

This experience got me to thinking about the disconnect between what was going on in high school and what was expected of students entering college. I became involved in collaboration discussion with FCPS high school

teachers. I joined advisory boards and took leadership positions in professional organizations serving as president of the Developmental Education Association of Maryland, and the Mid-Atlantic College Reading Association. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Maryland Higher Education Commission Faculty Advisory Council. Each provided me the opportunity to influence what was going on in colleges and schools. Most recently, I was successful in changing a restrictive Maryland law (COMAR 13B.02.02.16f) defining college mathematics requirements that was keeping thousands of students from completing or even trying to get a college degree.

Here in Frederick, I helped create the highly successful dual-enrollment program that brings college classes to all 10 FCPS high schools, and have helped create the transition classes that

will be offered to high school seniors not meeting PARCC standards.

All of my professional experience, from public schools to private industry to higher education, my work with Maryland education policy review, my advocacy in Annapolis to change unreasonable education law, my accreditation work, my expertise in planning, budgeting, and assessment—all have prepared me to serve Frederick County as a member of its Board of Education.

My motivation for running is to make Frederick County schools the best they can be, to responsibly use the tax dollars allocated for the good of students, to ensure government regulations work for us—not against us, to reduce testing and increase learning, and to see that all of our children leave our schools with the knowledge and skills they need for reaching their goals and following their dreams.

Mike Bunitsky

I am writing to ask for your vote for the Frederick County Board of Education. Voting is an inalienable right for Americans. Public education matters to all of us as parents of students, business owners, taxpayers and citizens. Your vote is important for the future of our students and the health of our county.

I am grateful to have lived and worked as an educator in Frederick County for thirty-six years. I have seen my former students actively engaged as educators, business owners, attorneys, medical professionals and elected officials. I want to continue to cultivate leadership opportunities for FCPS students and to lead by example by serving on the BOE.

As a parent I care about quality of Frederick County Public Schools. My wife, who is a pastor and a counselor, and I have four sons; all were well prepared for life by their K-12 education in our schools.

My professional life in education began in 1975. After five years teaching in Prince Georges County, I came to Governor Thomas Johnson High School in 1980 to teach history and government. In 1995 I moved to the Central Office as a curriculum specialist and retired on February 1 of this year. As a seasoned teacher, administrator and retiree, I know when this system works and when it doesn’t.

I am working collaboratively with

two other candidates for the BOE, Joy Schaefer and Ken Kerr. Together Bunitsky, Schaefer and Kerr are working for the

BEST SCHOOLS for KIDS.

Our shared vision for Frederick County Public Schools is to create a teaching and learning environment where students, guided by high quality teachers and staff discover the joy of learning for a lifetime. We believe that classrooms must be a place where students master skills and become creative, collaborative and critical thinkers.

We know we can make this vision a reality with support from a board that empowers teachers and staff to freely make decisions based on their talents, wisdom and training. We believe we must also support our teachers and staff with opportunities

for professional development, sufficient resources, and up to date facilities. Bringing these elements together provide a pathway for every student to be successful.

Joy Schaefer, Ken Kerr and I not only share a commitment to these goals—together we bring more than 80 years of experience in public education. And we are committed to equity across

the whole system and the kind of transparency that builds trust.

In that spirit, I suggest you visit my website, Mike Bunitsky for BOE or write to me at mikebunitsky.boe@gmail.com.

I hope you will vote on November 8 for me, Michael Bunitsky, along with Joy Schaefer and Ken Kerr, who are working for the Best Schools for Kids!

Cindy Rose

I’ve had a child in public education since the mid 1980’s. I’ve seen many things happen from the parent perspective and I don’t like what I’m seeing and experiencing.

I miss the “sage on the stage” and don’t much care for the “Chromebook on the counter”.

Education used to be personal and built on community relationships. Now its data and technology driven by for profit outsiders who don’t know, nor care, about our children. Few are questioning and even fewer are standing in between the outsiders and our children. We are surrendering “public” education.

Our education standards, Common Core (English and Math) and the Next Generation Science standards are privately owned and not one Maryland teacher had a hand in writing them. Common Core demands a literacy component in every class including music and art. Our elementary students are getting less time to play and more time on technology. I’m not ready to surrender the innocence of childhood to “college and career readiness”.

The November 30, 2015 report on testing from Maryland School Education Association to the Mary-

land State Department of Education stated that Frederick County students spend “almost one half of an entire school year taking tests throughout their pre K-12 education”. Half an entire year for English and Math at the expense of other learning and enrichment. Keep in mind the people who brought us Common Core, don’t send their children to schools that use Common Core.

I don’t want to be a part of the data collection of our children that goes hand in hand with a digitally driven classroom. Those cute “free” apps everyone uses are “free” because they get to glean information and sell it to outsiders who will use it to make profit. Schools sign our children up, often without permission and without sharing with us the dangers of all the “free” stuff.

The February 2016 audit of the Maryland Longitudinal Data Center, where all our children’s educational and personally identifiable information is stored, stated that “Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information Was Not Adequately Protected” and “The Center’s Servers Were Not Adequately Secure” and most egregious - of the 202 security updates required on its 14 servers, not ONE

was updated. Our children’s data is unsafely stored.

Your Editor, Mike Hillman, invited me to write and asked to pitch why I deserve your vote. I’m a humble person, I don’t know if I “deserve” your vote. Few of you know me; some of you may have read about me and my family. You have little information to go on other than I’ve been advocating for the children in Frederick County Public Schools for several years.

We got air conditioned buses for summer use for our medically fragile children; extended the textbook review policy from 7 to 21 days; had inappropriate textbooks removed from the classroom, gotten parent and student rights codified in school policy.

Today I spent 45 minutes on a conference call with Carol Beatty, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities; Arleen Lee, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office for Children; Marcella Frankowski, Asst. Superintendent for Special Education and Early Intervention for MSDE, Delegate David Vogt and a few others to work on HB1204, a bill that would recognize the rights state wide, that FCPS is now recognizing.

I can promise you without hesitation I will do my best to look out for your children, what they are learning and your right to continue to parent your children even after they enter the classroom. I am asking you to trust me with your vote.

VOTE FOR THE *Best Schools for Kids!*



Mike Bunitsky has 40 years in education with over 35 in Frederick County Public Schools as a teacher, administrator and Curriculum Specialist. Mike’s community involvement, deep knowledge of the inner workings of the school system, and an understanding of what happens in the best classrooms makes him an excellent choice.



Joy Schaefer is an incumbent Board member who has demonstrated her effectiveness, commitment, and willingness to collaborate. Joy is committed to the success of every student and ensuring every school has the resource and support necessary to meet all students’ needs and to engage them in ways that instill a love of learning.



Ken Kerr is Professor and Chair of English at Frederick Community College where he has also served as Dean of Arts and Sciences. His knowledge of the connection between K-12 and higher education, leadership in professional organizations, and experience with state and national education policy brings that missing piece to the Board of Education.

We envision a Board of Education for Frederick County Public Schools that:

- creates a teaching and learning environment where, students guided by high quality teachers and staff, master skills, become creative, collaborative, critical thinkers, and discover the joy of learning;
- empowers teachers and staff with opportunities and freedom to make decisions that improve teaching and learning;
- deploys and utilizes our resources – staff, funds, materials, facilities – in a way that expands opportunities for students, provides a pathway for every student’s success, ensures equity and transparency, and builds community trust; and
- collaborates faithfully and meaningfully with our families and wider community in all that we do in nurturing our students, strengthening our schools, serving Frederick County

FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

Mount writers share experiences, relationships and more that they are grateful for in a completely new way, this Thanksgiving season.

Freshman Year

Tristan

Angela Tongohan
MSM Class of 2020

I had a story ready for you. It was pretty heartwarming. I was going to start with a little anecdote and gradually move into how we should be thankful for the opportunity to wake up every morning to the bright shining sun. I even planned to include a few facts about my family and maybe even a few inspirational quotes; however, something happened this weekend that enhanced my idea of being thankful to an even deeper level, and I think you ought to know about it.

This weekend I went home for my mother's 50-something-th birthday. It was a surprise, so my dad picked me up pretty late. When I arrived at the house, a tiny, gold-and-white Papillon was waiting for me at the door. I have two dogs by the way. A Papillon and a beautiful black-and-white Prince Charles Spaniel. Their names are Tala and Tristan, respectively. After a few

minutes of belly rubbing in celebration of our reunion, my dad and I set up for the surprise.

She was pleased, to say the least. She appreciated the cherry wood jewelry box I bought her and my dad's make-shift effort to make a card. We laughed and decided to save the cake for the next day since one in the morning was deemed "too late" for cake eating.

However, the focus of this story is not my mother's birthday, her gifts, or even her surprise. The focus of this story is actually my dogs.

No, not the Papillon.

When I saw only Tala that night, I had assumed that Tristan was running around the backyard. He was always the outdoorsy one. Tala didn't do much. She slept and ate and barked and slept and ate again. She wasn't a walks type of dog either. In fact, a few months before we got Tristan, we took Tala camping. Let's just say that after a severe case of overheating, a trek to the nearest water pump and a bath in the

ice cooler, we were never taking Tala camping again, ever.

As I've mentioned in recent issues, I am an only child from a small family. My parents believed that if I spent day after day with only myself as company, I was bound to go insane. They decided I needed a companion. The first attempt was Tala. However, being that Tala enjoyed the company of the dust balls under my parent's bed more than she enjoyed spending time with me, we decided to try again.

I met Tristan on a farm. We had gone in search of fresh eggs and left with a shy puppy instead. Tristan was the most beautiful puppy I have ever seen. The farmer was gushing about how his dog had just given birth and, out of excitement, rushed in and grabbed one to show us. Puppy Tristan had the biggest, saddest eyes. His droopy ears were still rather short. After a failed attempt to hand him over to my dad, the man tried to give Tristan to me. He practically jumped into my arms.

