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## Town square unveiling is delayed

The Main Street square revitalization project began official construction a year ago, and what was slated for a spring completion and unveiling date has now been pushed back until the fall of this year. Delays to the completion of the project are mainly due to weather and the need to find a new company to complete some of the work, i.e. the installation of the new traffic signal.

This Main Street Revitalization project, in its entirety, included an upgrade to the existing sidewalks and crosswalks, the reconstruction of parking on the square, the reconstruction of sidewalk ramps which will now be ADA compliant, a reconstruction of the curbs, gutters and the traffic signal, resurfacing the intersection, landscaping and street tree replacement. The completed project will offer connectivity of sidewalks from the east point of Silo Hills Road to the west point of the town with ADA compliant sidewalks.

The project is close to being complete with just a few more items

to finish up. Per the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the contractor for the project, so far, the sidewalk is complete, the brickwork is all but finished, the curb and gutter installation on MD 140 is complete, with the exception of landscaping items, and the clock was re-installed. Within the next few months there are several projects to finish up. Landscaping, including the planting of new trees, will be complete by the end of June, the commemorative stamped imprint where the town square fountain was many years ago will be complete by July 9, and the new traffic signal will undergo construction towards the end of August.

Mayor Don Briggs noted that the ribbon cutting will be held sometime in September, pending the absolute completion of the project, availability of guests and coordination with Mount St. Mary's in regards to the clock. "I am excited about wrapping this up. Thank you to everyone for your patience with regard to the inconvenience. Almost within a year (though it feels like longer), we

are all most there!" stated Mayor Briggs.

So far the town has received a mixture of positive comments as well as concerns with the work already completed. Residents were overwhelmingly pleased once the clock made its way back to the square. The majority of residents are satisfied with the work done on the sidewalks, but during the May town meeting, some members of the public pointed out some concerns with the changes. One business owner noted that there are many obstacles that pedestrians still have to maneuver around when using the sidewalk, which is something that has been going on for months, making it difficult for elderly or handicapped residents to get around. It was suggested that ADA accessible curb cuts and modifications be considered.

In response, Mayor Briggs and town staff brought these concerns to



Work on the square will continue through the summer. The formal unveiling will take place this fall.

the attention of SHA and the contractor, who are currently in the process of making a "punch list" of items that need to be finalized, including the sidewalk surface unevenness. Mayor Briggs ensures residents that "safety was paramount in the design of the State square-sidewalk project. Handicapped accessibility was enhanced even to the degree where slopes played an even larger part of design. Working with this, and preserving it as a key architectural element, respectful of today needs was done by the state engineers."

## Draft Zoning Ordinance draws concern

A whopping 75-80 residents of Hamiltonban Township attended a special joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors on June 25 to discuss concerns with the Township's Draft Zoning Ordinance. The zoning ordinance has been in the works for four years, but the Planning Commission is just in the preliminary stages of making revisions.

The meeting began with a presentation by Rob Thaeler with the Adams County Office of Planning & Development. Thaeler gave a background on the project, and presented three zoning map drafts: the Overlay Districts, Riparian Buffer Areas and the Steep Slopes. He compared the Current Zoning Ordinance with the Draft Zoning Ordinance, including the agricultural settings, rural settings, moderate and lower density residential settings in the Fairfield Borough area, highway commercial settings and industrial settings.

A major theme addressed by the public came from Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania State Constitution that states, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, and historic and aes-

thetic values of the Environment." Local residents questioned how much thought went into planning the proposed draft. Was everything taken into consideration? Will this affect the species in the area? Why was the Water Quality zoning map not included in the presentation? The Board stated that the zoning map describes what land uses are permitted on the land. They deal with water in sub-division and land development ordinances as well as the Flood Plain Ordinance, which is a separate ordinance entirely.

Another concern raised was the addition of three industrial lots off of Iron Springs Road. The resident who addressed this issue was concerned with the change from Commercial to Industrial usage. Supervisor Chairman Robert Gordon made the motion not to add the three industrial lots and all members agreed.

"This will not resolve the continued issues that exist for residents beside already existing commercial businesses, or if the land for sale on 116 is sold for commercial use. Since the Strip Mall and Gas Station are directly beside my property, on what was already wet land ... we have experienced issues of water run-off, standing

water and continued drainage issues. Along with commercial business there is continued noise, fumes, lighting issues and traffic is an added nuisance," stated one resident.

Residents believe that adding more commercial building zoning districts will only increase these issues and hurt the value of their property. They know they can't stop future building already zoned, but are hopeful that if more building comes to the area concerns of nearby residents are taken into consideration.

This meeting was only an "informational" meeting and no decisions were made in regards to the proposed zoning ordinance. No changes were proposed during the meeting, but the Board



Denis Christensen of Fairfield studies the proposed changes to the current zoning ordinance. The vast majority of those attending Tuesday's meeting voiced opposition to the planned changes.

motioned to take the information given to them and make changes to the draft. Phil Thaeler stated that the new plan should have standards that reflect the characteristics of the community and they will take into consideration all topics discussed and review the proposed ordinance again.

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# EMMITSBURG NEWS

## Residents complain about noise

A discussion during the public comment portion of the June 5 Emmitsburg town meeting about disorderly behavior by Mount St. Mary's University students who live off campus quickly turned to a pledge by town and Mount officials to together seek better communication and solutions to the problem.

During the meeting, several residents spoke about some of the Mount's students who reside in areas throughout town during the school year. Many of the students living off campus occupy houses and apartments in neighborhoods, on Main Street, and on side streets, and some permanent residents of Emmitsburg noted their frustration with unruly behavior exhibited by the students during the school year. The residents complained of loud and disruptive parties that occur on the weekends, which often bring about running through the streets, littering and shouting of profanities. Additionally, a few residents mentioned that students leasing properties sometimes neglect their duties as temporary residents, including leaving their trash out all week, not maintaining their yards, and not removing snow from their portion of the sidewalk.

Resident Paul McKinley informed the Board that parties happen nearly every weekend in the houses leased by students throughout the town.

"They're treating Emmitsburg like a frat house and frat row...we have an issue here in Emmitsburg and something needs to be done," stated McKinley.

Resident and business owner Melissa Wetzel mentioned the police force is already stretched thin and there is no permanent presence of officers in town. Residents questioned the possibility of establishing an ordinance for the students to follow, similar to the guidelines that permanent residents are required to follow.

However, not all residents in attendance spoke out against the students. T.J. Burns agreed that the unruly behavior is a problem in town, but cautioned that it's not an issue that should be generalized to the whole Mount student body. Burns explained that he has had positive experiences with students who have rented property from him. There are many students who are respectful of the property, their neighbors, and do a lot in the community. It's not fair to group all the students together and brand them as "bad."

At the end of the discussion, Wayne Green, vice president and chief of staff from the Mount, spoke in response to the issues that were addressed. He apologized to the residents who have been impacted and clearly stated that unruly behavior is unacceptable "especially for the high standards that

Mounties hold themselves to."

"The vast majority of students behave in accordance with our values and make valuable contributions to the community," Green said. "We care for every Mount student and owe it to their development to address misbehavior that is not consistent with who we are as a university."

Green suggested the university and residents of Emmitsburg begin improving how they communicate with each other. Communication will be key moving forward to help address issues as they arise. He invited residents to contact him personally, or Dean of Students Ken McVearry when issues arise. Green and McVearry also discussed the potential of conducting a "welcome to Emmitsburg" meeting with the students in August. This meeting would address expected behavior and rules in Emmitsburg.

The Council leadership and Frederick County sheriff's deputy discussed how to best record instances of disruptive behavior and decided that residents should be encouraged to respond to such instances by dialing 911. This will provide a written record that has been lacking in the past and will facilitate follow up with Mount officials. The Mount will continue to work with the students and plan to implement a better system to keep track of where their students are living.

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## Emmitsburg news-briefs . . .

### Electric vehicle chargers coming to town

During the June 4 Emmitsburg town meeting, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a grant agreement to have four electric vehicle charging stations installed in town. The grant agreement includes technical and labor support and five years of maintenance and repair of the stations. The chargers are classified as level 2 chargers and per the agreement, the town can upgrade to a higher level in the future if they so should choose.

The charging stations will be installed at the rear parking lot of the Emmitsburg Community Center. They are being installed and purchased through a grant via the Electric Vehicle Institute, a Maryland-based company that supplies and maintains these charging stations. The installation and cost of the charging stations, conduit etc. are completely covered through the grant and the new single-phase commercial on-property service via Potomac Edison. The only cost to the town is monthly

electricity consumption, which the town plans to recoup these electric costs through a payment system on the charging station.

### Five \$1,000 Scholarships Awarded

The Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association (EHSAA) is pleased to announce the winners of their annual EHSAA scholarship program. Five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this year. The scholarship applicants were judged on involvement in school and community activities, as well as their academic work. Honors and work experience were also considered.

The first scholarship recipient was a senior at Catocin High School (CHS) and was recognized at the school's annual awards ceremony on May 29. She is Allison Rippeon, daughter of Richard and Charlene Rippeon, planning to attend Shippensburg University in the fall. The rest of the recipients were former graduates of CHS. Attending Frederick Community College with the idea of becoming a Veterinary Surgeon and owning her own clinic one

day is Jessica Welty, daughter of Jim Welty, Jr. Michaela Persinger, daughter of Wayne and Beth Persinger is enrolled at McDaniel College majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in Health and Physical Education to obtain a coaching certification. Next is Maya Swiderski, daughter of Deborah Wivell and William Swiderski and she is attending the University of Pennsylvania working on a veterinarian degree. Finally, Stacie Baust, daughter of Troy and Tammy Baust, is attending Frostburg University to become a certified teacher.

### New Seton Center opens doors

The brand new Seton Center Outreach Office and Seton Family Store officially opened its doors at the new location on 226 East Lincoln Avenue on June 11. The construction schedule moved quickly thanks to favorable winter weather. Designed by MSB Architects of Hagerstown, MD, this building project involved the construction of a new 13,000 square foot building to house the Outreach Office, Seton Family Store and a large meeting room for workshops and presentations. The official ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication will be held on July 10 at 3 p.m. with self-guided tours of the facility to follow.

### Emmitsburg volunteer community clean-up day

Have you ever noticed the amount of loose trash that is strewn along our streets, alleys, sidewalks and parks? Some of this loose trash can be attributed to wind storms blowing trash, waste, and recyclable items out of garbage cans, dumpsters, and recycle bins. Unfortunately, some of it is the result of littering. We would

like your help cleaning it up. The litter is not only unsightly and unsanitary but it can also be hazardous to humans and pets.

We are planning to have these Community Clean-Up Days on the second Saturday of each month beginning on July 14 and they will run through October. We will supply the garbage bags and tools as necessary but will be relying upon enthusiastic volunteers to help collect the trash so we can dispose of it properly. The town will be divided into numbered sections; we will clean one section of the town each month. Team leaders will carry first aid, cleaning supplies, and water bottles. Volunteers will meet at a designated location within the section where they will be assigned to a team leader and given clean-up supplies. Although team leaders will have a limited number of spare gloves available, volunteers should plan on bringing their own gloves. The team leaders will help remove the full garbage bags and drop them at a central location in each section where the town will pick them up. We will take before and after pictures of the sections to help promote the Community Clean-Up Day project and take group pictures of all the volunteers to help recognize their hard work.

A light breakfast and bottled water will be supplied for all volunteers beginning at 8:15 a.m. located at the Community Park Pavilion, and the team leaders will assemble their volunteers and begin working around 9 a.m. We will work until noon as necessary and then break for the day. We are hoping to have a great turn out to help clean up and beautify our community, hope to see you there!



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# FAIRFIELD/CARROLL VALLEY NEWS

## Hamiltonban Community Park phase 2 underway

Hamiltonban Township is pleased to announce that Phase 2 of the Hamiltonban Community Park is already underway. This has been an exciting project long in the works for the township, dating back to 2007, when the idea of a community park was first introduced. The Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough Joint Parks and Recreation Commission members are pleased to bring grant/tax money back to the citizens of Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough to promote healthy exercise and recreation.

Phase 1 of the project was finished last year and was completely funded by a Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) received back in March 2015 in the amount of \$63,000, as well as a \$15,000 grant

from Wellspan Health. As of February of this year, additional grants were awarded to help fund this project including a second DCNR grant in the amount of \$68,500, a 2016 Adams County Parks, Recreation, and Green Space Grant (\$23,625), and a 2017 Adams County Community Foundation Grant (\$2,500). Members of the Commission are proud to say that phase 2 of the park is also completely funded through the help of these grants and the support received via donations from businesses and individual members of the community.

Phase 2 of the project should begin in July and will include the completion of a quarter mile walking path with five adult fitness challenge stations, a swing set, a natural play area, a demonstration pollinator meadow and interpretive signage that will highlight local history, our Fruit Belt and area watershed. The fitness sta-

tions will be ADA accessible and will be positioned along the walking path. They will include a chest press, lat pull down, balance steps, dual leg press and a dual ski-walker.

On June 9, with the help of Fairfield High School athletes, the Commission began installing the fence around the pollinator garden meadow and it will soon be complete. The construction of the demonstration meadow itself will take until spring to complete, so the area can be weeded and "purified;" actual planting will not occur until spring 2019. The interpretive panels are currently being prepared with the preferred verbiage and the Commission is securing a company that will produce the appropriate design. The exercise stations, play area and swings will all go in during the next few months and will be ready to use within approximately two weeks from the start of

construction. The construction will not interfere with the current pavilion and play set area so the park will be open throughout the summer.