It was amazing. I remember thinking to myself, "This must be how it feels like after giving birth!" One look at Tristan and I was overcome with an overwhelming and absolute love. I im-

mediately turned to my dad and said, "We can't leave without him."

And we didn't.

I didn't know how to feel when my parents told me they gave him away.

At first I was confused. "What? To whom? Where?" They began to explain to me how they had given him away to a family whose daughter also went to the Mount, but I was no longer listening. I couldn't see anything; I couldn't hear anything. My mind was flooding with memories of Tristan. He was my best friend. We did everything together. We slept together, ate together, even watched movies together. When we moved houses, he stood by my door at night because I was afraid of the dark. He was so wonderfully loyal.

When I was sad, he would lick my hand and rub his ears against my eyes to wipe away the tears. He loved me unconditionally. He loved me absolutely. He loved me entirely. Even when I didn't return the love he deserved. I remember spending less and less time with him. As time to leave for college came closer, I remember opting to spend time with my friends more than choosing to spend time with him.

I remember locking him out of my room more times than not. I would come home late and leave home early and forget to give him walks, but Tristan's love never failed. He was always waiting for me at the door with the same ratty tennis ball I gave him after my last season of high school tennis.

Oh, how I wished I appreciated him more. I met the family we gave him away to later on, and saw that they cared for him in a way that I no longer could. I will always be grateful for Tristan. He was such a huge part of my life. He's made me realize the importance of unconditional love, and to appreciate those who do love me unconditionally. I have come to appreciate people who go out of their way to make me happy or to show me comfort. I find that it is so easy to take things for granted, like I took Tristan for granted. He has taught me so much, he taught me to love without expecting anything in return. Tristan was so special to me, and I am blessed that I was able to encounter such a beautiful love.

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

Sophomore Year

Wherever this train takes me

Michael Kenney Jr.
MSM Class of 2019

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

—Jawaharlal Nehru, First Indian Prime Minister

I recently visited New York City, and I found that, although I was in one of the world's most illustrious cities, a culmination of ordinary people and ordinary experiences made my trip unforgettable. I am thankful for everyday adventures, and for the humorous blunders, curious strangers, and gen-

erous loved ones that make life spontaneous. The story below highlights a blend of these attributes and illustrates a snapshot of an "everyday adventure" that augmented my experience.

"Did I just get on the wrong train?" I think to myself. I glance at my ticket and back towards the loudspeaker, which projected the conductor's ominous next destination: Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia? I'm supposed to be going to New York! Manhattan. Tonight." My eyes dart towards the other passengers, hoping one of them will catch my expression, decipher my novice train riding experience, and assure me of something definite like, "Son, you're supposed to be on the next train" or "Don't sweat it, kid.

You're just where you need to be," but no one does.

I rewind the directions the desk clerk gave me at the station. Out the door, left, and section D. I did that, hopefully.

I stop worrying for a moment and consider my encounter with the clerk. I approached her desk -- out of breath from my jog from the parking lot, decked out in sweats, and sporting two bulging backpacks like an oversized turtle shell.

"Hi, has the train left yet...? The one for Manhattan?" I smiled with enthusiastic naivety and she shook her head. "Great. I'd like to print a ticket then please."

"I.D.?" she asked, not looking up from her computer. I felt around my pockets. I had forgotten my wallet in my dorm room. Whoops.

I glanced at my watch. I still had eight whole minutes before the train's scheduled departed.

"Will a school I.D. work?" I ask.

"If it's valid," she says with monotonous irritation.

She printed out my ticket and, upon my request, repeated thrice how I should get to the correct platform. Out the main doors, turn left, section D.

My brief flashback ends. "She probably thought I was crazy," I

think to myself as the train jolts into motion. "I guess she'll have a good story to tell: 'You wouldn't believe it. This kid at the station tonight...'" Maybe she'll laugh about our encounter later.

I look out the window and Baltimore blurs away. The moon, headlights, and illuminated office windows scintillate in an otherwise ink black city.

I sink back into my chair and find myself in uncanny composure. "If worst comes to worst, I end up in Philadelphia until I figure out the next train to Manhattan. Philly's not that bad. The City of Brotherly Love. Great cheesesteaks. Maybe I'll stay with Colin from high school. I'm pretty sure he goes to school in Philadelphia," I think to myself.

I close my eyes and think of the speech I will have to say to my mom if, in fact, I do end up in the wrong city: "Wow, Mom, I thought I was only in for a trip to New York and would you believe it?! I guess it's my lucky day! It looks like two cities in one trip. Before I explain, you remember Colin from high school -- he goes to school in Philadelphia, right...?"

I'm exhausted. I let my backpacks slip to the floor, and the train sways me to sleep.

A couple of hours into my trip, I wake up and two new passengers sit adjacent to me. One of the men is bearded and tucks his long, wiry hair into a bun. The other is stout, and sits cross legged. It's pretty cold outside, but they both wear shorts. They converse rapidly in another language, Arabic, I think.

Within minutes of their conversation, the bearded man rhythmically pats his legs as if they are bon-go drums and starts singing Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" with a reggae flare. The stout man laughs, and occasionally hums along.

They pull out a travel book titled *Discovering New York City*. They flip through the pages. One picture shows iconic landmarks: the Empire State Building, another Time Square, and another of the Statue of Liberty. I am most struck, however, by an image of a man -- I suppose he's in Central Park -- blowing bubbles into a flock of giddy children. Optimism is a choice, I suppose.

I arrive at New York's Penn Station and call my sister. She's thrilled that I've arrived and says that she's in the main concourse.

I come up the escalator, and I immediately spot her in a bright pink rain jacket, surrounded by a flurry of business suits. I jog over to her with the same exuberance that I approached the train clerk with.

An everyday adventure is only just beginning.

Over the course of the next few days, we would talk with people from all over the world, walk for hours on end through the concrete jungle, discover an amazing hole-in-the-wall pizza parlor, and stay up late telling stories. I am so thankful for her generosity and for the culmination of the "everyday adventures" that made my trip extraordinary.

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I'M GRATEFUL FOR...

Junior Year

The usual thanks

Sarah Muir
MSM Class of 2018

The seasons have come and gone and I am here typing my Thanksgiving thanks to the usual lot, my family. This year it feels as though I have so much more to be thankful for. My magnificent sister is happily married to a wonderful man, my parents are in relative good health, and my own schooling is going as decent as it can be. I am especially thankful for the fall break the students here at Mount St. Mary's have just finished. I think I speak for everyone that vacations are something for which to be thankful. Whether they be three months long, two weeks long, or a three day week-

end, they are blessed occasions to relax and enjoy having nothing to do. They also seem to come at the most opportune moments.

Apart from the odd few days we would spend in Ocean City every now and then, my family and I mostly stick close to home on the now rare occasions we all have a vacation at the same time. This year, my family, (except for my sister, who is a teacher, and therefore didn't have the same break we did), traveled a bit farther away than Maryland. After a 16 hour drive south, during which there was a surprisingly few amount of incidents, we arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana. I was there once before for three days, but that was too short to enjoy everything the French Quarter had to offer. I was thrilled to be with my

family for several days without work or school work getting in the way.

The most enjoyable experience was going to a Sunday Mass at the oldest cathedral in America, St. Louis King of France. It was rebuilt in 1794 after the first major fire in 1788 razed it to the ground. However, its origins date back as far as 1727. It is truly a beautiful cathedral with frescoes, vaulted arches, gilded alter – the whole nine yards.

While we were there, we saw some family members that we haven't seen for ages. We don't see them often, and I still love them deeply. We used to see them all the time growing up and while not related to them by blood, I still consider them to be family. There is a saying, I'm sure you've heard, that blood is thicker than water. However, it has always been belief that family is more than just blood, it is bond.

With the holiday of Thanksgiving right around the corner, we are faced with an influx of relatives from all the corners of our lives. However, we are usually so busy running around we don't realize that we should be cherishing the moments we have with those we love while we have them close by and before they are scattered to the far corners of the world.

I find that Thanksgiving is often time overlooked, being in between Halloween and the much anticipated Christmas, and I think we forget that it's not about eating so much stuffing, turkey, and pie that you can barely move. Thanksgiving is about remembering all of the good. In today's world, I think we have trouble recognizing it because we feel as though the little good things are overshadowed by the enormity of the bad things we see all

the time, whether in the news or in our own lives. However, the good in the world shines through even if we refuse to acknowledge it. Find the small things in your life that make you smile and prove that the world still remains beautiful even if there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. After you have found it, thank God (or the Universe, if it so pleases you) for the ability to see this light. For me, this "good" has been my family; those of both blood and bond. I have always felt and always will feel enormous gratitude towards God for my family and, this Thanksgiving, I will try to remember all the good that is still in the world and be thankful for every little bit of it.

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Senior Year

Lucky

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This past month, Hurricane Matthew hit and crushed the Caribbean and a few states in the South. The overall death toll is currently estimated to have exceeded 580 people, the majority of whom were Haitian. The death toll is an estimate because there is not accurate reporting. Some reports claim over one thousand, while others claim 300-400. Some officials believe numbers have been inflated in a search for Foreign Aid, while others believe the deaths have been under-reported because of minimal accountability and post-hurricane-related deaths such as cholera, destruction of crops, and limited to non-existent access to food. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their homes, an estimated 1.4 million people are in desperate need of food, babies were delivered in knee-deep waters, families are searching for missing loved ones, and children are at an increased risk for exploitation and trafficking.

Aid has been sent from around the world, but the international response seems minimal in comparison to other tragic events over the past few years. Without turning this into a social commentary, I have to ask: why isn't this an international tragedy? Why is the race against time for peoples' livelihoods not flooding my Facebook newsfeed or my email inbox? I do not know; I do not know what is being done, and frankly, I could not do much about it even if I did know. So, before you get alarmed or turned off by my spiel of disheartening statistics, know this is going somewhere, I promise.

I spent the first ten days after the hurricane frustrated by the fact that nobody seemed to be doing anything. Frustrated by the fact that the initial few deaths in America seemed to matter so much more

than the estimated thousand elsewhere. Now, the death toll has risen in both Haiti and America. Lives are being taken and deaths are being reported to this very moment. And still, the reaction is underwhelming. Again, I remained frustrated. What was being done? I'm sure something was. I'm sure as a 21 year-old, reasonably informed citizen I must be missing some information. I'm sure that there was more than one plane of aid sent in the first week, but what shocks me is not the government nor the NGO response. I am not qualified nor prepared to speak on either of those fronts. What shocked me was the general lack of care that I witnessed in all daily interactions. Numbers were slowly revealed, and emails were not forwarded. Still, I remained frustrated. What is going on here?

I expressed my frustration to a few people and received one response that stood out. Being frustrated

will do nothing, it will produce no fruit. This is an opportunity in so many ways. It is an opportunity to become more educated, to pray, to reach out, and to recognize the dignity and simultaneous desperation that so many people are experiencing every second as they recover, whether from loss of home, food source, parent, child, belongings, and more. There is an incredible need and within that an incredible opportunity presents itself to us.

Okay, pause, I promise this is related to the theme I wrote at the top of this page.

"Mount students share experiences, relationships, and more, that they are grateful for in a completely new way this Thanksgiving season."

I promise, once more, that I am not thankful in any way that so many people are suffering so intensely right now.

I am thankful, though, for the people who are recognizing the human dignity of all victims and survivors. I am thankful for the people who are learning from this disaster, thankful for the people who have

taught me to understand that a disaster anywhere is a disaster, thankful for the opportunity this presents for the world, and the international community, to come to the aid of people in need, and thankful for the conversation this creates in classrooms, offices, and more with the knowledge that conversation sparks response.

In those ten days that I spent in frustration, I was not thankful. I wish I could say that I was, that I immediately understood that I should focus on what's next or that I grasped that concept of thanks, but I didn't. People were suffering, they still are, in two countries. I wondered if we, having the resources and response that we do in America, lacked the perspective to understand how lucky we are. I wondered, again, what was being done. I couldn't find any reason to be thankful, and I wasn't looking for one.

We are lucky, and we have so

much to be thankful for. We have a new opportunity to engage in a new and productive way in the international community. We, as a country, have news systems, evacuation plans, cars and public transportation, generators, paved roads, community centers, insurance, alert systems, and so much more that kept the damage in our country to a minimum. Because of this, we are lucky enough to be in a position to engage in outreach, to increase global awareness, to focus efforts on recovery for ourselves and others, and more. We have the time, because of the systems we have in place, to pray, learn, educate, and find a fruitful way to enhance relief efforts and awareness. This is all actually an overwhelming amount for which to be thankful, I just didn't see it at first.

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FASHION

An argument to accessorize

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Let me confide in you with a personal confession: I have never been one to accessorize. Rather, my interest in fashion has stayed concerned with the motives of fashion dictated by shape and silhouette.

However, with the recent interest in sneakers — high tops, low tops, Velcro, lace-ups and platform — you name it, my curiosity peaked. A cultural fad initiated by a mass of teenage boys, and then overcome with girl power — the sneakers-paired-with-dresses-skirts-and-trousers look, brought me to see fashion differently. Certain pieces of fashion could contrive the way clothing is understood, and in some situations, alter its precedent perception. Accessories can make a smashing statement that disrupts a society's understanding of fashion, as did this sneakerhead society. Or, in other situations, subtle additions sustains an outfit. An argument to accessories accentuates at the climax when that one and only last piece completes your final look before you walk out that door. It is the cherry on top, the mountain peak that sets you soaring for a day of glee and smiley face emojis. Accessories are a stylistic feature, and therefore there could not be a more relevant time than ever for culture's interest in personal style. Call it a necklace, a friendship bracelet or a handbag: these accessories elevate the way clothes are worn.

For some, the intent of accessorizing is different. I can say for myself that accessories play out as a sentiment of romanticism through their function.

Whether it be the bracelet I treat myself to, as a daily reminder of an achievement or a momentum of inspiration, or like my Marc by Marc Jacobs watch — a simple black leather strap and rose gold face piece that was a college graduation gift and ever since, stands as a piece of my everyday attire — one thing defines such pieces, and that is: their intention, and their special place in the attribution of style.

Why then accessorize? In its commitment, there is a freedom to bedazzle with the furry loafers, or to sport the "it bag" in season. Jewelry, handbags and shoes make for classic forms of accessories. Such expenditures can complete an outfit, aid in the exploration of current trends, and create a statement or dissimilarity, a signature style.

Just before the time when mittens, beanies and earmuffs inspire the holiday season, there is fall fashion: a season notorious for the excuse for adding layers. This sort of blanketing — not jackets, scarves, nor cardigans — but rather the decorative handbag or shoe, trumps accessory trends for good measure. These fall interests will spruce up the wardrobe this season. They are the accessories that layer onto an outfit to serve the purpose of accenting outfits. Fashion fixates on the statements. In current interests the more outrageous the better. So then, if these are no excuses, venture no further to these current fads that keep the fantasies of fashion alive.

Women's Accessories

Mules

By definition the mule is a backless loafer, a slide on, slip-on shoe; the

design of the shoe stands as an automatic statement. Fashion style photographers won't stop shooting pictures of them, as magazine editors and socialites keep fashioning them on the streets of fashion meccas. The mule is the perfect transitional shoe in this Indian Summer we are experiencing: it allows the change-over between the warmer to colder weather to be more comfortable. This fall season, accents of color, design and detail including the plum purple of my friend's Madewell pair and the frenzy of fur that launched the Gucci Princeton Loafers can be seen on the market.

Everlane has since made other innovating statements, a San Francisco based brand that has made The Modern Babo, the loafer convertible mule. The particular style is a game changer for not only its design but through attention to sustainability. This mindset of its own will alter the direction of fashion: not all is wasteful.

With an eye on factories and their production in addition to developing a genuine relationship with their customers through honesty, a business model the company refers to as "Radical Transparency," Everlane is here to cleanse characterizations of destruction and imprudence. By default, the brand will metamorphose these notions into a pure knowledge of production of the brand's product. Working with such a foundation, the industry will find that not only sustainable fashion trends are in season, but that such brands can sustain the trends.

Cross bodice bag

In a similar fashion to the mule, the cross bodice bag rebuilds a bag through different forms. Its name derives from its function as a cross body bag that cuts to the torso of those who fashion the style; therefore establishing a multi-faceted handbag that works as a shoulder bag, but carries the length of a cross body.

The Michael Kors Raven Medium Messenger Bag is its technical name, but stylistically this is a cross bodice bag, a new trend that in the fresh fall season of fashion celebrates with a richness in color and gold hardware accents. Such features relay the beauty of this bag. Detailed with accents of gold rings on the cross body straps, the bag carries a dazzling spirit alongside a palette of fall colors including plum purple, moss green and brick brown. These details of the leather Raven Messenger bag reveals the typical romance Kors brings to the world of fashion.

This time around, the New York City designer brings back a classic form of fashion. There is innovation in its design, but its affect is signature to its style, and that is only described as lovely, feminine and sophisticated.

Men's accessories

Brief case

Similar to the cross bodice, is a classic form of accessory in the world of menswear. The brief case is a working man's bag. In the professional world, the bag carries all the necessities. For practical reasons this keeps its style on the market. Its functionalism makes

it an automatic fashion statement. The current captivation for the brief case has altered as the interest in technology coincides with the fashion industry. Indeed there is a relationship, typically exposed through social media apps and cell phone cases. However, the season's attention to bags with technical fabrication broadcasts the greater effect of this relationship: one that influences the trending styles and highlights brands that designs for its cause.

Tumi, a South American brand, is captivating attention through an urban, modern and slick style. With interest in building products that feature practical compartments and ballistic nylon-based material, this brand appeals to the tech industry, and therefore naturally becomes trendy. This very aspect breeds its name across New York City. People get obsessive. The Peruvian brand initially introduced itself in the city at Grand Central Terminal, an integral spot for business. As technology becomes interested in making responsibilities in life easier and more practical, such brands show that the fashion industry has its full support.

This fall 2016, accessorizing means making statements with innovation. Loafers, cross body bags and brief cases have remained as classic forms of fashion throughout history. However recent attention to the details of their design, including accents of color and decoration, design and fabrication have resurfaced attention for these staples. Accessorizing is trending, just in a new form of fashion: a method where these details make all the difference in the world.

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Right hand man

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The old man watched as a honey haired boy threw the pine cone high into the air, "Clear!" he screeched ducking behind the park bench. "Boom!" the little boy yelled, his hands covering his ears. He peeked over the seat, "Mission complete."

The old man laughed, "Come over here, you little rascal," he said, waving the little boy closer.

The boy grinned, "Are you going to tell me a story, Grandpa?"

"What kind of story do you want to hear?" the old man said, his eyes twinkling.

"A war story!" exclaimed the boy, picking another pine cone off the ground, "Boom!" he yelled again.

"A war story, eh?" said the old man thoughtfully, "I think I have a war story for you... about a little boy just like you."

The little boy hopped onto the bench beside the man, "Like me?" he repeated.

The old man nodded.

"Two boys, in fact. Their names were Joey and Peter. And when they were little boys they wanted to be soldiers just like you."

Two boys ran around an empty street, one with sandy blonde hair and another with dark brown hair. The houses on either side were uniform and nearly identical.

"There's someone behind the trashcan!" the dark haired one screamed, diving behind a car.

"I got him!" said the blonde boy, taking a rock and chucking it as hard as he could. It hit the can with a loud bang!

"You're such a show off, Joey," the brown haired boy laughed, emerging from behind one of the wheels.

"Don't worry, you'll get better one day," joked Joey, "Maybe as good as me."