So far, phase 1 has been received very well by the community. The pavilion has already been rented once, and Supervisors are hopeful that once the second phase is completed, the park will receive even more attention. Additionally, Hamiltonban Community Park hosted the first ever "Music at the Park" evening on Sunday June 10 from 6-8 p.m. Entertainment for the evening included Kaptan Zaplan (original tunes and classic rock) and an Open Mic portion. Members of the community were invited to bring their lawn chairs and blankets for this premiere event. The next Music in the Park event will be held on the second Sunday in July and a third event will be held on the second Sunday in August. Music in the Park will fea-

ture local Fairfield Area musicians and hopes to provide an evening of fun for families and friends.

The Commission is continuing their fund raising efforts to complete the third and final phase hopefully in 2019 or 2020. Phase 3 will add a smaller path loop around the pond area, add more educational signage with additional trees, plantings and split rail fencing. Donations towards the park and memorials for benches and trees may be directed to the Hamiltonban Township Secretary/Treasurer by email [hamiltonban@embarqmail.com](mailto:hamiltonban@embarqmail.com) or by phone 717-642-8509. This venture has been a collaboration of community individuals, businesses and foundations in partnership with DCNR. Community donations are important for the Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough Joint Parks and Recreation Commission to be able to sustain this self-funding effort.

## Pippinfest organization kicks into high gear

Mark your calendar for the 38th Annual Pippinfest, which is set for the last weekend in September, the 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Main Street in Fairfield. The organization and planning for Pippinfest, Fairfield's "Old Fashioned Street Festival," is well underway. Organization for the festival typically starts in February, but really kicks in during the month of June, when Committee members begin setting the schedule and organizing vendors.

Dating back to 1980, the Pippinfest festival holds its roots firmly in community togetherness. The festi-

val was started as a way to promote local non-profits, which has been a tradition that has continued ever since. As a way to bring townspeople together, David Thomas, owner of the Fairfield Inn in 1980, invited local clubs and school groups to participate in a community-wide celebration of the apple harvest. As a small town with a strong sense of community, the citizens of Fairfield were eager to support the idea and an all-day street festival was planned.

Community and local business' support contributes significantly to the success of the festival every year and Pippinfest allows local

non-profits to fund raise for their causes. Local Boy Scout troops, high school groups, churches and many others are able to sell food, drinks and other goods in order to help raise money for their organization. The festival brings people into the community, fosters an environment of fun for everyone, and brings community members together.

At this time, in addition to numerous craft and food vendors, the Pippinfest Committee has nine bands scheduled for Sunday's event including, Donnie Leaman, the Bluegrass Chapel Band, Rich Fehle,

Austin Poulson and many others. As usual, Pippinfest will be a two-day event. Day 1 is primarily a yard sale day but craft and food vendors will also be present. The second day of the festival features many craft vendors, craft demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and musical entertainment.

The Committee for the Pippinfest is currently in the midst of its organizational meetings for the

2018 festival. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. Beginning the second week in August, the Committee will meet weekly until the event. Those interested in becoming volunteers for the organization, planning and event itself are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. For more information visit [www.pippinfest.com](http://www.pippinfest.com); [www.facebook.com/pippinfest](http://www.facebook.com/pippinfest); or call the Fairfield Borough office at 717-642-5640.

## SGI Funds Strawberry Hill's Trout Habitat Project



Specialty Granules LLC (SGI) recently awarded Strawberry Hill with \$8,000 towards the Middle Creek Trout Habitat and Erosion Control Project. This project, slated for mid-September, will reduce sediment erosion in an exceptional value stream, improve trout habitat with known brook trout, and provide a unique best management practice educational tour for local students and adults visiting Strawberry Hill.

Designs for the project were developed by the Adams County Conservation District after meeting with the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) and Adams County Trout Unlimited. This project has been per-

mitted by the PFBC and PA Department of Environmental Protection. Strawberry Hill will also be partnering with the Penn

State Mont Alto Forest Technology program and Forestry Club and the Watershed Alliance

of Adams County (WAAC) to complete the trout habitat.

The \$8,000 donation from SGI will cover the cost of an excavator, project materials, staff salaries and educational signage. In addition to this funding, SGI, Strawberry Hill and its partners have donated more than \$7,000 in in-kind donations, including volunteer time. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diane, Administrative Assistant at Strawberry Hill, at [diane@strawberryhill.org](mailto:diane@strawberryhill.org), or by calling 717-642-5840.



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# THURMONT NEWS

## Thurmont looks to make upgrades to Food Bank

During the June 5 Thurmont town meeting, Commissioners discussed potential projects for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) cycle. With a June 22 grant submission deadline, Chief Administrative Officer, Jim Humerick, presented the Board with some ideas to consider.

CDBG is a federally funded program that is designed to help county and municipal governments with projects geared toward neighborhood revitalization, improvements to public facilities and economic development. The goal of this grant program is to provide decent housing and nec-

essary supporting infrastructure, preserve and develop communities and meet the critical needs of the community. In the past, Thurmont received funding from CDBG for projects such as interior renovations and upgrades to the Main St. Center, interior renovations/upgrades to the senior center, new refrigerators and freezers for the Food Bank, ADA components for new municipal offices, installation of Water St. sidewalks and installation of ADA curb cuts and ramps throughout the town.

As presented by Humerick, this year there were a few projects worth considering. One is an overall upgrade to the local, community

Food Bank, including the replacement of the sidewalks and ramps to make them ADA compliant, interior upgrades, including new floors, ceilings, doors, restroom fixtures and lighting. Another project included replacing the kitchen appliances at the senior center and/or replacing the sign outside the senior center with a new digital message sign. Humerick also mentioned replacing the sidewalks and ADA ramps that border Moser Manor Apartments.

Commissioner Marty Burns asked Humerick if there would be any reluctance from the CDBG Committee to give money towards a project that they had given to in

the past. Humerick replied by stating that he was unaware of this happening before. Burns also mentioned that making upgrades to the interior of the Food Bank would have a broader impact on the community as a whole, since the Food Bank is widely used by many members of the Thurmont community. Mayor John Kinnaird agreed, but added that including A/C in the renovations would also be appreciated.

Later, during the June 19 meeting, Commissioners voted to submit proposals for two chosen projects; upgrades to the Food Bank, including the addition of A/C in the facility, at a proposed value/cost of \$55,800 and a new,

digital message board sign outside the senior center, at a cost of \$25,000. Humerick submitted the proposals and official grant monies will be announced at a later date.

Humerick also updated the Board on the CDBG project that is currently underway this year: the ADA curb cuts throughout town. CDBG originally gave \$63,000 towards the project, which was slated to cost \$92,000. The Town asked for additional grant monies from CDBG and was granted an additional \$20,000, totaling \$83,000 in grant monies for the ADA curbs. Humerick noted that this would cover the largest portion of the project.

## Thurmont news-briefs. . .

### Gateway to the cure Zumbathon a success

Thurmont's Annual Gateway To The Cure campaign got a head start this year raising funds for breast cancer treatment via the Patty Hurwitz Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital/James Stockman Cancer Institute. Zumba Instructor Kellie Bevard organized a Zumbathon that was held on May 6 from 2-4 p.m. to help raise funds for the cause. The Thurmont American Legion Post 168 donated the event hall for the event. Kellie called on other Zumba Instructors to assist with the event. In two hours the Gateway To The Cure Zumbathon raised \$600 with an additional \$100 donation from the event.

Thurmont's Gateway To The Cure is held every October during

the entire month with local businesses making donations to the cause, a 5K, selling pink light bulbs, and the town selling Gateway To The Cure merchandise. Last year the Town of Thurmont presented Patty Hurwitz with a check for \$15,000. October 2018 will mark the fifth annual Gateway To The Cure campaign. Thurmont's Gateway To The Cure has contributed \$46,000 through October 2018 to the Patty Hurwitz Fund. Due to the many events already going on each year in October, Thurmont's Gateway to the Cure 5K Run/Walk will be held a bit earlier this year. The event will take place on Saturday September 15, beginning at 8:30 AM. Online registration is live on RunSignUp.com.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Gateway To The Cure Zumbathon! Thanks to you, Gateway To The Cure has a jump start for the October campaign! These ladies and gents literally rock! For more information on the Patty Hurwitz Fund go to: <http://www.pinkribbonfrederick.org/>.

### Thurmont Farmers Market in full swing

The Thurmont Main Street Farmer's Market kicked off Saturday June 2 and will run every Saturday through September 22 from 9 a.m.-noon. This year's vendors include A Happy PurseUte-Handmade Purses from recyclable material, Aimee Summers-Homemade Jams & Jel-

lies, Catocin Mountain Farm-Pork Products, Deer Run Farm-Red Angus Beef & Dog Treats, Highfields Farm-Produce, Herbs, Berries, and Eggs, Karen Mozingo-Handmade Table Runners, Place Mats, & Corn Hole Bags, April Pratt-My Legendary Cakes, Wait, What? Sauce Company, LLC, and Shepherd's Spring Homestead- Seasonal Fruits, Produce, Herbs, and Eggs. In July Richard Manahan will be on hand with his popular sweet corn. Entertainment will be provided at all of the July Markets.

June crops did not fair well for local farmers because of all the rain and lack of sunshine in May and June. Highfields Farm and Shepherd's Spring Homestead reported their crops were running about three weeks behind. So why should you visit the Farmer's Market? Farmer's Markets affect the local economy by not only providing a living for local farmers, bakers, and entrepreneurs of homemade and handmade products, but they also keep your dollars local. Vendors are not only supplying fresh and handmade products, but also spend money in the community for a bite to eat or a drink at a local restaurant, or shop at a local store, and may donate to local non-profit organizations. Farmers Markets also provide fresher foods because the vendors grow and pick fresh what they sell each week. When you purchase products from the Thurmont Main Street Farmer's Market, you can ask the local vendor questions about the food products and how it is processed. You can't do that at a grocery store!

The first few weekends in June

were a success, drawing in crowds eager to shop at the Farmers Market. Come out and meet your neighbors and local farmers at the Thurmont Main Street Farmer's Market every Saturday now through September 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. Go to [thurmontmainstreet.com](http://thurmontmainstreet.com) for more information and an entertainment schedule.

### Fox 5 Zip Trip to feature Thurmont

On July 13, Fox 5 Zip Trip will be visiting Thurmont, broadcasting live from 6-11 a.m., four times an hour. Zip Trip is a special segment run by Fox 5 News in which newscasters visit towns/cities throughout the Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC area, featuring things to do, local restaurants, and sites to see in the area. During their trip to Thurmont, Zip Trip will be highlighting the state and national park, local businesses, local non-profits, trivia with the Mayor, Firehouse Friday that will feature the guardian Hose Co., Thurmont Ambulance and the Thurmont police department in their "5 Must See Stops" and will show those throughout the segments.

The main set for the Zip Trip broadcast will be on East Main Street, and the 5 Must See Stops are pre-recorded and will be shown throughout the broadcast. Any Thurmont non-profit that would like to set up during the broadcast can contact Vicki Grinder at [vgrinder@thurmontstaff.com](mailto:vgrinder@thurmontstaff.com). Also, anyone interested in coming out to see what Zip Trip is all about is more than welcome!

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## July 1918

### July 5

#### Youthful Couple Disappears

Leaving home on July 4, with the intention of going to Pen-Mar, Jerry Ridge and Florence Shook of Catoctin Furnace had since been missing from their homes. The young man had been paying attention to the girl and many believe they went away with the intention of getting married. The boy is said to be sixteen years of age and the girl only thirteen years. When the boy did not come home, his father grew suspicious and began to investigate. He found that \$500 of savings had been taken from under his pillow, a bar of soap placed with the remainder of the money to make the package look as large as usual. Up to this time, nothing has been heard from the runaways.

#### Lights For All Vehicles

Thurmont Automobile Commissioner Baughman has called attention to the law requiring lights on all horse-drawn vehicles which was passed on July 1. The law applies to the entire state and violations are subject to fines from five to ten dollars. Under the law, horse-drawn vehicles in use or at rest on public highways of the state, or any city, county, town or village, during the period of from one half hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall display at least one bright light, so placed as to be clearly visible from the front and rear from a distance of 200 feet. It also provided that the owner or user may choose to use one white light visible from the front and one red light visible from the rear for the same distance of 200 feet.

#### Severe Scalp Wound

Mr. Howard Freeze of Thurmont met with a serious accident Wednesday morning at the home of Dr. George Zinkham in Jimtown, where he went to do some spouting. Mr. Freeze was trying to raise a gutter when his foot slipped, and he fell. The ladder fell and struck him on the left side of his head. His scalp

was cut several inches and a number of stitches were required to close the wound. He was unconscious for a short while.

### July 12

#### Heavy Tax Proposed

The U.S. Treasury Department is planning to tax luxuries and semi-luxuries in the War Revenue bill. The bill calls for heavy taxes on furniture, carpet, and other luxurious household articles. The bill also calls for taxes on moderately priced and expensive clothes, jewelry, formalwear, automobiles, gasoline, hotel and restaurant bills, soft drinks, tobacco, cigarettes, and many other items.

#### Dr. Jamison Injured

An x-ray examination at the City Hospital at Frederick showed that Dr. Jamison of Emmitsburg, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday night, suffered a fractured skull, a broken collarbone and a broken arm. Word is that Dr. Jamison is resting comfortably. His Ford Runabout was struck by a larger machine, driven by Miss Colliflower, and pushed over an embankment. Occupants of the machine driven by Miss Colliflower say that there was a space of 10 to 12 feet between Dr. Jamison's machine and the embankment when they passed it. The passengers reported that the left rear of the Colliflower automobile scraped the front of the physician's machine. They took Dr. Jamison to Emmitsburg in their car. It was not thought at the time that the injuries were of a serious nature. Dr. Jamison's car, however, was considered a total loss.