"Growing up they did everything together. They played games, went to school, exercised and even flirted with the same girls."

The little boy made a face. "When the boys were eighteen, they decided to enlist—"

"Enlist?" asked the little boy. "That's what you do when you join the army," said the old man, "And they made it into the army. Boy, were they excited! They were both determined to go to war. They made a little bet, you see. To see who would make it on the field first."

Two boys, much older now stood in line outside the recruiting office.

"Where do you think they're gonna send us, Joey?" said an older Peter, his cheeks red with excitement, "Japan? Italy?"

"Are you crazy," laughed Joey, "They're not gonna send us there. We're at war with them!"

"But what if they do," said Peter, "I mean, who fights the wars? Soldiers, right?"

"We haven't even enlisted yet. What are you in such a hurry for?"

"I'm just saying, Joey, what if something happens to one of us."

They stood in silence for a few minutes.

"Like what? What do you mean? Like we die or something?"

"Yeah..." said Peter, "Or get injured. Like an arm blows off or something."

The line moved, and they slowly inched their way forward.

"Well, I don't know about you, but no man gets left behind," said Joey with a shrug.

"Yeah, Joey. I'd always go back for you. It doesn't matter if your footless or fingerless. If you're missing an arm, I'll be your arm."

"But things didn't go as expected. Peter won the bet. And after a few days, he was shipped off to Hawaii. Peter and Joey kept in touch. Every week, they would send letters. Peter was so excited. He made war sound so exciting. He said that there was a sense of camaraderie where he was. Everyone had the same interests, the same passion. Joey couldn't wait to be deployed.

"Well did he? Did he get de-

ployed," said the little boy, trying to pronounce the word.

"He did," said the old man, "but not for quite some time."

"Why not?" asked the little boy.

"The base Peter was on blew up," said the old man. He gently pried the pine cone out of the little boy's hand and tossed it a few feet away, "Boom."

A man's voice rang through the truck radio, "—over 200 Americans already presumed dead. This is it folks. This is happening right now. Pearl Harbor is under attack."

"Turn that up a little bit," said Joey.

"The Japanese have dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor. This is a sad day for the United States of America."

The little boy frowned, "What happened."

"Peter was stationed in Pearl Harbor," said the old man, "With all the chaos that was going on then, they couldn't find him."

"You have to find him. You do. Check the names again. Peter Tracy. No, he's not dead. I'm sure of it. He's got to be in the hospital or something. Maybe you just spelled his name wrong or something."

"I apologize sir, but we don't have a Peter Tracy on file. I'm sorry, but for now, we are going to have to assume the worst."

The little boy grew bright red, "Well what happened to Joey? Did he not want to become a soldier anymore?"

"Oh no," said the old man, "Joey wanted to become a soldier even more now. You see," said the old man, patting the little boy on the head, "He thought that if he became a soldier, he'd be able to find Peter."

"Well what happened to Joey?"

"He was sent to Tunisia," said the old man. "He stayed there for a year or so. He was part of what they called Operation Flax. He was a pretty good soldier, but halfway through battle, his right sleeve got caught on a burning



tank. He suffered third degree burns, and the medic had to cut his arm off."

"Peter! Peter!" Joey screamed as he stared at his right arm engulfed in flames, "Where are you! I need your help right now! You said—he was beginning to lose consciousness, "You said if I lost an arm you would be my arm. You were gonna be my right hand man,"

The boys eyes grew wide, "Ouch," he said, "That must hurt."

The old man laughed, "Yes, you're right."

"Well what happened to Joey after that," asked the little boy.

The old man smiled, "He came home," he said simply, "He met a pretty little lady and got married and had five beautiful children. They bought a nice big house with a kept green yard, and he ended up retiring."

"And he never found Peter?" asked the little boy, "Well he's got to find Peter, or else this this is the worst story I've ever heard, Grandpa."

The old man laughed.

"Well does he find Peter?" said a voice behind them. They both turned and found an elderly man with silver hair. He wore a blue button-up and grey pants. Where his right arm was supposed to be was nothing at all, leaving the sleeve limply hanging by his side. His eyes twinkled.

"Grandpa Joseph!" said the little boy, running towards the man, "Grandpa Pete was just telling me a war story. It wasn't very good."

"Is that so?" said the silver haired man, "And why was that?"

"Well, the boys don't find each other in the end," said the little boy. He picked up another pine cone, "Boom!"

"Joseph, there's someone at the door," a petite young woman called, straddling a small baby boy in her arms.

A middle aged, sandy blonde man emerged from the kitchen, "I got it," he said. Pulling the door open he said, "Hello, how may I he—"

There was a long pause.

"I heard that you were missing a right hand," said the brown haired man at the door, "I said to myself, "I ought to go visit him because I need a left. Maybe we could trade."

"Well, did Joey and Peter find each other in the end, Pete?" asked the silver haired man with a chuckle.

"Yes. Yes, they did Joseph," the man sitting on the bench replied. With a groan, he slowly stood up, his left sleeve blowing in the wind.

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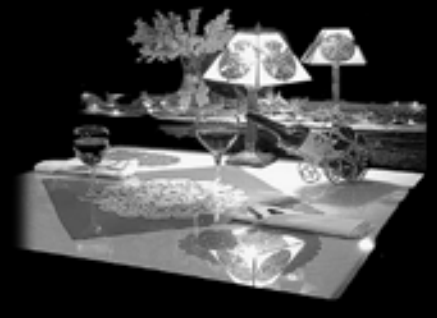
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Way Off Broadway's 2017 Children's Theatre

Following the recent unveiling of The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre's 2017 Mainstage Season, the theatre's producers have announced the 2017 Season line-up for the company's popular children's theatre. A part of The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre since 1996, the Children's Theatre at Way Off Broadway is a unique entertainment destination for weekend family outings, birthday parties, and school field trips. Since the Children's Theatre first opened, it has welcomed some of the most popular children's characters to the stage, where audiences of all ages have been able to see their stories come to life right before their eyes. From original adaptations of classic fairytales to those based on Disney animated films to musicals straight from the pages of the most popular children's books of the day, Way Off Broadway has prided itself on bringing entertainment for all ages to the region.

What makes the Children's Theatre at Way Off Broadway such an exciting experience for young theatre-goers is that not only do they get to see their favorite stories live on stage, they have the opportunity to interact with the characters. As part of a

dinner theatre, everyone attending the performance receives a kid-friendly lunch that is served by characters from the show.

"It really is a good feeling," says Bill Kiska, Way Off Broadway's Executive Producer & CEO, "to see a child's face light up when Cinderella or Peter Pan come to their table and talk to them. How could a child not be excited to meet Dora the Explorer or one of the Berenstain Bears?"

The Children's Theatre's 2017 Season will welcome the return of two productions that previously had very successful runs at the theatre and include two area premieres. The season begins in February with the newly released Garfield: The Musical with Cattitude, followed by the return of Disney's Cinderella. The fall will bring the regional premiere of the brand new Madagascar – A Musical Adventure, adapted from the hit Dreamworks film. Rounding out the season, for the holidays, will be the revival of the theatre's own A Children's Theatre Christmas Carol.

February 4 – April 8: Garfield: The Musical With Cattitude. Garfield, a chubby and sarcastic tabby cat fantasizes about having the most amazing birth-

day in the history of birthdays. He deserves it for being the best cat ever! But, it seems that all his friends – Arlene, Odie, Jon and even his nemesis, Nermal, seem to have forgotten. Feeling rejected, Garfield ventures out to find adventure, but quickly learns that "home is where the heart... and the food is."

May 6 – July 22: Disney's Cinderella Kids. It's the ultimate "rags to riches" fairy tale. Poor Cinderella is endlessly mistreated by her wicked stepmother and stepsisters, and denied a chance to go to the royal ball. With a little help from her mice friends – and a lot of help from her Fairy Godmother – Cinderella's dreams come true. She goes to the ball, meets the Prince and falls in love!

September 16 – October 28: Madagascar – A Musical Adventure. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adventure follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.



November 11 – December 23: A Children's Theatre Christmas Carol. The Children's Theatre puts its own twist on a holiday staple in this production. In Way Off Broadway's retelling of the classic Charles Dickens tale, it's Ms. Ebenezer, a school teacher who has no time for fun, that is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Along with the students in her class, they all help to bring the spirit of the season into her life.

Children's Theatre performances are every Saturday afternoon and the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Guests arrive at 11:30 a.m. for lunch with the show beginning at 12:30 p.m. and running until 1:30 p.m. All tickets are \$17 per person for lunch and the show. In addition,

packages are available for birthday parties, as well as weekday performances for school groups.

Way Off Broadway is also the home of a one-of-a-kind children's lunch theatre, offering entertainment for the entire family, giving children a chance to see their favorite characters live on stage. In addition to its regular season, the theatre produces a number of special events throughout the year including an annual Breakfast with Santa (and Mrs. Claus) and an interactive mysteries series. www.wayoffbroadway.com

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Gingerbread House Contest

Did you ever walk into a kitchen where fresh gingerbread is cooking? It's one of the ziestiest aromas of the holidays.

To usher that magic into your own kitchen, and celebrate the community's cooking creativity, the Adams County Arts Council is once again calling for bakers, volunteers and vendors for the annual Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart.

Set for Friday and Saturday, December 2-3, this beloved holiday tradition at the Gettysburg Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College brings together individuals, teams, businesses and organizations interested in baking and displaying their gingerbread house creations.

In this seventh year, the ACAC is calling for local bakers to enter an original gingerbread house for the competition. Prizes of \$200 will be awarded in various categories. To make the contest as open as possible, there is also a category to enter a gingerbread cookie, with a prize of \$50 to the winner.

Interested bakers, vendors or volunteers may download an application form at AdamsArts.org/gingerbread, or pick up a form at the ACAC, 125 South Washington Street, Gettysburg. Donations are also welcome for the silent auction.

Art activities for the whole family

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The end of the year is right down the road! Where has the year gone? In January of last year, I was set to leave for my travels in Europe, and this month I'm beginning to make plans for life after graduation. Life moves so quickly! November and December are more retrospective, when compared to other months. We slow down, give thanks for all that we already have, and look forward to the new year and the opportunities that lie ahead.

November is a busy month for all of us, and while we have a lot to be thankful for, we still have a lot to do. Even though we're preoccupied with important things, there is still plenty to do around Emmitsburg, in the meantime! In light of the time of year, and all that we have to be grateful for, I thought it would be helpful to share all of the family-friendly art events happening in the local area this month. Many of these events are on the weekend, and if they are not, they are still excellent ways to de-stress and entertain ourselves in light of our hectic schedules.

You may be familiar with the art strolls on Main Street in Thurmont. They typically take place in May, and somewhat more infrequently, they also take place in November. Well, this year, there will be an Art and Wine Stroll on Main Street! I spoke with Vickie Grinder, Main Street Manager for the town of Thurmont, about what we can expect for the art stroll.

The Art and Wine Stroll began three years ago. It found its origin after Rebecca Pearl, who owned the Rebecca Pearl Gallery, moved away. Vickie told me, "After Rebecca moved, there was no art whatsoever on Main Street. As a designated Maryland Main Street, art is very prevalent in most designated Main Street communities, and a few Main Streets are particularly well known for their galleries and art events."

Motivated by the lack of galleries or art events on Main Street, she organized the first Art and Wine Stroll on Thurmont's Main Street. The stroll, "invites local artists to showcase and sell their work while interacting with all who attend. Art and wine go very well together, so we have three wineries participating as well, who will offer tastings of the different varieties

they offer at the vineyards."

Each artist and their work is located within a business on Main Street. There is a great variety of artwork you will find for the stroll. Rebecca Pearl will have her artwork present, as will Nancy Houston, who paints lovely pet portraits, Austin Gladhill, art from the Catoctin Forest Alliance, and many more! You will find nature portraits, pet portraits, tattooists, purse makers, among others. Some of the wineries that will be offering samples at multiple locations on Main Street are Catoctin Breeze Vineyard and the Springfield Manor Winery and Distillery. Live music will be performed by Paul Zelenka along with singing partner, Mary Guiles.

Although wine is available for sampling, this event is open to all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult, but it will be a great time for everyone involved. Artists and wine sampling locations can be found in many different locations, some of which include Hobbs Hardware, Mountain Memories, Thurmont Historical Society, Timeless Trends Boutique, and many others. The first 75 attendees at Heart & Hands will receive a complimentary wine glass, and you will receive your glow necklace to start your stroll. The Art and Wine Stroll is free,

and will take place on Friday, November 18 from 5-8 p.m.

In addition to the stroll, the Visual and Performing Arts Department at Mount St. Mary's has announced their fall 2016 event schedule! This year, Dr. Rosenfeld is hosting a concert on November 5th, Dr. Carlson is orchestrating the Lab Band on the 14th and the 15th, and Dr. Blaugher is directing the fall mainstage play *Iphigenia and Other Daughters*.

This play is modern interpretation of some classical Greek plays, ones written by Euripedes and Sophocles. This play was written by Ellen McLaughlin, whose intention behind writing this play was to imagine Greek plays with the female in mind. What you'll find, when watching this play, is that women mostly make up the cast.

But a female-majority cast is not the only modern element of this stageplay. Dr. Blaugher commented, "A modern take on Greek plays, mean that the settings, the costumes, and much of the language is very contemporary. Nevertheless, the 'spine' of the play, the events from the myth, remain the same." The play touches upon many different issues that are present in the Ancient Greek tales; vengeance, war, and jealousy between characters.

This play is a great fit for the community because it touches upon classical works of theater in many interesting ways. Dr. Blaugher mentioned, "Community members with an interest in classical literature would find the piece thought-provoking, as would folks interested in contemporary theater." It is great to see a college theater program tackle a play with a great amount of substance.

In summary, Dr. Blaugher believes the play is worth seeing because, "Even though the source material comes from the beginnings of our western civilization, the human issues that it touches upon continue to be things that humanity deals with on a regular basis. These are emotions are definitely ones we continue to feel." If you are interested in attending this play, curtains rise at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th through Saturday, November 19th. There is also a Sunday matinee show at 2:00 p.m. on November 20th. Tickets are \$7.00, no reservation required!

The Visual and Performing Arts Department is happy to announce the Lab Band's fall concert, called *Europe Endless*. Dr. Mark Carlson, orchestrator for the Lab Band, mentioned that *Europe Endless* refers, "To the title track from Kraftwerk's 1977 album. This concert

and panel discussion features works from the late 1970's to early 1980's that deal with the emergence of a united European identity in the face of crushing Cold War anxieties." If you are a fan of music from the late '70s and '80s, this is definitely one not to miss!

Some of the artists whose works will be performed include Queen, The Sex Pistols, DEVO, Kraftwerk, David Bowie, and much more. Following the concert, faculty from Mount St. Mary's will present topics in their own disciplines that relate to works from this period. The faculty include Dr. Jack Dudley, Dr. Elizabeth Strauss, and Dr. Alejandro Canadas. The program will be on Monday, November 14th, and Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium at Mount St. Mary's. The concert is free and open to all!

As always, there is a great number of art-centered activities in our community, many of which are free and open to everyone. Each event is being put on with a great amount of care and interest from the community, and that's something we should all be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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SPORTS

Cougars focus on playoffs

Sean Vietri

This year's soccer season for the Catoctin Cougars has been a mixed result for both the boys' and the girls' teams. The girls, who so far have a record of 3-8-1 have fought every step of the way losing close games to teams such as Thomas Johnson and Tuscarora, which are also in the Central Maryland Conference. The girls have gone 2-0-1 in their last three games, gaining momentum to carry them heading into the playoffs. The boys, who have had a bit of a rough season, going 2-10, focus on the playoffs, where hopefully they will fare better.

Focusing on recent home games, the boys' team played conference opponents, Boonsboro on October 18 and the girls played conference opponents, Brunswick on the 13, at their Senior Night Game. The girls' game started out pretty even with both teams, who each held their own on both the offense and defense with unlucky shots on goal. The tempo of the game picked up as Brunswick's Hannah White delivered a shot just over the goal post in the 17th minute. After realizing White's skill early in the game, Catoctin's defender, Belle Perry was placed on her to shut her down for the remainder of the game.

Catoctin's forward, Taylor Crum, in the 34th minute, dribbled past two defenders to get her first goal of the game. Just a minute later Crum came back, delivering a second shot which found its way into the back of the net, giving the Cougars a two goal lead over Brunswick. Brunswick regained their footing after Crum's goals. With a minute left in the half, the Railroaders' Audrey Lee shot the ball past keeper Lauren Drumheller, but the apparent goal was called off-side. At the half, the score stood 2-0. The Railroaders, who started the second half strong, saw difficulty finishing with two unlucky shots in the 43rd minute. Brunswick's Lee, Remsberg, and White continued to develop runs and go towards goal but Catoctin's defense, led by senior Carrie Reaver, and goalkeeping by Lauren Drumheller kept the ball out of the net in the majority of second half. In the 75th minute of game, Lee finally scored for Brunswick. The Cougars fought till the final whistle, shutting down the Brunswick offense and winning the game 2-1. Two players that had fantastic games were Catoctin forward Taylor Crum and defender Belle Perry.

Crum, commenting on her game said, "The fact that it was

Senior Night definitely pumped me up to playing harder and faster and made me more hungry to get a goal." Perry, who commented on her battle to shut down White said, "I focused on getting the ball and getting it out of there. I had to focus on not fouling her so close to the goal."

The final score was 2-1, Catoctin.

The boys' game against Boonsboro started off with difficulty getting shots off for both teams. In the tenth minute, Boonsboro's Nicholas Kauffman got a break away for the goal but failed to release it. Catoctin's defense saw action from Kauffman again, five minutes later when Kauffman shot just above Catoctin's crossbar. As the game developed, the main shooters for both Boonsboro and Catoctin faced difficulty finishing. Boonsboro's Adam Burlimann failed to hit the ball on target while Catoctin's Noah Olson had difficulty placing ball in the corners of the goal. In the 25th minute Olson took a shot at a goal with good placement above keeper's head but was unlucky, hitting the bottom of the crossbar and bouncing out. Catoctin sacrificed development as they brought back midfielders to lock down Boonsboro's faster and more aggressive offense for the majority of the first half. They held off the warriors for over 30 minutes, shutting down Burlimann and



Catoctin's Taylor Crum, who scored back to back goals in her Senior Night, fights for the ball with Brunswick's Emilee Stepoulos.

company. Burlimann finally found the net, however, in the 36th minute when Catoctin's defense was pushed too far up the field; the score at the half was 0-1 Boonsboro.

The second half continued to see action in the Cougar's defensive third as Boonsboro's Reilly Long and Tobin Long worked together to try and score. In the 54th minute, Tobin Long jumped for a header from a cross by Reilly Long but missed. In the 58th minute Tobin Long headed the ball to Burlimann who headed it again into the back of the net giving the Warriors a two-goal lead. Olson again tried to score in the 61st minute with an impres-

sive bicycle kick off of a lob from Gasior but it went wide. The Cougars held their ground, not giving Boonsboro any shots on target in the last 20 minutes of game but still failed to equalize the score. The final score was 2-0 Boonsboro. Overall the Cougars saw a pretty good game defensively, but over-reliance on Olson to score up top, hurt the Cougars. Going into the playoffs, the Cougars will need better development in the midfield and the attacking third to avoid defensive games such as this one.

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Mount Mayhem madness

Kelly Smith
MSM Class of 2017

Mount Mayhem is back in action this November as the Mount St. Mary's University Men's Basketball Team kicks off a much-anticipated season. A new year brings changes as the team has added new coaching staff, recruited freshmen players and above all, appreciates the fan support of Mount Mayhem.