#### Fire Destroys Barn And Crops

On Monday, fire broke out on the property of Mr. Harvey Stambaugh on the Graceham-Creigertown Road about one mile from Graceham. The blaze was first seen on the barn roof. Mr. Stambaugh was doing his threshing and it is supposed that a spark from the engine fell on the roof and started the blaze. One of the men present rushed to the roof with a bucket of water and soon extinguished the

blaze on the shingles, but sparks had fallen through on the hay in the mow and soon the entire interior was in flames.

Several horses in the stable were released in the nick of time. The threshing rig was pulled away from the stack unharmed. The Ajax chemical engine at Graceham was taken to the fire, but was of little use; the buildings were practically in ashes when it arrived.

The wheat crop and portions of the rye crop were burned together with the barn, wagon shed, henhouse and hay. Heat from the fire set the dwelling on fire, but this was subdued and little damage was done. Insurance in the amount of \$175 was carried on the buildings.

### July 19

#### Livestock Meeting

Plans have been made to hold a meeting in the interest of livestock at the schoolhouse in Emmitsburg, Monday evening. The purpose of the meeting is to increase the number of livestock in the northern part of the county through better methods of feeding, housing and breeding. Every farmer and individual owning livestock and who lives within driving distance should be present. There is every reason to believe that more sheep, as well as better dairy cows, more beef animals, and more hogs ought to be grown in the northern part of the county.

#### Graveyard Cleaning Notice

Apple's Church has decided to hire a professional to clean its graveyard this year instead of asking its parishioners to do it gratis. Therefore, the members would much appreciate all who have friends and relatives buried in the graveyard to contribute towards the cleaning.

#### Boozers Call For Prohibition Against Women Drivers

The Former Former Boozers Association has responded to Dr. Jamison's car accident by rallying for a law to prohibit women drivers in Emmitsburg. "I don't know a single member of our association that can't drive better, fully loaded from



Dr. Jamison and his daughter pictured with his trusty Ford Runabout.

a night of drinking 'shine,' than a sober woman," said Boozers President John Shorb, at the Association's top secret still on the Mountain. "Women just don't have the mental capacity, or the attention span, to handle the complexities of driving. We would all be a lot safer if women just stayed at home and did what they were made for: clean the house, wash clothes, and cook vittles for their hard working menfolk. Trust me," Shorb continued to the cheers of the assembled drunks, "...if we don't stop them here, one day women will be asking us to listen to them when they talk, something no self-respecting man should ever do!" Shorb's speech met with three rousing cheers, each followed by a round of drinks. Mayor Annan agreed with Shorb's prediction and said he will work with the town council to prohibit women driving within the corporate limits of the town.

### July 26

#### Traffic Officer Needed

The number of automobiles on the streets in Thurmont fully demonstrates the fact that a traffic officer is needed at the public square. Automobilists and driving teams frequently disregard traffic laws, and serious consequences threatened the town square on Saturday evening. Two machines did come together last weekend, but very gently, and no damage was done

to either car. Illegally parking cars near the corner should not be tolerated and the 'keep to the right law' should be strictly enforced.

#### Heavy Storms

Several days of very warm weather this week resulted in heavy thunderstorms on Wednesday afternoon. The heavy rain began falling at 8:30 and continued late into the night. Lightning struck a tree and killed 17 sheep belonging to Dennis Shankle of Four Points.

#### Barn Burns After Lighting Strike

Wednesday afternoon, lightning struck the large bank barn on the Claubaugh Brother's farm, five miles east of Emmitsburg, completely destroying the structure and its contents, including 1,000 bushels of wheat, this year's hay crop, three horses, a heifer and a quantity of farming implements. The barn was struck during a heavy storm. Several flashes of lightning occurred before the rain set in and shortly afterwards the barn was seen in flames. The structure was soon a burning mass and it was impossible to rescue the animals inside. The heifer was found near a wire fence and it is assumed that she was killed by electricity from the lightning traveling through the fence.

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## FROM THE DESK...

## County Council President Bud Otis

**Civility at the local level**

As you read this article, voters in Frederick County have made their choices for a number of seats at various levels of government in the primaries. This will narrow the field and bring forward those who will be challenged in the general election in November. As I ponder the current roster of candidates, it is my sincerest hope that we all rise above the petty politics witnessed by daily polarization in Washington, D.C.

Those running for County Council with a platform based in honesty and integrity will be happy they ran an above board campaign when elected to office and then sit next to each other on the dais.

Those who opt to run negative, critical and hurtful ads tend to

obfuscate the truth for political gain. I have never understood this tactic. The voters are all residents of our county and our county brims with those of tremendously generous natures who tend to desire representatives who are civil, honest and believe in supporting this county to the best of his/her abilities. Being honest in your positions will foster trust as you work with any diverse group – especially in politics.

Each elected official is selected by the people as their representative into a position of service to their constituents. Sometimes I wonder if this is truly understood. We are here to serve others, not in a selfish pursuit for whatever the individual's reason.

Imagine when our Council Members respect each other, work

collaboratively for the sake of all the residents, and have civil discourse. I'm not naïve – there will certainly be strong views and disagreements on what is best for our county. However, it has been my long standing position that folks can disagree but don't have to be disagreeable in the process. There is common ground. We need to listen to all sides, mediate, negotiate and compromise to accomplish anything of substance. I always learn more when I listen with both ears – especially to opposing viewpoints. That's the reason behind my open door policy. It has allowed me to hear other's perspectives to complicated issues and helped me foster deeper insights. Best part of my job!

Civility in action fosters more

trust from the people and helps bridge an almost inherent distrust of government.

I don't think the majority of people want to see baseless accusations, name-calling, disrespectful behavior, negative comments and misinformation as a regular occurrence among their duly elected officials. I don't believe in airing negativity or grievances in public. There have been times when I've been frustrated and concerned about issues. From time to time, disagreements come up with the County Executive. I have always voiced my concerns either one-to-one as I meet with her weekly to discuss county issues or over the phone. Never have I held any personal animus or disparaged her in public. Over time, these issues

have been or are being resolved.

It is my hope that the next council of seven people work cohesively together and move the county forward. That will definitely be a sharp contrast to what we see in D.C.! Just think of the possibilities of a positive, impactful council working to preserve, protect and enhance the overall landscape of our beautiful county. It is truly achievable.

As duly elected officials, we represent the residents and should respect their vote through our civil interpersonal behavior and conversations. I think if we move away from today's version of politics as usual, we can represent the people as they deserve to be represented. You deserve high level conversations and representatives that fulfill their duties and responsibilities to keep this county beautiful and moving forward.

## Town Commissioner Glenn Blanchard

Greetings Emmitsburg! It's summertime and the living is easy. The community pool has reopened and the renovation looks fantastic. On those hot summer days, come on down, cool off and relax. The pool is a wonderful amenity to the town. The new pool has a slope to help small children and those with mobility issues to enter the water gradually, like the shore at a beach. The parking lot has been paved. This is another nice addition in that it helps keep the dust down next to the pool. The pool is open 12-7

daily. Hope to see you there!

Emmitsburg now has a dog park, located near the tennis courts in the community park. This was a project that many people in town requested, and through the help of state grants, the town was able to complete. There are sections for both large and small dogs.

Arbor Day came to town and with the help of the Mt. St. Mary's rugby team; the town was able to plant numerous trees in the community park. The tree planting is helping the town work towards becoming a Tree City USA, certified

by the end of 2018. There are pending grant submissions for rehabbing the pool's bathhouse, building an all-accessible playground in Community Park, and \$75,000 in façade restoration through the Community Legacy Program.

There are a number of projects that will be started this summer. After many years of planning, the Emmit Gardens playground is set to be completed in July. This will provide a much-needed playground for this community. Other

projects that are in the works are the following: The Rt. 140 revitalization project and square work will be substantially complete by June 30th. Everything should be complete by September. Two other grants are in the works for the town: A wayside exhibits grant-MHAA (start of a walking tour in town); and a cigarette prevention grant in the works that will provide ash receptacles for the square as well as provide health-promoting informative literature.

The farmers market starts this season on Friday June 22. Come

check it out. Fresh vegetables, bread, and other goodies await. Speaking of food, the community garden is up and running. Plots are available through the town for a \$20 deposit. Individuals who rent a garden plot have their \$20 returned at end of the season in October. I can personally attest that the town uses very good mulch and I have grown tomatoes, peas, and beans, and herbs. Gardening is great exercise and fun for the entire family. The town of Emmitsburg is doing great work and I am very proud to be part of this community.



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The votes have been cast and the ballots have been counted! Thanks to everyone who selected me to represent them on the County Council in Winchester Hall. To have earned the trust and support of so many is beyond humbling. Serving on the County Council, it is the responsibility of the members to cast the votes that will most directly impact the lives of those who live in Frederick. It is an awesome responsibility and one that should never be taken lightly. After all, those who are elected are there for one reason, and one reason alone, to serve those who put them in office. They have earned the trust of the people, so must do everything they can to keep the people's confidence.

I do realize how idealistic that sounds and how hard it is to believe someone still thinks of serving in government as such a noble calling. But as I have said throughout the primary campaign, I grew up at the feet of giants like Bob and Elizabeth Dole. These are people who served because it was the right thing to do, not to make a name for themselves and not to make a personal fortune.

I entered the race for County Council At-large because there's work to be done. The last four years at Winchester Hall has been filled with bitterness and petty personal infighting. While this has been going on, the Council has missed a number of opportunities to be an effective and efficient check and balance to the County Executive. The County Council is the legislative arm of our county government and should fulfill that duty.

I entered the race because I believe Frederick County needs to support aggressive and innovative economic

development policies. In 2015, Governor Hogan declared Maryland was "Open for Business," Frederick County should follow suit. The government should do everything it can to help foster and encourage the success of entrepreneurs, not stand in their way with onerous rules and regulations.

I entered the race because Frederick County is growing and it is going to continue to grow. That means we need Council members who will find the balance so we can make certain the infrastructure is in place and able to handle whatever the future growth will be. We cannot simply allow growth for growth's sake; but well thought out and planned growth and development can benefit everyone.

Frederick County's potential is astounding! So we must do everything we can to take advantage of that. Growing up here, I knew what could be possible. This is a community grounded in its history but looking to its future. That's why this election is about leadership and the direction Frederick County will take over the next four years. Though I won't be on the ballot this fall, I plan to continue working to make Frederick County the best it can be. Once again, to all those who voted for me in the Primary, thank you for your support. To those who made it through the Primary, I wish you all the best as you continue your campaigns and I will see you at the polls in November.

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## County Executive Jan Gardner

### Working Together, We Get Things Done

We live in a fabulous community filled with people who are willing to work together to get the job done! From small projects to large undertakings, citizens can take pride in knowing that collaboration makes things happen in Frederick County.

Last month a parent contacted my office about a safety concern for children who walk between Glade Elementary School and Heritage Farm Park. The short walk takes children and their families across Devilbiss Bridge Road, where speeding has been a concern. In response, officials from the County, the Town of Walkersville, and Frederick County Public Schools met to discuss ways to make the crossing safer. Through a coordinated approach, changes to this stretch of road are already visible. The speed limit was lowered, signs added, and enforcement increased. When there are special events at the school that require overflow parking at Heritage Farm Park, FCPS is setting up cones to alert drivers. County traffic engineers are examining the entire road to identify other long-term safety improvements. Together, town, county and school officials took action quickly to solve the problem.

In another instance, the Town of Emmitsburg reached out to the County for assistance to extend a sidewalk along Creamery Road. The walkway is proposed to stretch about 400 feet from the Vigilant Hose Co. building where the ambulance company used to be housed,

to the elementary school and community center/library. I included \$20,000 for the sidewalk in the current budget, and the County Council supported the request. It's an important project because it will connect neighborhoods to businesses and public services. By working together, the Town and County will move this project forward.

Partnerships are a powerful way to leverage resources. The County and the City of Frederick contributed nearly \$4 million to advance the engineering and design of the long-awaited interchange on U.S. Route 15 at Monocacy Boulevard so it could be ready for the State of Maryland to fund and begin construction. I am pleased to report that the first phase of the interchange is expected to open this summer. Ultimately, this project will replace a dangerous at-grade crossing is being replaced with new ramps and an overpass, and Monocacy Boulevard will connect with Christopher's Crossing. The project includes a new 400-car park & ride lot that will be served by MTA Commuter Bus Line #515. North county residents will be able to take the bus instead of driving down "The Big Ugly," Interstate 270. This project is another great example of how we get things done in Frederick County through collaboration and partnership.

### Agricultural preservation

Frederick County loves its strong history of agriculture. We can all be proud that Frederick County is among the top ten counties in the nation for agriculture preser-

vation. This is due in large part to the county's installment purchase program that buys easements on agricultural land and permanently preserves farmland for the future.

Frederick County added and preserved another 940 acres of farmland in June. The county purchased permanent easements on six separate properties, bringing the total preserved agricultural land in Frederick County to nearly 59,000 acres!

The County offers several programs to preserve agricultural land. The most recent participants utilized the county's Installment Purchase Program, which offers landowners annual tax-free interest payments as well as a lump sum principle payment after 20 years.

The latest easements include the John C. and Ellen W. Nicodemus property at Woodsboro Pike and Liberty Road (56.85 acres); Sandy Run Farm on Hessong Bridge Road, south of Blacks Mill Road (193.53 acres); Worthy View Farm on Sumantown Road (144.93 acres); Michael A. Wivell Sr.'s land on Sixes Bridge Road (255.40 acres); Robert Clayton Stevens and George C. Stevens' property on New Windsor Road (150.72 acres); and Charles Franklin Kolb's property on Blacks Mill Road (140.13 acres).