In June of 2016, the NCAA announced that the Mount was ranked among the top 25 schools in the nation for the largest increase in average attendance at men's basketball games during the 2015-2016 season. The Mount averaged 2,207 fans this season in 12 home games at Knott Arena, an average of 972 higher than the 2015 season in attendance.

Head Coach Jamion Christian wants to first tell the people of Emmitsburg how grateful him and the team are for their continuous support. He said, "I want them all to know how incredibly appreciative I am that they accept our program so well within a community. We had 10,000 more fans than the next closest person in the league. We are just appreciative of having an opportunity to be a part of a community and we are looking and trying to find ways to continue to grow our relationship with Emmitsburg. We are open to all kinds of ideas because it has just been a special relationship with them and their support of us. The first thing I want them to know is how thankful we are that we are in a community that appreciates us."

Have you ever wondered what "Mount Mayhem" really means? When asked, Christian explained, "Mount Mayhem is really about appreciation for how we play and how much fun it is to play this way. We want to create an up-tempo environment and give everyone an opportunity to take two or three hours away from their day to really watch a game they can enjoy and be proud of. That is something we have tried to realize and hope to continue for the next few years." To Coach Christian and to the team, Mount Mayhem means more than just a saying on the back of a uniform. It is how they play, enjoy and respect the game of basketball.

Earlier in the summer, Coach Christian announced a few changes to his coaching staff. Will Holland, Julian Boatner and Graham Bousley have joined the Mountaineer staff as assistant coaches.

"You want to be a better program where you build it in such a way with so much respect for college basketball where your coaches constantly have a chance to go to other places." Christian said. "You do not want a program where guys are not improving and kind of staying in the same level. I want to be a head coach where you come in here, you work your butt off, you do a

great job, people see the job you do, you're respected, and you then have a chance to move on to a bigger and better opportunity. So I'm excited. It's all good. We have had some new faces come through the door and a few faces head out, but I think at the end of the day our family is growing. That's an important thing."

Will Holland graduated from the Mount in 2010 and immediately served as an assistant coach at Saint Francis University for the next three seasons. Holland worked primarily with the perimeter players at Saint Francis. His team ranked in the top three in the NEC in three-point percentage the past two seasons and led the conference in three-point defense.

In addition to coaching for the Red Flash, Holland traveled to Europe playing one season with the Academica De Coimbra squad in the Liga Portuguesa Basquetebol League from 2010 to 2011. He was a First Team Starting Five selection in the Portuguese Final Eight Cup.

After competing in Portugal, Holland returned to the United States for a national tour with the Washington Generals. During his time at the Mount, Holland was team captain his junior and senior years, a two-time participant in the Northeast Conference championships and conference semifinals, and led the NEC in 3-point percentage (51%) in 2009-10.

Julian Boatner has been named assistant coach to the men's program. Boatner served the past two seasons as a graduate manager at Indiana University. Boatner played his collegiate basketball career at William and Mary. He played in 124 games, fourth most in school history, while averaging 4.9 points per game.

Boatner finished his career ranked sixth in three point percentage, seventh in three pointers made and 13th in three pointers made per game. As team captain, Boatner was named the winner of the Kraze Award, which is an award given to the Tribe player who embodies the traits of former team captain John Kratzer, who received the inaugural United States Basketball Writers Association Most Courageous Athlete award after a hard-fought battle against cancer.

Graham Bousley joins the Mount team after serving as the director of operations at Rice. Before his title as director of operations, Bousley was a graduate assistant at VCU the previous two seasons where he helped lead the Rams to 53 wins and two trips to the NCAA Tournament.

A new year calls for new players. Coach Christian announced Jonah Antonio, Ryan Gomes, Jack Vukelich, Sean Gurden, Randy Miller, Jr. and Miles Wilson as the newest members of Mount Mayhem.

Coach Christian said about the freshmen, "We've got a good group of guys. Jonah Antonio, who hails from Australia, is currently the third player on our roster not born on American soil, joining Elijah Long (Canada) and Mawdo Sallah (Gambia). Ryan Gomes at 6' 10" is one of the biggest that will be in the league. Jack Vukelich is 6' 9" and can really shoot the ball, really skilled. Miller is an outstanding scorer and just a really good player. And Miles Wilson is an incredible athlete and has a great shooting ability and an understanding of defense."

Christian continued, "This freshman class includes a great collection of skill, size, scoring and true appreciation for the Mount and what our community offers them. The reach of our pro-



The Mount men's basketball team, united in pursuit of victory.

gram to local products shows that we are making strong connections inside the best recruiting area in the country. Signing Jonah from an elite program such as Sunrise Academy also shows that what we are doing here at the Mount is being recognized nationally.

The Mountaineers will start their season full-force. The schedule begins with a nine-game road trip and twelve home games. They will open the season by hosting Hood College for an exhibition game on Nov. 5. The men will then take on their season-opening road trip which includes games at West Virginia (Nov. 11), Iowa State (Nov. 14), Minnesota (Nov. 16), George Mason (Nov. 18), Southern Illinois (Nov. 21), UT Arlington (Nov. 23), Michigan (Nov. 26), Arkansas (Nov. 28) and Loyola (Dec. 3).

The home opener will be

against UMBC on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Lehigh will then come to Emmitsburg for a matchup (Dec. 10). Finally, the Mount heads to Bucknell University on December 19 before concluding the non-conference schedule at home against Coppin State on December 22. At the end of the year, the 18-game Northeast Conference schedule begins at LIU Brooklyn on Dec. 29.

"I believe in our team!" Coach Christian said. "Over the past four seasons, we've consistently challenged ourselves without fear in our non-conference schedule. By doing this, we have become the most consistent program in the Northeast Conference. As iron is molded in the fire, so will our team."

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COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

A life well lived

Renee Lehman

In last month's article I wrote about the season of Fall, and that a gift of Fall was the opportunity for nature (and us) to "let go." On October 5, Robert (Bob) Duggan, M.A., M.Ac.(U.K.), Dipl. Ac. (NCCAOM), L.Ac., the President Emeritus and Co-founder of The Traditional Acupuncture Institute (later called Tai Sophia Institute, and now known as The Maryland University of Integrative Health), let go of his physical existence on this earth. Please permit me to share more about this man and his gifts.

Bob's education was varied. He had advanced degrees in philosophy, theology, human relations, inter-cultural communications, canon law and acupuncture. He had also served as a priest in the U.S. and abroad.

He was gifted in many ways and shared these gifts with everyone he met. He was a unique combination of professor, clinical practitioner, management executive, and inspirational leader. He practiced traditional acupuncture since 1972, acted as a White House advisor, and was one of the leading voices for the integration of traditional and complementary medicine. Bob authored the books Common Sense

for the Healing Arts (2003) and Breaking the Iron Triangle: Reducing Health-Care Costs in Corporate America (2012).

Bob was a nationally recognized thought leader, speaker and advisor to policy makers and organizations on complementary medicine and wellness. He testified before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and had been a panelist at meetings sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

As you can see, Bob had many roles in his life. To me, he was one of my most important mentors. When I began acupuncture school in 2003, with his and co-founder Dianne Connelly's teachings, my life was changed forever. He transformed my thinking about health and wellness. He embodied living life fully, and his impact on me is deeply rooted. Because he influenced my life, through me, he has touched your life - you who have read my articles, have been a client of mine, who have taken a class with me, or interacted with me professionally or personally. The seeds of Bob's teachings have been sown all over the world. Many have benefited from his teachings.

What are some of these teachings? I must begin with a phrase from the SOPHIA (School of Philosophy and Healing in Action) Handbook that I received my first day of acupuncture school: "SOPHIA's purpose is to enable us to come to life more fully, so as to serve life more wisely and more nobly." This has its roots in an ancient Chinese ideal of life. I want to share just a few of the practices that I learned during my study of SOPHIA. I hope that you use these gifts, to let go of unnecessary suffering and live your life more fully.

Point to someone else and say, "I am pointing to myself." This means that you are declaring ONENESS as your starting point. We are all one! You are not separate from the world around you! I loved the fact that Bob always declared Oneness. He started from Oneness in every conversation and interaction.

To accept what is so, not what "should be." Suffering comes from your expectations not being met. It is important to make a distinction between hope and expectation. Hope allows for change, while also allows for what is. Expectation breeds disappointment when change does not occur.

Always allow yourself to be a beginner. In everything! It's okay to make mistakes. Rather than saying, "This is hard to do," try saying, "I am a beginner." This will allow you to grow rather than shut you down.

Crisis is opportunity. Hiding in every problem is an opportunity. Life is change. Breakdown bears the seeds.

Use "AND" instead of "BUT." By replacing a BUT with an AND, you are enabling yourself to see the possibilities.

Let go of judgement. Just BE present.

Difficulties will happen. Upset is optional. All upset is, is a request in disguise! Choose something you are upset about. Then have someone ask you, "Could you let it go?"



Robert Duggan, 1939-2016

Of course you could. Then have someone ask you, "Would you let it go?" If you cannot agree to this, ask, "For the sake of whom would I let it go?" If you are not willing to let it go for good, might you let it go for an hour, or ten minutes? When you get to yes, ask, "When?" "Now." (So the questions are Could you? Would you? When?) Feel the release in your shoulders or tummy or wherever you were holding that fight. Then Smile.

Let go of any complaint or take effective action with compassion (not submission).

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Make decisions that serve the 7 generations. Before speaking or taking action, ask the following question: "Will this honor my great grandparents (ancestors) and serve my great grandchildren (future gen-

erations)?" This reminds us to think big, and that we have an impact on everything around us.

I have shared these teachings with you in hope that they will have a positive impact on your life.

I mourn the loss of my mentor, AND know how blessed I was to have had his influence in my life. Bob, I am grateful that you followed your passion in life, because you helped me to be a healing presence in the world. Thank you for the wisdom that you offered, it was transformative!