### In the community

Vineyards are a growing part of Frederick County's agricultural scene. A Thurmont vineyard made news recently by winning a big award. Congratulations to Catoctin Breeze Vineyard on earning Best in Show with its 2016 Cab-

### Frederick County primary results

Well it's official. Frederick County is officially a 'purple' county on its way to being a 'blue' one. On Tuesday more than 1,800 Democrats showed up to vote, then Republicans – which is especially troublesome given that the heated Republican County Executive race should have drawn Republicans amass.

Jan Gardner, who was running unopposed, won the Democrat primary, while Kathy Afzali edged out northern County favorite Kirby Delauter in the Republican race.

In the County Council District 5 race, Shannon Bohrer won the Democratic slot, while Michael Blue edged out Emmitsburg native Will Valentine.

In the County Council At-large races, Kai Hagen and Susan Jessee walked away with the Democrat nod, while Phil Dacey and Danny Farrar took 1st and 2nd on the Republican side. All four candidates will face Independent candidate Bud Otis in the general election.

In the Democratic State Senate race, Jessica Douglass took the bass ring over Thurmont native Sabrina Massett.

Sadly, Emmitsburg native Edison Hatter did not make the cut in the Board of Education race, but we fully expect to see more of this bright young man in years to come.

For more details on the primary results visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections).

ernet Franc at the 2018 Comptroller's Cup. Owner Voytek Fizyta described wine-making as a labor of love. He and family are making Frederick County proud!

By the time you read this, Emmitsburg should have wrapped up its annual Community Heritage Day celebration, complete with a parade. Everyone had a great time at the town's grand opening for the new community pool last month. Be sure to check it out! It's the place to be on a hot day!

With the official start of summer, it's time to focus on the fabulous volunteer fire and rescue companies' carnival season! Walkersville kicks off the month with concerts, rides,

games and great food at the carnival grounds on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The carnival runs through Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, with fireworks scheduled for Tuesday and Friday. Walkersville hosts one of the biggest carnivals in the county. I hope to see you there!

The biggest parade of carnival season takes place in Thurmont. This year, Thurmont's parade will be on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. I'll be tossing candy to the crowd along the parade route. The carnival runs from Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Come out to enjoy the fun and food and to support the men and women who volunteer to serve our community and keep us safe.

## Shannon Bohrer, Candidate for County Council (D)

*"Plans are nothing; planning is everything" Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Planning is something we all do, sometimes not as well as we intended. It is something that we do for most of our lives; looking forward and helping us achieve our goals. As we age, we focus more on our retirement, something that most of us don't think about when we were young.

Sometimes, the effort we put into our future does not work through no fault of our own. Families experience unforeseen family illnesses, we have natural disasters (like the recent flooding) and people can lose their jobs when business closes. Sometimes life is just not fair.

We also know that without planning it is a reasonable certainty that things won't go well. The same is true for individuals, families and governments. Of importance is that our individual and family plans are connected to our government plans, since they can affect us in many ways. My wife and I want to retire in place, on our farm. However, if the county has uncontrolled growth and is fiscally irresponsible, we may have to change our plans. Government planning affects all of us.

The City of Frederick with their flood control projects is a good example of planning. If the city had not put flood control projects in their future many years ago, the recent flooding would have been significantly worse. Even with the construction of the flood control projects, they still had flooding, which demonstrates that plans are rarely perfect and often require modifications.

When elected, planning for responsible growth in Frederick County will be my primary focus. Frederick County will continue to grow and growth – affects everything. The "Livable Frederick Plan" is a blueprint for how the county should view and manage the future. I understand that there is opposition to the "Livable Frederick Plan." My review

finds the plan very comprehensive and explains how ordinary citizens shaped the content. Over 2000 citizens responded to the surveys and the responses contained over 15,000 qualitative statements. That does not mean the plan is perfect. Like any good plan, changes will be needed as we proceed. But, we know that without the plan we leave the future to chance.

About me. My wife, Susanne, and I reside on a small farm in outside of Emmitsburg. We are both retired and enjoy our farm, our neighbors our horses and our dog. We very much like where we live and believe that we are fortunate to live in Frederick County Maryland. My family has been here for generations.

My former background includes 42 years in Law Enforcement, 27 years as a Maryland State Trooper.

I am a small farmer and small business owner in Frederick County. Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Business Administration.

Associations include: Maryland State Police Alumni, the Frederick County Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association, the Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union, and the Southern poverty Law Center. Please visit my website [shannon-bohrer.com](http://shannon-bohrer.com).

The campaign is hosting a meet and greet at the Walkersville Library on July 26, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Everyone is invited and please bring your questions.

## FROM THE DESK OF...

# Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

Yes, it is July. But more than that, it is the year 2018. If you have been reading my column since 2006, you would have been thrown into a time-warp when you read last month's column. It was last year's submission. The same events were reported on and it talked about the results of the primary election. However, it was last June's election results. It was last year's Fish Derby. If you didn't notice, no worry. I think? If you did notice and you were try-

ing to figure out what was going on. Well, a "Senior Moment" on my part could be the excuse. However, it wasn't. I just submitted the wrong file for which I am truly sorry and hope to do a better job in the future. For you techies, I reorganized my files using folders. This should help. Now to get on with the news covering May and June.

Carroll Valley Borough Police and Liberty Township Police Departments partnered with Col-

laborating For Youth to carry out the 10th Annual Adams County "Take Back" Medicine and collected 442 pounds of medications. Thanks goes to everyone who participated. The 2018 Fishing Derby had an attendance of 100. Thanks to Councilor Tyler Plyes who organized and managed the derby and to the Fish & Boat Commission Conservation Officer Rachael Thurner-Diaz for monitoring the event. Special appreciation is extended to McSherrytown Fish and Game Association, Dave Swope, who donated 250 trout. The key ingredient for a successful community event are the volunteers and donators. Thank you, Amanda Bell, Gayle Marthers, Lori Kolenda, Jeni Jarrell, Jeremy Whitmore, Kelly Wivell, Cheri Wojcik, Lori Borden, Kurt Morton, Rodney Pyles, Fairfield Junior Girl Scout Troop #80291, Fairfield Cadet Girl Scout Troop, Jubilee, Randy Rosenberry (Undercover baits), Evapco, and Jed Fetter (Keystone Pursuit Outdoors). To see the pictures, go to [ronspictures.net](http://ronspictures.net).

At the June 12th Council meeting, the members approved the hiring of Carroll Valley's first female officer, Courtney Herring. She will be on probation for one year. Officer Herring graduated from the Reading Police Academy. Chief Hileman advised the council that a series of vehicle break-ins have been committed. As of June 4th, 11 residents have been affected. From the criminal's point of view, the break-in, the take and walk away needs to take no longer than 20 seconds. This means you need to perform those actions to extend that time, so the criminal will think twice before breaking into your vehicle. Here are some suggestions: lock the car and close the windows; remove values (such as GPS device, cell phone, camera, purse, wallet, loose change and packages) from view, and park in a lighted area. You could also consider attaching a small blinking red device to the dashboard to give the impression you have activated your car alarm system. If your car is broken into, be sure to alert the police department as soon as possible.

Carroll Valley Branch of the Adams County Library System has

several special activities for July. On July 12th at 6:30 p.m. a Mark DeRose Music event will be held at the Carroll Valley pavilion. Music, art, and movement will be combined to deliver a show that encourages all ages to find their own creativity. On July 23rd at 6 p.m., a robotics program called STEMobile will be presented by the Girl Scouts. The program will be held at the pavilion and registration is required. Finally, on July 30th at 6:30 p.m., plan to come to hear master storyteller Beth Rebert share a story time performance of the book "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs" written by Jon Scieszka. Registration is required.

Have you been attending the free Carroll Valley's Movies in The Park events? They are shown on a large screen located on the back of the Borough building stage area. All the movies start at 8 p.m. on the third Friday of each month through October. "The Lion King", is the next movie to be shown on July 20th. Popcorn, hot dogs, candy, chips, soda, water, Kool aide and cookies are sold at the concession stand. Thanks go out to Amanda Bell, Gayle Marthers, Jeni Jarrell, Jessie and Jesse Kraft, Sarah Skoczer, Jacob Arbutus, Karen Maichle, Lori Borden and Conner Jarrell. The movies have been sponsored by Jim Jarrell of Jarrell Studios and Hunter Paulus of Hunter Handyman. Come out join us!

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Carroll Valley July 4th Family Celebration. The festivity will be held on Wednesday, July 4th from 2 p.m. to 10 pm. This is time to celebrate with family and friends, the birth of our country. You will be entertained by the Ella Grace, Carroll County Cloggers, Austin Poulson and Mason Dixon Crossing, and Michael Christopher. Bring the kids, there are plenty of free rides. This year, Ski Liberty is not only contributing to our fireworks, they are also providing transportation from the parking area to our event and theirs. If you have any questions, contact the Borough at 717-642-8269. You can also go to [www.cvJuly4th.com](http://www.cvJuly4th.com) for the schedule. If you are in town, this is the place to be.

On Saturday, July 14th from 8 am to noon, you can recycle your old electronic devices, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, keyboards, stereo equipment, modems, routers, TVs, copiers and scanners. It will be held at Highland Township Building at 3641 Fairfield Road. This event is for current Park's Garbage Service customers in the boroughs of Carroll Valley and Fairfield as well as the townships of Freedom, Hamiltonban, Liberty and Highland. TVs must be removed from any cabinetry in which they were contained. If you have any questions, email Fairfield Borough at [borofairfieldpa@comcast.net](mailto:borofairfieldpa@comcast.net) or call 717-642-5640.

Borough meetings to be held are: Borough Council (July 10th) and Parks & Recreation (July 25th). Please slow down when driving and be sure you and your passengers buckle up. Questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email me at [MayorRonHarris@comcast.net](mailto:MayorRonHarris@comcast.net).



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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE BORDER

## County Commissioner Jim Martin

Do you realize that in 2016-2017 without spending controls, PA Governor Tom Wolf spent \$1.5 billion more than the state collected? These statistics are monitored and reported by the Commonwealth Foundation. I wish the state was as conscientious of expenditures as Adams County must be. We cannot allow large gaps to develop between revenues and expenditures. Our goal is simply to keep expenditures less than revenues. We cannot hope it will happen, we must make it happen.

As we, the county, move through the year we are regularly monitoring our revenues and expenditures. This also includes projecting future expenditures based upon our records of historical spending and known future spending needs. This information is brought to regular review sessions led by our Finance Department. This allows us to have a current perspective as to whether or not revenues will continue to exceed projected expenses.

As of the writing of this article, I am glad to report that our projections to the end of 2018 appear very favorable. Can unexpected expenses occur before the end of the year? They may. Fortunately we have directors and officials that continually look for

means to increase revenues and cut expenditures. It is frustrating when new revenues are produced and huge unexpected expenses occur for which we have little or no control. A case in point was the hit and run damage done to an historic, county-owned stone bridge. To make the required bridge repairs according to code guidelines, the cost has been estimated to be \$80,000.

Our Treasurer and her staff have recently restructured some of our largest bank accounts. This has produced greater interest income and lower fees. This net revenue increase will eventually be consumed by the bridge repair discussed and insurance deductibles for workman's compensation and accident claims. We will also be working with our Clerk of Courts for expanding means of collecting additional bail forfeitures.

With hundreds of county employees and thousands of visitors monthly to the courthouse there are numerous opportunities for injury claims. To help reduce accident frequency and claims, directors, staff, and myself periodically participate in risk management training provided by our CCAP counties insurance pool. Also, as members of the self-insured

pool we are frequently eligible for grants for projects to reduce safety hazards, improve safety, and increase surveillance. Why increase surveillance? It not only enhances security, but it also provides videos that become our best defense against false injury claims. Fewer claims help keep insurance premiums lower. The grant money is provided by the CCAP joint investment of the insurance pool reserves.

The Joint Investment Board of Directors oversees how these funds are invested. As a member of this board, I can verify that the increased investment income has allowed grants funds available to counties to double and the requirement for matching funds has been suspended. This is one of the benefits of belonging to a self-insured program. So, county government becomes more than providing services; it continues to involve a wide range of management activity for efficiency and effectiveness.

On the horizon is a new directive from the PA Department of State to the counties. The new directive requires all counties to replace all vote counting/tabulation equipment with new federally certified equipment that produces a paper trail. So far only one vendor has been certified

to provide this new equipment, which has yet to be manufactured in quantities that will supply PA. If Adams County has to convert to all new counting equipment, the cost will likely reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. I estimate that the Federal Government grant to Adams County will fall well short of what is needed.

Additionally, the state wants the new equipment to be put in service for the next Presidential Election, 2020. To roll-out a new process in a Presidential Election year seems ill-advised. Our election director, Monica Dutko and I feel this could be a fiasco. Do we really want a new system to be tested in a Presidential Election that produces a highest volume of voters and longer lines? To me the answer would be no.

One reason I say that with confidence is the many years of experience and wisdom of our Elections Director and her judgement. The other reason to say "no" is due to the condition and precision of the county's voting equipment. Our equipment has been well maintained and recently upgraded. The precision of the equipment was recently tested this year in an actual recount situation following the May, 2018 primary election. Approximately 1600 paper

ballots were hand counted from selected precincts. That paper ballot count had the same exact count as the voting machine scanner count. You cannot get any better than no mistakes. Keep in mind that our machines produce a paper trail, a requirement of the new State Department Directive. The State Department is concerned about safety and integrity of the voting process, and I believe we have proven we have met those standards. The only way that I know we could enhance safety and integrity in Adams County voting is through voter photo ID.

As many of you know June 14th is Flag Day; a day of special recognition and respect for our nation's flag. In recognition of Flag Day the area Veterans' Organizations hold a flag retirement ceremony to properly retire worn, tattered, and unserviceable American flags. This respectful ceremony was held at the Biglerville Legion Park as has been done for many years. I wish to say thank you to all involved that made the ceremony possible. It was definitely a tribute to Americanism. I hope the ceremony will continue and even more people will plan to attend next year. Have a wonderful, safe 4th of July. We have much to be thankful for and much to pray about.

## State Representative Dan Moul

It has been a long time since we have heard the word "surplus" in connection with Pennsylvania's state budget, but this year is different. After years of holding the line on state spending and standing up for taxpayers, the Commonwealth is on firmer financial ground than it was a few years ago when it was facing a \$2 billion deficit. This year, revenues are rising, optimism is high and we are able to increase or restore funding to some key line items.

This is a decent budget. It pays the bills and we got it done early. The General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the \$32.7 billion spending plan a full week ahead of the June 30 budget deadline and sent it to the Gov. Tom Wolf for signature. It is just 1.7 percent higher than last year's budget – an increase that is below the rate of inflation. It contains no new taxes or fees, and for the first time since 2006, it will set money aside in the Rainy Day Fund.

The 2018-19 budget invests \$457 million more for preK-12 education, bringing total spending to a record-high \$12.3 billion. Included is \$224 million for the Pennsylvania School Employees' Retirement System; \$170 million for basic education, special education, PreK Counts, Head Start, and career and technical education; and \$60 million

for the creation of a new school safety initiative. Here in Adams County, Conewago Valley, Fairfield Area, Gettysburg Area and Littlestown Area school districts will receive funding increases averaging 3.5 percent.

Higher education will also see increases. Pennsylvania's state-related universities and community colleges will get a 3 percent increase and the Pennsylvania

State System of Higher Education will get 3.3 percent more. In granting the increases, House Speaker Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) urged the colleges and universities to use the increase in state funding solely to make higher education more affordable for Pennsylvania students and not raise tuition, fees or room and board.

Other key increases include about \$7 million more for the

departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, and about \$8 million more for the departments of Health and Veterans Affairs.

I have been a staunch opponent of the massive tax increases proposed in recent years. In fact, I could not vote for last year's budget because it borrowed \$1.5 billion from future state revenues.

That budget will fall squarely on the backs of our children and grandchildren and I could not vote for it. This year looks a lot better. I am hopeful we have turned the corner and are on the way back to economic prosperity.

More information on the 2018-19 state budget is available at <http://www.pahousegov.com/201819pabudget.aspx>.

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## THE PASTOR'S DESK

# Celebrating freedom

Rev. Heath Wilson  
Toms Creek United  
Methodist Church

*Cherry pie., watermelon, fireworks, parades...*

This list and many more are what we often think about when we celebrate the 4th of July. We celebrate that we live in a land of liberty, a land of freedom, a land of justice. We celebrate that our nation has helped send food and supplies to struggling people around the world. We remember that the people of our country gave up many things so that we could end the tyranny of Hitler and help keep people free. We remember all the times we have given to others around the world from our excess so that they might be free to live life.

Yet, if are honest there are times when our nation has not lived up to our highest ideals. There are times where our nation broke treaties and forced those that lived in this land long before we did to move and relocate. We have at times not treated those who protected our liberty and freedoms serving in the military with honor and provided them the healthcare they deserve. We have at times enslaved people thinking it was acceptable to take away others freedoms while we celebrated our own.

This is not a harsh criticism of our nation but it is being real to our mixed history. I believe what our

nation has stood for and that the good our nation has done far outweighs the bad. That we should celebrate all those times we have ensured freedom, liberty, and justice in our land and across the globe. We can celebrate the good and be real that we are not yet a perfect nation.

This leads me to thoughts on the Church. The Church has been one of the greatest forces of good throughout the last 2000 years. The Church cared for people when there was not government programs for those in need and distress. The Church has sent people into areas with plague to care for those that were left to die and everyone else was afraid to care for or touch those who were sick and dying. The Church founded many of the first centers for higher learning and started most of the first major hospitals in this nation. The Church has been a refugee for those that had no place to turn and a place that still spends lots of money and hours to help people in need around the world.

Yet, just like our nation the Church is not without blemish. The Church has committed awful acts and caused hurt to many people through the ages. There have been leaders of the Church who have failed to live up to the ideals Christ called us to and have turned a blind eye to people hurting and have made decrees that are not the way of Christ. There have been people who have been abused by the church and who

have been violated by clergy.

Once again I believe the good done by the Church far outweighs the harm. In addition, if and when the Church is following the way of Jesus Christ it is the best institution or body the world has ever known or ever will know. Yet, that doesn't take away the bad. That doesn't change the apprehension people have about being part of the church because of what they have seen or experienced.

As a kid and young adult I always struggled with this. I saw the harm the Church had done, and some of the horrible acts and words people said in the name of Jesus. I looked around and told myself I could find a better way on my own. And while there was some truth in what I was thinking, I failed to see the need that I had to be part of the body of Christ. When I finally realized that I was not perfect, and the church is filled with people just like me, it allowed me to give it a chance. I have never regretted that decision, even with some not nice experiences along the way.

The Church is the Body of Christ left upon this earth to share the Good News until Christ comes again. The Church is supposed to offer a place for anyone who is turned away by the rest of the world to belong to and to experience wholeness. The Church is where we go when we realize we can not do it on our own and we need to belong to something larger than ourselves. The Church is where the people who realize they are sick and in need of healing go to receive love, to receive grace. If the church is filled with imperfect people that means that the Church is not going to be perfect just like this nation is not perfect. Yet, we see just like this nation at its best, the Church at its best can bring freedom, can bring peace, can provide hope.

If you gave up in Church long ago, especially if the church hurt you, I say to you, not all churches are the same. I say to you that churches are changing and many are starting to realize their call to be a place for those that need a place to belong. You will not truly experience freedom and be able to use all the gifts God has equipped you with until you are a member of the Church. Christ said that



Tom's Creek  
United Methodist Church

*Come journey with us...*

any who follow in his name and proclaim salvation and eternal life through him must be part of the Body of Christ, aka the Church.

I have the pleasure of starting my fifth year at Toms Creek UMC in July. I can tell you that the people at Tom's Creek welcome anybody who comes through the door on Sunday morning for worship or Sunday School. I can tell you that they want to get to know you and to hear your story. The phrase that I have used since I started at Tom's Creek is "Let's Journey together". That means that we all fall short of perfection and we are all working on becoming more Christlike, aka learning to be more perfect in love and grace. So we do not judge the other, but share our stories together. That means that we each have something to offer the other, and the hope is along the way we become a better reflection of the true Church that Christ had in mind when he called the Church to be the voice of Good News to the world. It also means that we might become better people and through the Church be a beacon of hope, healing, and Good News to the world.

So if you are able to celebrate

our nation on this 4th of a July and the timeless and noble ideals it was founded on, even though our nation has made mistakes and continues to make mistakes. Then realize that the underbelly of the church that has kept you away is not all there is. That the the ideals that Christ founded the Church on is even more powerful and transformative than that of our nation. That there are churches that this very day are trying to boldly live that out and long to welcome you back home. If you don't know where to turn the door is open at Tom's Creek UMC with an invitation to "come journey with us".

*Pastor Heath Wilson*

*P.S. another reason we say "come journey with us" is because most have to drive a little ways to find and come to our church. We are in the country surrounded by farms and beautiful views of the mountains in between Emmitsburg and Taneytown. We have people coming from 4 counties, two states, and some who journey close to an hour to worship with us on Sunday mornings. It might be a journey to find us but we know that it is worth the journey.*



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### Thurmont United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible Club For Kids

Coming on July 9th, Child Evangelism Fellowship, the Thurmont Good News Club and our church will be sponsoring a free 5-day club for children ages 5-12. The Club will be held every day, Monday through Friday (July 9-13) at 10:00 to 11:30 A.M at the Church. It will be 90 minutes of music, games, activities, memory verses, and exciting Bible stories. Trained leaders from Child Evangelism Fellowship, a world-wide Bible-centered

ministry, will lead the Club. All teachers and helpers have been screened to ensure protection of all children attending the Club. Our church sponsored the Child Evangelism After-School Club at Thurmont Elementary during the school year.

Child Evangelism Fellowship trained leaders will lead all sessions but we would like to have some adults to help with supervision and interaction with the children who attend. If you are available for 90 minutes on any day the week of July 10, please contact Jan Jones or Sandy Moser.

To register: Fill out the enclosed registration form. Registration forms will also be available in the Church lobby or call Jan Jones 301-471-9898 or email at [janjones0626@gmail.com](mailto:janjones0626@gmail.com) For questions or to register: Contact Sandy Moser 301-271-2917. Admission is free for all children. For more information on Child Evangelism Fellowship go to [www.cefonline.com](http://www.cefonline.com) or call 1-800-300-4033.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

# The first 4th of July celebration

Pastor Sue Koenig  
Graceham Moravian Church

Have you ever wondered about the first 4th of July celebration, or what it would have been like to be there? Here is how it all began. Alexander Martin, Governor of North Carolina, signed the following Proclamation on June 18, 1783:

*Whereas the honorable the General Assembly have by a Resolution of both Houses recommended to appoint the fourth of July next being the anniversary of the declaration of the American Independence, as a Day of Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the many most glorious interpositions of his Providence manifested in a great and signal manner in behalf of these United States...*

*I have thought proper to issue this Proclamation directing the said 4th of July next be observed as above, hereby strictly commanding and enjoining all the Good Citizens of this State to set apart the said Day from bodily labour, and employ the same in devout and religious exercises...*

*Given under my hand...the 18th day of June in the year 1783. -Alex Martin*

Only one small community, a Moravian community in Salem, North Carolina is known to have observed July 4, 1783, with a planned celebration. The Moravians, who were pacifists, had suffered during the Revolutionary War for their religiously-grounded refusal to bear arms on either side. They were eager to celebrate the peace, so they read the Proclamation and prepared for the day. Karl Kroeger, former director of the Moravian Music Foundation, wrote about the first 4th of July celebration in an essay:

The first known official celebration of the Fourth of July ... was not a noisy, patriotic celebration with military parades, fireworks, political speeches and the like. It did not take place in one of the larger cities, such as Philadelphia, New York, or Boston. It did not celebrate the victory of the American forces or even the independence of the country. It was a religious observance in a small, rural settlement in North Carolina, thanking God for the return of peace to the land.

Brother Kroeger penned his essay in part to highlight a man "who was probably the finest composer in America during his day: Johann

Friedrich Peter (1746-1813)." The Moravians held three church services for the July 4th observance. The first, in the morning, included singing accompanied by trombones. The second service included text and music that Brother Peter had prepared for the occasion, Psalm of Joy. The piece was "a cantata-like work with parts for soloists, chorus, orchestra, trombone choir and the congregation.

Everyone was involved, everyone sang, pouring out their feelings of praise and gratitude to God in the final mighty Hallelujah of the last chorale." Finally, in the evening, the trombones led the congregation in a processional through the town, and the day ended with antiphonal singing and a blessing before congregants returned to their homes "with hearts filled with the peace of God." Psalm of Joy was placed in the church records, where it remained for 183 years before being performed for the 200th anniversary celebration of the Founding of Salem in 1966.

I remember another 4th of July - July 4, 1969. That was the year that I was awarded a four-day trip to the City of Philadelphia for winning an essay contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Thurmont American Legion Post 168. Before saluting my accomplishment, you should know that eligible competitors were few in number: you had to be born on the Fourth of July; you had to be turning 14 years old; and you had to live in one of the original 13 colonies! Still, I was delighted when my essay, "What My American Freedoms Mean to Me," was selected. And I didn't receive extra credit for being born in Gettysburg!

With an older relative as a chaperone, I set out for Philadelphia. The two of us stood on the north-bound side of Route 15 at Roddy Creek Road and flagged down a Greyhound Bus -- an acceptable practice in those days). Our clothes were packed in brown grocery bags from Super Thrift as neither of us owned a suitcase.

In Philadelphia, I joined the other 12 winners to be presented with the Key to the City. We were treated as distinguished guests at the City's 4th of July celebrations, were invited to read our essays, and watched an amazing fireworks display. After touring the city, we met the popular comedian of that era, Red Skeleton and his wife. I don't remember what I wrote in my essay, but I do recall part of a sentence from one of the other essays:

"...a woman is safe to walk on the street." I remain deeply grateful to the women of the Ladies Auxiliary for this opportunity that inspired and enriched my life. I also remember listening to the other essays and thinking, long before I even contemplated becoming a pastor, that the 4th of July was and is about freedom, and that freedom can mean many different things.

This July 4th, we may contemplate what our freedom in Christ means to us. The scriptures on freedom include:

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2*  
-Cor. 3:17

*So if the Son [Christ] sets you free, you will be free indeed. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

*You, my brothers and sisters were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself.*  
-Galatians 5:13-14

The freedom we receive in Christ is freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. It is also freedom from every other fear. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Tim. 1:7). This freedom we have received as



a gift, like God's love, surpasses all others. For we only know we are completely free when we give our lives freely and completely in love and service to others.