"Do, or do not. There is no try." - Jedi Master Yoda (and Bob Duggan!)

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Each year I have a request to reprint my Thanksgiving article and each year I add the new information I've learned. I hope this year's Thanksgiving article will give you a new idea to add to your holiday tradition.

The menu for this meal usually remains about the same from year to year. Of course, turkey is the main attraction. Make sure you get a lean turkey that is low in fat. Most of the fat in poultry is in the skin. You need the skin while roasting for a juicy, tender bird, but before you slice it, remove the skin. That will take the temptation away from those folks who tend to tear off a piece when they slip into the kitchen to see how things are going. A way to add a little more spice to the bird is to loosen the skin and inject your favorite seasonings or herbs. You can also add a little low fat butter for extra flavor.

Dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, warm bread and dessert are also part of the traditional meal. I'm not saying don't have these favorites; just alter the way they are prepared. Use fat free milk and low fat butter in your mashed potatoes. Even better, try mashed sweet potatoes

or mashed cauliflower. Try whole grain bread for the dressing. Whole grains are much healthier than processed white bread and supply added fiber. You can also sprinkle flaxseed meal or wheat germ to add a bit of nutty flavor and nobody will be the wiser. Gravy is one of the most important parts of this meal. Let your broth set for a while till it forms a solid skim on top. Remove this and you will have broth with much less fat. The gravy still tastes the same, without the fat. Gravy can even be made a day or two early to save you time on the big day. The warm bread can be a variety of different whole grain buns. This way, everybody gets their favorite kind such as wheat, rye, pumpernickel and now even whole grain white. Add a veggie tray with low fat dip. Cooked seasoned veggies such as squash, carrots and cauliflower are also a great combination if you prefer hot vegetables. One half of your plate should be filled with veggies. Raw vegetables give you the most nutritional value. Have them on the table or the kitchen counter for your family and guests to nibble while the main meal is being prepared. They will fill up on these and maybe not eat as much later. Supply a variety of vegetables to pick from. Hopefully, you will have at least one kind that

the kids like.

Dessert! Some people live for the Thanksgiving Dessert Table. That's OK. Give yourself a treat. Just look over everything carefully, and decide what you really want. Maybe even sample a few different kinds. Try cutting the slices in half. That way you can try a bigger variety. Watch out for the pumpkin pie, you know who you are! Preparing a small plate of dessert for your guests to take home is also a thoughtful way to let them sample everything, just not all at one time. They can take a little piece of Thanksgiving home to remember for the rest of the holiday weekend. This way you do not have all of that dessert leftover and tempting you. Your waistline will thank you later. Check into some small changes in the recipe that will make a big difference in the fat and sugar content of the dessert. Pumpkin is a great way to add that creamy texture to your pies, cakes and cookies, while lowering the fat and raising the protein. Flaxseed meal can also be added to pies and cakes to give your family that added health benefit without them even knowing it is there. Applesauce in place of oil is another helpful, healthy hint. SUGAR is a big ingredient that packs on the pounds. Add a little less sugar to your recipes and you may just discover you didn't need all that the recipe called for anyway. Check out your grocery store's healthy cooking aisle for alternatives to sugar. Remember,

fresh seasonal fruit also makes a great dessert. Fruit has natural sugar but has much less calories than desserts made with sugar.

Finally, start a new Thanksgiving Tradition. I know people like to watch the football games on Thanksgiving Day but maybe you can talk them into playing a little tag football themselves. Taking a walk after your meal is a great idea. I know how everybody feels after eating a big meal, all the more reason to get moving. Take the whole family for a walk in the brisk, fall air. Share this time and walk off some of those extra pounds you just consumed. If you can't get the whole family involved, pick a friend or family member that you would like to spend a little extra time with. Share conversation, ideas and just time with them. Maybe after all day together preparing the big Thanksgiving feast you may want to escape by yourself for a nice, quiet, peaceful walk of your own. If you can't get outside for a walk use the treadmill or an exercise tape. Don't have a machine or tape, turn on the music and just dance. You will have fun and bring the family together. These tips are not just for Thanksgiving. They work well for Christ-

mas or any holiday gathering.

Think about giving the gift of health this year. Gift certificates to an exercise program may get a person into a lifetime of health. Get yourself and someone you love into exercising. That is the best thing you can do for yourself and your loved ones. Call me to explore the benefits of an exercise program designed just for you. 717-334-6009

Enjoy your holiday meal but maybe you could take smaller portions this year and you will feel better. One of my clients always tells me that she took smaller portions at a family event and while others were saying how full they were, she felt just fine and was pleased with herself because she made a conscience choice to eat less.

I know this is a repeat of an earlier article but hopefully it will remind you or give you an idea that you didn't get from the first time you read this.

The most important thing is to "KEEP MOVING", you'll be glad you did.

If you have any questions or suggestions you can contact me at 717-334-6009. Enjoy your holiday and remember to Keep Moving!

Ask the trainer

Jason Blough
Anytime Fitness Personal Trainer

Question: I have a friend that follows a vegan lifestyle, and she's trying to get me to do the same? Is this something you'd recommend for improving overall health and wellness?

Answer: This is a tough question, and one that finds passionate supporters on both sides of the fence.

Nutritionally-speaking, there are clear benefits to following more of a vegetarian lifestyle, and some studies even indicate the reversal of several chronic diseases. That said, the stricter the diet is (and veganism is very strict), the harder it is to maintain in the long run. In addition, animal foods are high in several key nutrients that positively affect your health. They also add unique textures and flavors to a given meal, and enhance the palatability of a number of dishes. In the end, it's

important to eat a balanced, nutrient-dense diet that incorporates all of the major food groups. Though I personally wouldn't advocate veganism, I would strongly encourage you to make plant-based foods a larger part of your diet. Then, you can make the personal decision as to whether veganism is right for you.

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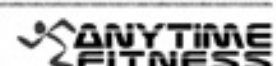


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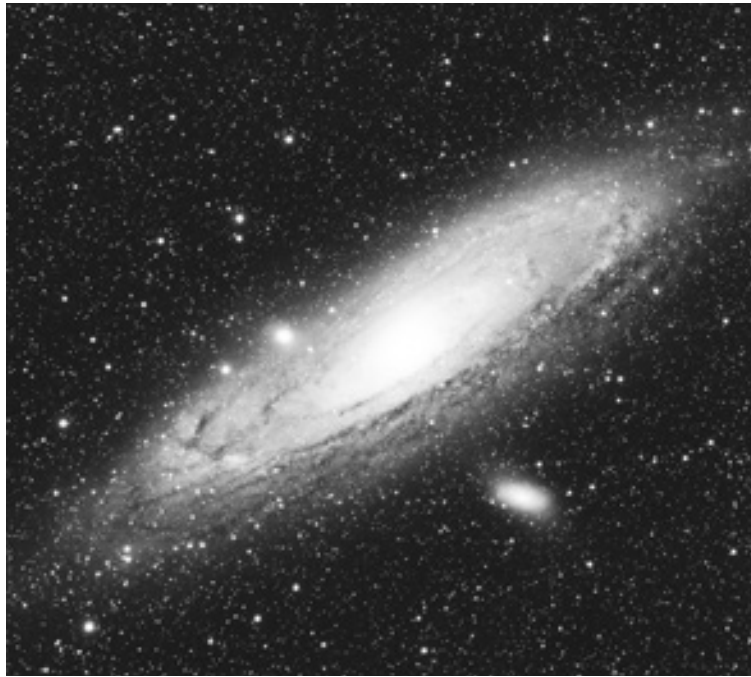
The night sky of November

Professor Wayne Wooten

The waxing crescent moon will be passing four degrees north of Saturn low in the SW twilight on November 2nd, then seven degrees north of Venus on November 3rd. On Sunday, November 6th, we fall back to CST at 2 a.m., so set your clocks back an hour. On the same evening, the waxing crescent moon passes five degrees north of Mars, now fading rapidly. The first quarter moon is on November 7th.

The Full Moon on November 14th is the "Frosty Moon" in Indian sky lore, and is certainly a "super moon" for us, with the moon also at perigee, its closest approach to earth in the last 30 years. It is therefore closer and larger than many of you have ever seen it before; can you tell the difference? The Full moon will interfere with the peak of the Leonid meteor show the following morning. On November 21, the last quarter moon will be rising at midnight. The waning crescent moon will pass two degrees north of Jupiter in the dawn sky on November 25th. The New Moon will be 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



Thanks to computer aided tracking systems, even today's small, backyard telescopes can take amazing photos. This one was taken by an 8 inch scope of the constellation Andromeda and its satellite dwarf elliptical galaxy, M-32, both 2.65 million years away.

own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about October 31st visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for November 2016; 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 in the evening sky; catch Saturn right after sunset, low in the SW north of Antares

in Scorpius; Saturn is lost in the sun's glare by midmonth. Venus dominates the SW sky after sunset and pulls farther away from the sun and higher in the SW sky all month; it now appears as a featureless gibbous disk telescopically. Mars is moving eastward in Capricornus, but fading all month. It will be lost in the sun's glare in early 2017. Jupiter is rising about 5 AM as November begins in Virgo, and dominates the dawn skies for the next several months.

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 proceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the W of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant. This month's feature photo was shot with an 8" telescope shows many dust lanes and the two companion galaxies, M-32 and M-110.

To the northeast, Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. 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 it 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

"Falling leaves on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils"
—Cyril Connolly (1903-1973)

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:

Fair, becoming windy and much colder (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with snow in the northern part of the region, rain in the south (8, 9, 10). Fair and cold (11, 12, 13) with more snow in the north and showers in the south; windy and cold (17, 18, 19) with a Nor'easter with heavy snow (20, 21, 22). Fair and cold weather returns (23, 24, 25, 26) with another Nor'easter with heavy snow (27, 28, 29). Fair, windy, and cold (30).