By grace through faith, we are free from all fear so that we are able to stand firm in fulfilling Christ's command to love the neighbor. In Christ we are set free so that we may free others. Christ calls us to stand without fear with our neighbors who suffer injustice, with the poor and the oppressed, with

those who are fleeing violence, with those who are sick, hungry and imprisoned. Jesus, quoting the prophet Isaiah, described his own ministry as an anointing to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed. (Luke 4:18, CEB) This 4th of July, may we pray for a return of peace with justice to our land, and may we celebrate our freedom as Christians with actions that set others free.

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# Words From Winterbilt

## Character, taxes and education

Shannon Bohrer

A short while ago I attended a County Council public hearing that involved several issues. The first issue was the county tax rate. The two different methods of determining property tax rates included a “constant rate” and a “constant yield.” The constant rate model would keep property taxes at the same level or amount. However, even with the same rate, if the property value goes up, your taxes go up. The constant yield would adjust the rate so the County would receive the same amount of funding. So if your property value goes up, your taxes would not increase.

There was a lot of citizen participation with this topic and the citizens overwhelmingly supported the constant rate, which will normally raise their taxes. One of the speakers said he was a business person and he believed the constant rate was a “smart business decision” for the county. He added that this was not a republican or democratic issue and it would be good for everyone. Another speaker talked about the need for building a sport complex for sporting events, like soccer and baseball fields. He emphasized that the plans in his community to build the complex

requires funding. Several speakers included growth issues and educational funding as a reason to keep a constant rate property tax.

I was just a little surprised that citizens were in favor of keeping a constant rate tax system which increases their taxes. Primarily because we are accustomed to politicians promising to lower our taxes. However, I was very impressed with the reasons given. They all expected growth in the county. They see the need for future educational expenditures and community improvements. As several persons said, with growth the county will have to provide more services. From my perspective they were informed citizens and stood up for their beliefs.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

The character of the citizens that spoke was evident to me. They were looking forward and understood that when the government provides education, public safety and infrastructure, there is a cost. While listening to the citizens participating in their government, I thought about the teacher strikes in the news. Teachers have

been on strike in Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Arizona. According to the teachers all of the schools are underfunded. I am aware that teachers have gone on strikes before, but I don't remember so many states in the same year.

If the schools were being underfunded, the question is why? One reason could be the financial collapse starting in 2008. When government revenues fall it would be expected that educational funding would be reduced. According to the National Education Association Teachers Union, “U.S. teacher pay, adjusted for inflation, is now 5% lower than it was in 2009,” so it is low. One perspective is that the country almost had a second depression, so it stands to reason that teacher pay, along with other public funding was reduced.

While the recession was part of the initial problem, there are other contributing factors. It was reported that the states that were in the news did not have collective bargaining. Of course that is a larger issue in that many governments have tried to eliminate public unions. Without getting into the details, we do know that without collective bargaining public employees do receive less pay over time. That seemed to be a significant contributing factor in the

states with striking teachers.

Another factor, that started well before the recession - is that we have politicians promising us lower taxes. Their message is clear that since government is so inefficient, they don't need any more income and we should lower taxes. The argument that government is inefficient does have some validity. However, the argument that to fix the issue we need to collect fewer taxes or as some like to say, “Starve the beast” does not work. If you think the government is too big, you determine what you want to reduce, then reduce or eliminate that service. Just reducing funding for everything, including education - will result in government inefficiency. The fact is that when we have state and local governments trying to maintain the public services with fewer dollars, eventually problems develop in numerous areas, including education.

“Dividing an elephant in half does not produce two small elephants.” - The Fifth Discipline

While the recession is over and governments are catching up with our education systems, we still have a long road ahead. How bad the problems had become was evident when one state gave their teachers a raise of over six thousand dollars. That sounded like a big raise. Before the raise the teachers were ranked 49th in the country. After the raise they moved up to 47th. Not properly funding public education is ignoring our future.

I thought about all of this while at the County Council Hearing and listening to the public comments. The last topic on the agenda was the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) which raises funds for School Construction. The APFO started in 2011 and was optional if developers wanted to build in areas with inadequate school capacity. There are currently “a dozen developments that have outstanding agreements to pay school construction fees.” The fees were supposed to be increased over time and the hearing was about the proposed increases. As one would expect, builders and the building industry testified against the increases. Testimony from the citizens mirrored the constant tax rate proposal, being in favor of the increases. Again, the citizens seemed well informed and spoke of the needed funding future educational needs. The speakers addressed the history of shortfalls in the county budgets. One thing that really stood out was the repeated theme that someone has to pay for the schools and infrastructure. Every time someone gets a tax break, the rest of us have to pay more.

“Only the educated are free” - Epictetus

Investing in the future is not an option if you expect the future to be better than today.

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# Common Cents

## Crying children and due process of law

Kary Love

Being a lawyer, I have long been interested in and have studied the question, where did law come from? It turns out to have been the result of a centuries long, hard struggle by people over generations as humans evolved to try to incorporate justice into their villages or tribes. Generation built upon generation, honing and improving law.

One source has long been claimed to be “God's Law.” For example, the idea of “due process of law,” the right to a fair hearing before an impartial tribunal before judgment is found in not only in Roman law but in Christian law as well. In John 7:51 Nicodemus defends Jesus to the Pharisees who are seeking Jesus' condemnation and death without trial. Nicodemus demands of the Pharisees: “Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?” (John 7:51)

Whether you are a believer or not, the Bible is a source of much human law, at least in the West. It was written over millennia probably derived from oral traditions before being reduced to writing by the Hebrews in the Torah. As worldly experience and common sense teach, one ought to be careful about arrogantly overthrowing centu-

ries of accumulated human wisdom, or God's law, if you so believe. Before law, my training was in science and I learned: “you may be smart, but you are not smarter than evolution.” So, I seek wisdom where it can be found to have evolved and reject it only after careful consideration.

Due process of law is required of the US Government and all of its agents by the 5th Amendment to the Constitution.

With all due deference to Jeff Sessions and his “Biblical”-based defense of separating noncitizen minor children from their parents, I think Nicodemus disagrees. I go with Nicodemus who, after all, at great personal risk helped Joseph of Arimathea ask Pilate for Jesus' body, took it down from the cross, carried it to the tomb and properly buried Jesus. I suspect Nicodemus, who, if this story is true, surely earned his “Bible Interpretation” chops, would think due process ought to be afforded before judgment punishing these kids and their parents can be imposed. Involuntary separation of minor kids from their parents is, I am sorry to say, clearly a most odious punishment. A hearing before doing so seems mandated by John 7:51.

So, the law evolved, and America adopted a Constitution based on the accumulated wisdom and

legal insight of centuries including that derived from Biblical sources. As Martin Luther King expressed it, though I paraphrase, law congruent with god's law is valid, that contrary to god's law is not. Most people obey just laws, those congruent with god's law, without being forced to do so—it is simply right—such as the law against killing. The Constitution added the 5th Amendment in 1791 which reflects the wisdom of due process providing in pertinent part: “No person shall...be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law...” So far so good, consistent with John 7:51.

The fifth amendment applies to the US Federal Government and has since its adoption. Note that it covers “persons” not merely “citizens.” As a bastion of liberty and human rights in a world hostile to same in 1791, this was a proud declaration by a hearty and moral people that their government must provide due process to all with whom it dealt, not only its own citizens. “A shining city on a hill,” to be sure.

If the US federal government wants to take away a “person's” child they must first provide due process. Due process is where you have the hanging after the trial, assuming

the trial adduces evidence showing guilt or wrongdoing exists justifying hanging. America in its supreme law rejected the idea of having the trial right after the hanging, as many other countries allowed at the time, at least in part because that is contrary to god's law, John 7:51.

Parental rights to custody and control of their children is one of the most fundamental rights protected by the due process liberty clause. In *Troxell v Granville* decided in 2000, the US Supreme Court, rejected grandparent's visitation rights enforced by the state as against parental refusal and stated: “The liberty interest at issue in this case—the interest of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children—is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court.” Not even grandparents can invade it and I bet most grandparents would do better with the grandkids than government caretakers. And I think common sense and the judgment of my tribe would agree. I also think most agree that parents or grandparents who put minor kids in cages are not doing a good job with the kids. Neither is government.

So, the US Federal government separating minor kids from their parents, without a prior hearing requiring evidence justifying same, seems a violation of due process of law. It appears to be contrary to John 7:51 and the accumulated wisdom of humanity.

Some argue no, these kids and parents are here illegally, everyone knows that, so no problem, they are

presumed guilty. This of course violates the presumption of innocence found in the 6th Amendment. But it may also be simply wrong. Many of these parents and kids claim to be refugees protected by 8 USC §1158, a federal statutory law, International law, and treaties binding on the US under Article VI of the Constitution. See, that is what Nicodemus was talking about. First you have to have a hearing to decide if the parents and the kids qualify as refugees entitled to protection in the USA. Then, if they do not, they can be punished. Those who do, cannot.

Seems like a lot of legal mumbo jumbo to make the simple point, one every parent knows instinctively from evolution, or maybe from God: taking my kids away without first proving it is lawful, ain't right, it ain't right, it just ain't right. Most parents would fight like lions to stop it and most others would agree they ought to do so, and would probably help them fight if they can.

By the way, the 4th of July is just around the corner. It might not hurt to reread the Declaration of Independence, the first Constitution of the United States. It reminds us these are “inalienable rights” endowed by the “Creator,” which legitimate government exists to uphold, not violate. It's the American way. It is what makes America great, when we live up to it. When we do not, then we are in the swamp. In the current case a swamp deluged by the tears of children.

# The American Mind

## The orthodoxy of the left

William Hillman

What a school year it's been and thank God it is over. We started the year with my son's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers sharing their gender identity and preferred pronouns. Each student was asked to fill out an index card with their gender identity and preferred pronouns and then made to stand and read the card to the class. This happened throughout the day in every class.

From there, the year went downhill. Each week the reading assignments were New York Times opinion articles on "evil" President Trump, "evil" America, "racist, sexist, and ignorant" America, "racist, sexist and ignorant" Republicans, the United States Constitution is racist, evil and needs to be replaced, the Republicans stole the election, the president and Republicans are killing Puerto Ricans, and then the articles just got nasty and stupid.

We spent a lot of time going over these articles and delving into the reality.

One day I asked my son how his math class was going, he was struggling with the current topic in Algebra class, his answer blew my mind. He said, "we didn't do any math in math class today. The math teacher had us watch videos of black people being beaten by police,

then he had a talk about how police are racist and bad."

The unfortunate school shootings gave the faculty the excuse they needed to push their propaganda that the constitution is outdated, irrelevant, racist, sexist and homophobic.

NFL players kneeling during the playing of the National Anthem and students walking out of class in opposition to The Constitution is protected free speech. But a student who objects to the liberal orthodoxy is said to be disruptive.

One day in my son's school they had an assembly on the 27 different genders, (please don't ask me what they are, I only know of two). The students were informed that "just because you are genetically a male, does not make you are a male or being genetically female, does not make you a female".

Sorry, but by definition, if you are genetically a male, you are a male, and if you are genetically female, you are a female. I explained to my son that regardless of what the school said, there are only two genders: male and female. There are, however, males who have strong feminine tendencies, and females who have strong masculine tendencies and there are people who are physically attracted to others of their same sex. All of this is fine, but none of it changes the

fact that a person is either male or female from birth, regardless of what they do to themselves physically.

Now, if the boy Joey down the street wants to dress as girl and call himself Josephina, that is a choice made between him and his parents. Out of compassion and neighborly respect, I will call him Josephina, and I expect my children to do the same.

For all the chest pounding and self-righteousness of the teachers, politeness, neighborliness and good manners are not taught in school. What is taught is something they call tolerance, but in this age of double speak, tolerance is not what you think. Tolerance is unquestionable acceptance and adherence to the left's orthodoxy. Anyone who questions or holds opinions that are outside the orthodoxy is labeled "intolerant". To express opinions or ideas that might be counter to the "approved" agenda is said to be hurtful and therefore hateful. Good people worship the environment, want more immigration, guns banned, abortion on demand, and bad people object or raise questions.

Follow the logic. To hold the position that abortion is murder and morally wrong, may offend someone who has had an abortion. That offence is "hurtful" just as much as a physical "hurting". Yes, you read that right, the

kids are taught that words can cause physical pain just like a punch to the kisser. There is no distinction made between what I would consider malicious bullying an individual and disagreeing on moral and social issues.

Debate and disagreement on meaningful issues is strictly forbidden because someone might be offended or "triggered". Kids never learn how to have disagreements and talk about issues. They do not learn that we don't need to agree with each other on everything in order to be friends.

I hear the words Hitler and Nazi thrown around by the left so often I've become numb to it. These words are generally used to label someone who disagrees with the new social orthodoxy. Hitler and the Nazis committed one of the largest atrocities of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, killing millions. The message is, someone who fails to fall in line on an issue is committing horrible violent atrocities against millions and any actions, violent or otherwise, is justified in stopping them. "Would you be doing the world a great service if you could have shot Hitler before he became Hitler?" This is why we see violence on college campuses against public speakers and Hollywood elitists calling for the son of Melania Trump to be violently raped.

We now have a generation who believes those who do not accept the new orthodoxy and speaks out against it, by their words are doing no less than physical violence. Therefore, physical violence, in response to

their words, is justified.

There are even members of the left who are seeing this danger and its long-term impact on society. Sarah Schulman's book *Conflict Is Not Abuse*, analyzes and critiques what she calls the "overstatement of harm" as an activist tactic that breaks community bonds and reinforces the power of the State to control and imprison people.

What has been lost is the important fact that to have a truly free society, open debate and disagreement must take place. And yes, sometimes it hurts and is uncomfortable. But to drive it out of the public square, discipline those that engage in questioning the "accepted orthodoxy" is by definition an act of fascism.

The liberal agenda of the schools is failing our children and poisoning our future. Children are not learning to respect others who have different opinions. The school is too concerned about protecting students against opinions and facts that might make them uncomfortable. It never permits the kids to grow. People who want to live in small insulated boxes are not free, they are imprisoned. Please don't let our children become prisoners. And lastly,

*"Any society that trades safety and security for Freedom will have neither."* —Ben Franklin.

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# Down Under

## Absolute success

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*The moral flabbiness born of the exclusive worship of the bitch-goddess success*  
—William James 1920

Forget power, forget status, the most important thing in life is success. It's the first lesson we learn — find that milk spigot and suck! Make the potty in time, button that shirt. From then on every achievement creates a minute spark of satisfaction, another squirt of endorphin that helps muscles smile. Everyone values these feel good fixes that makes the day worthwhile. We learn to admire successful people, those celebrities who hope to profit from a brief adoration of their mediocre talents, while our own successes so often come down to catching the bus and surviving the day.

Life is, in fact, one of innumerable small victories that keep us going, but some folk get so good at making this happen that they get addicted. Naturally, they promote their achievements to prove their claims, and we believe them. Success is its own reward, and who knows, it might rub off if we get near enough to them. We might even get our five minutes of fame, our own web site and win the like crown. The midwife in all this is the net, the boy wonder of a new age who has grown up to be a crazed genius. The world is drowning in information while being starv-

ing of fact. Superstition is on the rise, the meme is king, and logic a dirty word. No one foresaw this, but a kind of maniac zeal took over this giddy new means of communication, and now we are wallowing in a sea of confusion.

So, enter the King of Success. Skilled at deals and cover-ups, rants and blandishments, Donald Trump has made triumph his motto. He is an excess of success and a super-model of double speak, with only one dream — to be famous. To be written about, to know that in 100 years time his name will still be in lights.

And that first step has been realized; he's become an inflatable Dumbo on the world stage winning puffed up contests. If Kim actually does what he has agreed to do Donald is the savior of mankind. If he doesn't, he proves his pulchritude to which there is no answer by anyone. And either way God Don will sit on his throne dispensing idiocy with aplomb. An excess of success will be the goal of all. Failure doesn't exist, because it is never the fault of the principal. That's always caused by underlings who are jealous, incompetent or in the pay of foreigners.

And of course his dream is correct. A hundred years is a tiny span for the memory he is creating to survive. Hitler, Stalin, Milosevic, even Khengis Khan will be forgotten and Trump's name will still be the one that brings survivors to their knees and their prayer books. The one who successfully destroyed America and

allowed China to rule unhindered, whose stupidity is used as example of the ultimate decline in American probity and sense. The faults in the system of electing all powerful presidents will have come to a crashing conclusion, and his name will be so abhorrent that using it will be the ultimate in contempt.

Of course that's supposition. Someone will have to find a way of removing him from office or Republican representatives and senators will have to swallow their pride and admit they were wrong. If they persist in having their noses up the rear end of the Donald, they will finish wearing the stink of defeat as they bow to the new powers from Beijing. Or worse, the Democrats.

Maybe Europe, Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea and the rest of the countries that he turned from friend to foe will form a new bloc of their own. Political tectonics, that graphic analogy for the way the earth's surface moves, will have had been realigned by the volcano from hell. Or a horrid truth may have emerged: Donald, Kim and Vladimir have formed the new triumvirate of power. Whatever happens, the world will never be the same again. It has changed already, and like climate change, the consequences cannot be foreseen, but they will be grievous.

Especially for Australia, almost totally dependant on China for trade, the outcome of a war of that kind would be devastating; while we have always assumed America would come to our aid if hostilities broke out, as we have done for you, there is zero possibility of that happening in if the war is about trade. For one thing Donald is looking



inwardly and has an abhorrence of what might lie out there in the real world, for another you will have been weakened irreparably, meaning we will have no option but to be nice to the conqueror.

The notion of denuclearizing North Korea is a diversion. Less realistic but no less a blatant lie about the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, it is a ploy to make Mr. Trump look like a statesman. Cosying up to a person who should be on the list of mass murderers but who poses no real threat is just about the form of someone who ran a mediocre TV show. It should be noted that China has no interest in letting Kim destroy anything or starting a war of any kind, that's their prerogative and one to be used only when all else has failed.

Their whole aim is to have everyone bow before them. Trade, tech-

nology, production, agriculture, banking, all will be under their sway. They have no intention of going to war to obtain territory; it's easier and far less costly to buy it, as they are doing now all around the world. King Don is part of their strategy, and they could have had no idea how successful their deal with Putin would turn out.

If ever critical thinking and clear eyed appraisal were needed it is now. The drug of success makes the brain flabby, so now is the time for all of us who still have that organ functioning to take to the barricades. Forget party politics, this is survival. The great pity is that I had to write it.

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## THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

# Best-laid plans

Bill Meredith

*"Tha best-laid schemes o' mice  
an' men gang aft a-gley."*

—Robert Burns, 1785: "To a Mouse."

I suppose the Sumer Solstice arrived on June 21 as scheduled, but you couldn't tell, because it was still dark. The sun was supposed to come up around 5:30, and I had planned to get up and put my compass on the sidewalk in front of the house so I could hold up a thin stick and mark the earliest shadow on the compass to find the direction of the sunrise from Emmitsburg on the longest day of the year... but two things went wrong. First of all, I overslept and didn't get up until 6:30; and second, it didn't matter because it was completely overcast and raining outside. The only alternative was to turn on the computer and look it up. Emmitsburg wasn't on Google, but from a nearby point in Pennsylvania the compass bearing to the solstice sunrise was 58° east-northeast. That was probably more accurate than a shadow on a compass, but not nearly as much fun. It was a big disappointment; I'd wanted to do that for several years now, and each year I would either forget or it would rain or I'd be somewhere else on that day. I suppose there will be another solstice next year, but at my age it's not smart to count on it. I might really be somewhere else by then.

It's been a strange summer so far. In the western states, drought began early; they are already fighting forest fires, and some National Parks are closed. Here in the East, both May and June have been wet; there have been a couple of serious floods with property damage and loss of life. In Emmitsburg the average rainfall for those two months combined is 9.93 inches; so far, they have yielded over 13 inches. For June alone, our average rainfall is 4.35 inches, and as I write this on Solstice Day, we already have received five and a half... and more is forecast for the next two days. So (as if you hadn't noticed), it's been wet.

The response of our garden varies. I planted the garlic bed last October, and put the potatoes in on St. Patrick's Day. They both happen to be in the best-drained part of the plot, and at this date both are the best we've ever had. The rest of the garden couldn't be planted until after frost was past; we managed to get a few tomato and pepper plants set out, but they start slowly in water-logged soil and at present they are in a losing battle with an exuberant crop of weeds. Beans, squash and cucumber seeds are still waiting for the ground to get dry enough to give them a chance to germinate before they rot.

Birdwatching from the breakfast table has been harder since the plum tree fell over in February. We planted it around 1991, after

our house was built, and as it grew it became like a little ecosystem within itself. It provided shelter from wind and rain, an occasional place to nest, and a place for small birds to hide when hawks or cats came by. One branch was the ideal place where the seed and suet feeders were visible through the window; birds apparently couldn't see through the glass from outside, but from inside we were close enough to see their color patterns in detail.

Without the tree, my records were much scantier than previously; missing were rose-breasted grosbeaks, pine siskins, purple finches, tree sparrows, white-crowned sparrows and fox sparrows. Some of these losses were because the tree was gone; and some of them, no doubt, were because I cannot see and hear as well as I did just a few years ago. Some were the result of natural cycles; populations of all species rise and fall. But records from the past several decades show climate is getting warmer, and the northern birds that populated our winter feeders in the past do not migrate as far south as they used to.

When we moved into Emmitsburg in 1968, the land where our house now stands was an open meadow. As a result of our inspiration, or what my mother-in-law called our neglect, it grew into a woodlot that our grandchildren named "The Great Forest;" and as the trees grow taller, things changed. Hawks of various kinds have nested in them, and this year



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we have a pair of red-shouldered hawks. They are big birds, with a wingspan of nearly four feet, and they can be noisy; when courting and nest-building last January, and when guarding the nest now, they sound somewhat like a flock of angry blue jays.

In February they built a nest in a large tree that I could see from the yard before the leaves came out; it looked rickety and uncomfortable, but it withstood the wind-storm that took out our plum tree. Eggs were laid in March, and both parents took turns brooding them; and both parents now take turns guarding the nestlings and hunting for food. The nest is now hidden behind leaves and is too high for me to see into it to count the young ones, but two or three is the usual number. Like most hawks, when the young ones are small their parents are very patient and tear the food into tiny pieces which they feed gently to them. But they grow rapidly, and their appetites grow even faster, so as soon as they are able to tear little strips of meat from a mouse carcass, the parents just drop the food into the nest and let them fight over it. In lean years the smallest ones may starve, but when hunting is good there will be enough to go around. Life in the wild is tough.

Every species has to adapt in order to avoid extinction, and an animal's place in the food web has a critical role in that adaptation. The food web seems like a simple concept, and it is taught to students now in primary grades; but as you learn more about it, you find it has many subtle and complex aspects. Large predators like red-shouldered hawks look spectacular if you see them swoop down and

kill an adult rabbit or an unwary wild duck; but if that were all they ate, rabbits and ducks would disappear and the hawks would then starve. In the area where they live, the most abundant prey are field mice, and that is number one on their menu. They are opportunistic predators, so they also take larger things like mourning doves, pigeons... even smaller species of hawks... as well as squirrels, snakes and a variety of small birds, especially young ones that have recently left their nests and haven't yet learned to be wary. When we see this happen we are tempted to feel sorry for the prey species; but they have always lived under these conditions, and they have adapted by producing more offspring than could survive if they all grew to adulthood. In fact, when predators are absent, many of them become pests... rodents, pigeons, starlings, and so on. This is what we call the Balance of Nature.

This balance applies to humans as well as to hawks and mice. A couple of millennia ago, our population lived as predators and grazers, and we in turn were eaten by bigger, meaner predators. We out-produced and eliminated them, and now our population is out of control on a world-wide basis. We fight each other, and the losers are forced to leave; and when they reach our borders, many self-serving politicians call them pests. We who try to live by Christian ethics call them Fellow Human Beings; but they are still a problem. And little attention seems to be given to the underlying causes of it.

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# IN THE COUNTRY

## Great Falls

Tim Iverson

*I began my professional life working as a park ranger on Catoctin Mountain. Initially working for the Maryland Park Service at Cunningham Falls State Park and later for the National Park Service at Catoctin Mountain Park. In May I began a new position with the National Park Service at Great Falls Park in McLean, Va.*

-Tim

Great Falls has attracted people to the shores of the Potomac for thousands of years. Initially, American Indians settled this area. Later George Washington came to the banks of the river to carve a legacy for the nation out of the stone. Rivers connect mountains to plains to the ocean. Over the course of time the river and the falls have connected people to the resource. From prehistoric peoples to colonial Americans to present day visitors the river binds us together in a common history.

The Potomac River and Great Falls have played host to people throughout the ages. Today, just like in centuries past, people are drawn to this place. American Indians, predominately the Powhatan and Piscataway peoples, called this area home. When the English colonists sailed up the Potomac River 400 years ago, they were surprised to find that early settlers had cleared fields, planted crops, built villages, and established profitable trade routes. Due to the fertile soil and abundant natural resources tribes along the Potomac were populous and prosperous. Captain John Smith, while initially exploring and mapping the New World, sailed to the base of Great Falls. He meticulously mapped and documented the area and tribes along the way. Compared with the rest of the Potomac River Great Falls is a very unique area. Unlike the majority of the river, there is very little floodplain here, making it unsuitable for agriculture. Therefore, Great Falls functioned as a seasonal hunting and fishing area. Great Falls is also a point of constriction, going from 1,000 feet wide up river down to 50 feet just below the base of the falls. These unique geographic features allowed indians to control regional trade by occupying this strategic location.

Great Falls has always been a meeting place throughout human history. Nowhere in the park is that more pronounced than the ruins of George Washington's famous Patowmack Canal. Before George Washington was the President of the United States he was the president of the Patowmack Canal Company. He had a vision to sew the newly formed United States together using the thread of the Potomac River. The reality is that this river, the "nation's river," was uniting communities together before European colonists arrived and is still binding them together generations after the canal dissipated. This canal was one of the very first to link early America east to west.

In 1784 we had just come off the cusp of the Revolutionary War. Our new country remained extremely fragile. Without a strong government,

leadership, and a connection with other American people George Washington was concerned the frontier might be lost to foreign powers in the years to come. Connecting people and unifying a country is part of the Patowmack Canal story. George Washington thought a strong transportation and trade link would "bind people with ties that cannot be broken."

234 years ago, we didn't have planes, trains, or automobiles. Our road system at the time was extremely rudimentary, making travel and transportation extremely slow and dangerous. We didn't have an interstate highway system, but we did have rivers. These bodies of water linked areas of great distance, and they became our highways.

Modern life is thoroughly enveloped by technology. When pressed most people think of computers or cell phones. However, technology can be anything. Any knowledge or tool that makes life or a task easier is technology. The canal, especially in its present state, might not seem very impressive. However, it was an engineering marvel at its time. It was cutting edge technology. It was the iPhone or Samsung Galaxy of its era.