Full Moon: November's Full Moon occurs on Monday, November 14th. With colder days and heavy frosts during the month, killing off most of the grasses and almost all of the leaves have fallen, many Native American tribes have called it both Dying Grass Moon and Falling Leaf Moon. Other tribes have called it Big Wind Moon, because of the high winds that would sweep through many regions this time of year (and The Almanack has forecasted quite a few windy days this month!).

Special Notes: Remember to turn your clocks back at 2AM on Sunday, November 6th as Daylight Savings ends for 2016. Though not officially recognized as a holiday, Thursday, November 10th is Martin Luther King's birthday.

Holidays: Elections are traditionally held on the first Tuesday of November and this year's election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. This year's election will decide the president for the next four years making it imperative that as many participate as possible. This year's presidential campaign has been quite unique and one where everyone must vote to be heard. It will be a vote to determine how our nation's future will unfold. Please make every effort to exercise your right to tell America where you stand and how you want the United States to continue its governing of us here and pursuing its leadership role around the world. Above all, please always remember that Every Vote Counts! All military service branches will be honored on Veteran's Day, which falls on November 11th every year. May we never forget that without the sacrifices of the millions of servicemen and women in the past and

their service now and in the future, 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 24th with family and friends and must be thankful every day for what we have been blessed with in our lives. Advent Sunday is Sunday, November 27th.

The Garden: Make sure to remove all leaves before hanging up that rake! Even though lawns lay dormant in winter, they still need as much sunlight to make it through the cold months to come. Deal with them appropriately by shredding them and adding them to the compost pile, bag for pick up, or burn them. Some municipalities do allow the controlled burning of leaves but only on optimal days (clear with low or no wind). Check your local rules on this practice and enjoy that great smell of burning leaves we all have from childhood.

John Gruber's Thought For Today's Living

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COMPUTER Q&A

Custom-built vs stock PCs

Ayse Stenabaugh
Jester's Computer Services

With so many options for computers deciding on the one that is right for you can be stressful. Due to their proprietary nature, you won't find many custom-built desktops, however, many computer repair businesses offer custom build desktops. There are many differences between buying a computer that is pre-built to having one custom build by a computer technician that you can trust. We can't speak for other companies that built their own computers, however, read on below to learn the difference between a desktop computer being purchased from a big box store compared to ones that we build here at Jester's Computers

Meeting your needs – You will likely be purchasing a computer that is faster than your previous system but even then, the specifications can be confusing. If you purchase an already built system you are relying on the manufacturer to provide you with enough speed for the applications you will be using. If you purchase a custom-built computer, in most cases, your technician will ask what types of applications you will be running on the device, to ensure that the computer will meet or exceed the minimum system requirements.

Getting the software, you need – Contrary to popular belief Microsoft Office's Word, Excel, Outlook etc. do not come with a new computer. Some companies will bundle Office with the computer but the price is always built into the computer's price. You can always re-install Office if you have your license and the disk. If you can't locate your software and product key and Office it is still installed on a working computer, your technician may be able to retrieve the information to install Office on your new computer. Some new computers don't come loaded with programs that many people require including Flash, Java and Adobe reader. If these programs are already installed many times they will require updates along with Windows right out of the box because updates come out frequently and it's unlikely that you will be purchasing a device that hasn't been sitting long enough to accumulate some necessary updates.

Getting your computer setup – You may be surprised at how different things look on a new computer especially if you are using a new operating system. At Jester's Computers, we transfer your old computer data to your new custom built desktop PC for no additional fee (\$65 value). We also tweak your operating system to run more efficiently and setup things like your email and your printer for no additional fees. If you prefer to have someone come to your home to setup your computer we offer that service for an additional fee as well.

Eliminate the junk – Computer manufacturers tend to install an enormous amount of what we like to call "Bloatware". Many of these programs are trial programs that not only take up storage on your device but may be slowing it down right out of the box. A custom-built computer will include only the main operating system and very lit-

tle else (which is a GOOD thing!).

Warranty & Support – Nobody wants to contact support to wait on hold just to end up talking to someone that is difficult to understand. When purchasing a custom-built computer be sure to ask about what support you are provided with afterwards. Here at Jester's Computers we perform all hardware repairs

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November 12

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UPCOMING EVENTS

& friends do at Twisted Turkey. We attribute this to the great community of runners and walkers, our live musical entertainment by singer-songwriter Brittany Opperman, and some fantastic food & drinks. For more information visit www.strawberryhill.org/twistedturkey/.

St. Francis Xavier Parish's annual Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar at Xavier Center. 20 local vendors and artisans offering Fair Trade items and holiday gifts, timeless treasures, baked goods, Door prizes, bucket raffles, 50/50 drawing and multi-item raffle. Café offering breakfast and lunch items. Free admission. For more information visit www.sfxpcw.org.

November 13

Sabillasville Scenic 5K/1-Mile Fun Run. Come take part in Sabillasville Elementary School's 2nd Annual Fun Run and enjoy getting out and moving with your family, friends and the community! All proceeds will go towards field trips, cultural arts and other events for the students of SES. The

5 K begins at 9 a.m. and the 1-mile fun run begins at 10 a.m.. Registration forms available at Sabillasville Elementary or on the SES Facebook page. For more information, call 301-514-3115 or email midoolittle81@gmail.com.

St. John's Lutheran Church hosts the Blue Grass Chapel Band. Refreshments will be offered following the music program. 8619 Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown.

November 19 - 20

10th Annual Foothills Artists Studio Tour. Meet the artists and tour their studios nestled in beautiful western Adams County. Visit 10 artists in 9 studios located a short distance from each other in historic Fairfield and Cashtown. See first hand where local artists create their work and have the opportunity to buy directly from the artists themselves. Work available includes paintings, pho-

tography, jewelry, sculpture, drawings, pottery and wood working. Several of the artists live and work in historic homes. Limited refreshments will be served at several of the studios. This tour is self-guided and may be completed in any order. For more information see article on page 1.


November 27

Emmitsburg Community Cho-


rus Concert. Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with a concert by the Emmitsburg Community Chorus. Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus sings holiday favorites. They've invited former members back to join them for this anniversary concert come enjoy this anniversary reunion like no other. For more information, call 301-447-6606.

Christmas Bazaar & Indoor Yard Sale
Fri. & Sat., Dec 2nd & 3rd - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 2nd - Yard Sale Begins
 Sat., Dec 3rd - Yard Sale with Additional Items
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 8619 Black's Mill Rd., Creagerstown, MD
(Take 15 N. or S., get off at Thurmont exit and follow Rt. 550 to Creagerstown.) Visit Us At: www.emmitsburg.net/glc
 (Take 194 N. or S., turn onto Rt. 550 at Woodsboro to Creagerstown.)

124th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 24, 2016
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Menu: Roast Turkey, Country Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweet potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Homemade Cranberry Relish, Pies & All The Trimmings.
 Fancy Table ~ Homemade Items
Adults: \$20 Children (7-10) \$10
Children Under 7 FREE Carry-Out \$22
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 **FREE Community Dinner!**
 Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 West Main St., Emmitsburg, invites all residents of the Emmitsburg area to share a free meal and fellowship. There is no charge for these meals and we welcome your attendance.
Meals will be served from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:
 November 30, 2016 January 25, 2017
 December 28, 2016 February 22, 2017
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Thurs., Nov. 9
Drop in: 11 a.m.–1 p.m. or 5–7 p.m.
Presentation: 6 p.m.
Frederick Campus
5350 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703
Register today! www.msmary.edu/OpenHouse

The Future of Religious Liberty: Prospects and Challenges

Mon., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. in Knott Auditorium
Panelists Nathan Diament, Cheryl Gaines and Thomas Farr will discuss religious liberty, its history and challenges and opportunities in the current legal and political climate.



Cheer on the Mountaineers at Home! Men's and Women's Basketball Home Game Schedules

Men's Team

Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. vs. Hood College
Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. vs. UMBC
Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. vs. Lehigh
Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. vs. Coppin State
Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. vs. Wagner

Women's Team

Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.
vs. Morgan State
Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. vs. Fairfield
Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. vs. Lehigh
Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. vs. Coppin State
Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.
vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore
Dec. 31 at 12 p.m. vs. Wagner

For more information about tickets, contact the ticket office at (301) 447-5700. Visit www.mountathletics.com for full schedules.

For more event details please visit www.msmary.edu/calendar.



National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass at the Grotto Cave
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.)

All Saints Day Mass
Tues., Nov. 1, 12 noon in *St. Mary's Chapel*

All Souls Day Mass
Wed., Nov. 2, 12 noon in *St. Mary's Chapel*

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
Mon., Nov. 21, 12 noon in *St. Mary's Chapel*

Thanksgiving Day Hours
Thu., Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (gates close at 5 p.m.)
Grounds will be open; chapels and Miller Family Visitors Center will be closed

Events

**The 22nd Annual Bolte School of Business
Corporate Social Responsibility Symposium**
Business Ethics and White Collar Crime
With Guest Speaker Weston Smith
Tues., Nov. 1, 7 p.m., *Knott Auditorium*.

Ducharme Lecture
In the Thicket of this World: Doing Science as a Person of Faith With Guest Speaker Michelle Francl, Ph.D.
Wed., Nov. 2, 4:30 p.m., *Knott Auditorium*

An Evening of Grand Opera
Sat. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., *Lynne & Joseph Horning Theater*, free and open to the public.

Europe Endless: Mount Lab Bands and faculty panel examine the emergence of a post-War European identity
Mon. and Tues. Nov. 14 and 15, 7:30 p.m., *Knott Auditorium*, free and open to the public.

Iphigenia and Other Daughters
Thurs. through Sat. Nov. 17–19, 8 p.m.,
Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m., *Lynne & Joseph Horning Theater*, all tickets \$7.

Student Instrumental & Vocal Recital
Wed., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., *Lynne & Joseph Horning Theater*, free and open to the public.