The construction lasted 17 years and was completed in 1802. It was the first of its kind in the United States and it linked the Eastern states to the western frontier. The Patowmack Canal Company built improvements along the river that allowed for boats to navigate 180 miles of river between Cumberland, MD and Georgetown. Great Falls presented the greatest challenge. Here the Potomac River drops 76 feet, so an extensive canal and lock system

had to be constructed to allow boats to safely navigate this section of river. By digging through earth and blasting through rock an intricate lock system allowed boats to safely pass.

The Patowmack Canal was hailed as a technological achievement, yet in the end it didn't work out. The river could only be navigated about six months of the year. The Potomac River is a long, winding, shallow river - most of it vastly different than Great Falls. Most of the year the river was too shallow for boats to use it. A system of bypass canals, although well engineered, and certainly a technological feat of the day, could not promise boatmen a safe or reliable journey the entire way. Eventually the canal went bankrupt and turned over its assets to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company in 1828. The river has always been and continues to be unpredictable, prone to seasonal droughts and large scale flash flooding.

On average, the Potomac River experiences a major flood about every ten years. Floods bring benefits as well as losses. They are important in maintaining ecosystem habitats and soil fertility. Due to the unusual hydrogeology, the Gorge is one of the country's most biologically diverse areas, serving as a confluence for more than 200 rare plant species and 30 biological communities.

The watershed is nearly 15,000 square miles, and comprises parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and DC. Floods can happen at any time of the year. As long as a large water event occurs within the watershed, a flood can happen. Sometimes it's caused by a hurricane or tropical storm, rapidly melting snow, or even just a lot of rain. Upstream of Great



The Potomac River and Great Falls have played host to people throughout the ages. Today, just like in centuries past, people are drawn to this place.

Falls the Potomac slowly meanders and winds its way towards the Chesapeake Bay. Suddenly, here at Great Falls the river picks up speed and intensity as it drops 76 feet. Just below the falls lies Mather Gorge, where the river narrows and chokes off. Imagine trying to force a bucket full of water down a funnel all at once. It can't all fit so the water backs up, fills the basin, and spills over the edges. Once the river spills over the banks, nutrient rich sediment and silt is deposited, and seeds that may have travelled hundreds of miles find new homes. A thriving riverside prairie can be found along the tops of the cliffs here. Several grass species can be seen waving gently in the breeze. Wildflowers add splashes of color during the spring and summer.

Just as the silt and seeds come from upstream areas, so does pollution. Everything upstream effects downstream. A rain storm to the west can wash excess fertilizer from farms and yards into the river causing deadly algae blooms hundreds of miles away. A plastic lunch bag, accidently left by a careless visitor, can be blown from the picnic area or overlook into the river and be mistaken by a sea turtle and

choke to death. The Potomac supplies drinking water to over 5 million people in the Washington, DC metro area. The Potomac flows into the Chesapeake Bay, which is one of the most productive estuary in North America. It accounts for over \$6 billion economic output and nearly 70,000 jobs in fisheries and tourism. Restoring the river to full health is not just an environmental issue. It's a matter of public health. People's livelihoods depend on the water quality.

Over the course of time the Potomac River and the falls have connected the people to environment. George Washington's vision for the canal may not have panned out as planned. The river did help to sew the nation together, just as the the river continues to sew the watershed together today. At this juncture nature has dictated how people interact and come to know this place. Just as ancient peoples before you, the park today serves as a meeting place to connect with family, friends, and the environment.

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# REAL SCIENCE

## Opioids

Michael Rosenthal

Last month we introduced the subject of drugs, medicinal and recreational, and the fuzzy boundary between them. When I was young I remember aspirin as the primary day-to-day drug in our house, and I don't remember hearing much about drug addiction in the largely middle class environment in which I lived. Alcoholism was in the day-to-day news; we all had friends or family who drank too much, and as now, tobacco addiction was everywhere. I began "borrowing" my mother's cigarettes at a young age, and my wife and I fortunately quit smoking successfully in our early 20s!

Opioids were, however, there in the background. There were stories about opium, and places called opium dens, back at least to the early twentieth century. Doctors often supported the addiction. In the late nineteenth century, morphine, taken by needle, was prescribed by physicians, even for minor ailments and mental problems. Other drug uses included laudanum, an opium tincture often used to pacify colicky children.

Overdoses were not uncommon. Attempts to control this problem included federal legislation, including the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, the Harrison Anti-Narcotic Act of 1914, and the Heroin Act of 1924.

Drug abuse was never eliminated, and it rose publically again in the 1950s. The favorite drugs in black market sales evolved into heroin, morphine, and cocaine, eventually adding fentanyl as a major abused drug. Opi-

oid use kills tens of thousands people every year! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 45,000 people died of overdoses in the twelve months ending in last September. The number of deaths is comparable to those from the AIDS crisis at its peak, and experts predict that the death toll will rise. Much of the addictive drugs come from street sales of heroin and fentanyl, cheap and available even online, and as many as 2.6 million people suffer from opioid use disorder today in the United States alone.

As pointed out in a recent 60 Minutes story, pharmaceutical companies and their staff members are far from innocent in this crisis. They minimized the addictive likelihood of the use of OxyContin and Vicodin as early as the 1980s, encouraging doctors to prescribe and patients to purchase these drugs. Doctors accepted this guidance, and many prescribed the drugs believing them to be safe in the reduction of pain, one of the things that doctors feel a responsibility to do.

Like the AIDS epidemic, the government was slow in its response to the Opioid Crisis. Unlike the AIDS Crisis, where government finally rose to the occasion by funding in 1990 treatment and support to people with AIDS, the government has not yet responded with a similar action. Deaths from AIDS have declined to a very low level due to recognition of the problem, but drug overdoses, including opioid overdoses, continue to rise dramatically. Drugs such as buprenorphine and methadone are proven to assist people with these addictions, but acquisition

has not yet been funded by government. Relatively few clinics offer medication-assisted treatment at this time in the United States. Government action is needed! Some legislators have recognized the problem and have proposed legislation for research, treatment and support, but neither previous government leadership nor current leadership has taken the action that is sorely needed to address the problem.

So why does this exploitation of human weakness continue, and at accelerated rates as we see daily? One reason is the overprescribing of habit forming drugs without adequate supervision by physicians, often meaning well. Another is having adequate regulation by the drug industry to discourage the sometimes irresponsible production and distribution of drugs. The amount of income to the drug industry from these drugs is huge. Recently TV's Sixty Minutes did a report of the distribution of these addictive drugs, and emphasized the huge financial incentives and resulting actions for skirting or weakening drug laws. I highly recommend this program, which I think is available on-line.

Now let's look at updates of some previous Real Science topics.

Every day the news is filled with energy production stories. A recent regional story involves the potential for energy derived from offshore wind in Virginia. A recent report from the prestigious Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, derived from a study of the value of offshore wind along the United States Eastern Coast, concludes that Virginia offers very high value in utilization of offshore wind. There is a current demonstration project underway between Dominion Energy and the

State of Virginia to explore energy production from offshore wind farms.

Offshore wind production has not grown in America as well as in Europe. Not only is wind an environmentally excellent source, but the cost is low. Some people do not like to see wind generation apparatus offshore, as we have previously discussed, so education and social adjustment remains to be developed. Financial costs should fall in America as these projects continue, and hopefully energy from offshore wind will evolve into a major source of energy along our coasts. In Virginia, this direction will have secondary benefits as well through new jobs and commerce. Progress, though slow, is being made. The Virginia General Assembly recently passed the Grid Transformation and Security Act, declaring that 5,000 megawatts of wind and solar energy are in the public interest. Energy produced in this way is so much better for the environment, as well as cheaper than use of fossil fuels. We should move in this direction whenever we can.

Plastic waste and its effect on the environment continue to be a serious and contentious issue. The European Commission (EC) has pro-

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It's hard to believe today that at the turn of the century Heroin was considered a wonder drug and could be bought by anyone from almost any pharmacy.

posed a new law that bans or restricts the ten single-use plastic products most often found on European beaches and in its seas. There has been no national effort of this sort in the United States. The most visible move here has been California's efforts to limit the use of single-use plastics.

The specific products involved include cotton swab shafts, cutlery, plates, straws, drink stirrers and balloon sticks, all items found in use here in the United States. Under the law these items will need to be made of more sustainable materials. The targeted products constitute 70% of all plastic marine litter, says the EC.

Plastic producers will be obliged to help cover the costs of waste management and cleanup, under the proposed law, and to promote "litter awareness." The EC says it will provide industry with incentives to develop less polluting alternatives.

Not surprisingly, PlasticsEurope, Europe's leading plastics industry association, is not happy with the law. They blame the problem on poor waste management infrastructure and "inappropriate littering behavior." European environmental organizations welcomed the proposed legislation, supporting the use of bioplastics which would biodegrade in the environment and stimulate the industry as well.

Europe has played a leading role in this issue. In January a Europe-wide strategy was proposed stipulating that all plastic packaging must be recyclable by 2030. This action has stimulated similar reform around the world. In the United States, prohibitions have been on the state and local level only, with California leading the way. A California referendum supported a state ban on plastic shopping bags, which was then enacted by law, and further restrictions on plastic use are under consideration there. New York City has made attempts to regulate use of plastic bags, polystyrene foam containers, and plastic straws, but little progress has been made there.

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# THE VILLAGE IDIOT

## Tattoo who?

Jack Deatherage

It's standing in the tattoo shop watching Don, pillar of the community pricking black ink into the skin of a young woman's upper arm. She grimaces as the pins strike a nerve. A vulgar word or two is uttered, followed by a laugh which I join in. I ask if the design is one of hers as I recall her sketching something similar a week or so before she's seated in "the chair". (Don says the woman has crazy art skills and she'd make a good tattooer if she turns her mind to the medium.)

"No. It's from The Game of Thrones." She tells me as the tattoo machine buzzes and some heavy metal- Oops. Don says it's just "metal" music (I take Don at his word that metal is music) is nearly drowning out our exchange. "Almost all of my tattoos are based on the house emblems in that show."

I'm not a fan of the series so I promptly forgot which house she referred to, though my forgetting could have easily been the onslaught of senility. (I've been swallowing maidenhair tree tablets three times a day to help with memory, but so far I only seem to remember when it's time to swallow the pills.)

"Do you have any tattoos?" She asks after another grimace.

I allow I don't.

"Are you going to get one?" She's seen me in the shop so often

that she and her friends know my name, though I rarely recall any of their names. (Evidently people not sporting tattoos seldom hang out in tattoo shops and are noted as oddities when they do turn up.)

"Probably not." Comes slipping out of my mouth before I can stop it.

The tattoo machine immediately stops humming. The conversation elsewhere in the room halts as well. Heads turn toward me. Tattoo Don glances up from his work and a slight smirk curves his lips.

"We're wearing him down. Every other time he's said, 'Hell No!'"

Laughter erupts. I'm left thinking, where did "probably" come from? Musta been one of those Freudian slips, though that would require a functioning brain wouldn't it?

Don has told me, repeatedly, not to waste time trying to understand why anyone gets a tattoo. Evidently the whole process tends toward individuality even as it's become an "in-thing" to have done to oneself. I have to admit I've seen more people with tattoos these last 20 years than I can recall in the first 43 years of my life. And I still ponder the why of what they are having done to themselves.

"Ink therapy" "I need an ink fix" "Pain therapy" people tell me with smiles on their faces. Others are solemn as they explain to Don they want to commemorate a loved one's passing- be it a human

or a pet. Some sport their children's birth stone colors. Some proudly wear their military patches forever in their skin. Many start out on a dare, or come in with their besties, or favorite sibling, or partners in various shared adventures wanting to share yet another experience in their lives. Others wonder what they'll do when every inch of available skin is covered in ink-cover-up tattoos of course!

I relax as I eventually ponder my way to being too short on disposable income to get even the simplest of tattoos. Don's shop minimum is \$50 - a sum better spent on a bottle of bourbon, maybe seven pounds of smoked bacon, or a couple of books I've been wanting to acquire. Gods, what a relief to have escaped that dilemma!

Then I recall one of Marty's nephews saying he could sell tickets to people wanting to see me in "the chair" being pricked by Don! And following that memory came stomping someone else saying "We'll record a video of Jack being tattooed and put it on YouTube!" It was even suggested they could raise enough spectator dollars to pay for an entire back-piece- those things run into thousands of dollars! I'm thinking I need a new place to hang out, but then I'd miss all the great conversations that randomly crop up among those enduring the pricking.

But another thought crowds out everything else. Oklahoma Homesteader Diane declared me a bobble-head some years ago. Saved again! Thank you Diane! I'm free to skim through thousands of pages of tattoo flash and tens of thousands more of illustrations that could be turned into tattoos without fear of ever find-



Realizing that for a microsecond he had thought about getting a tattoo, Jack quickly donned his anti-alien thought control helmet and contacted Fox Mulder (again) to report possible alien activity in Emmitsburg.

ing one I might want to carry to the manure pit! My likes (as far as art is concerned) change direction as frequently as a flutterby's meandering course! I'd never make up my mind about a tattoo for longer than it would take Don to give me a price quote!

"When Jack dies, we're going to cover him in tattoos." Don says to Middle Brother who was visiting from the Deep South in early May and now wears one of Emmitsburg Tattoo Company's tattoos- carefully applied by Tattooer Jamie. "Democrat slogans, Obama's face," The room fills with laughter.

"And we're filling his coffin with cell phones - all of them turned on so we can call him every day until the batteries die."

The DW's and I's offspring was told the same thing after he'd gotten inked by Don sometime around mid-May.

"Two more to go." Don added grinning at me and the DW.

I laugh along with everyone else. I don't care what's done with the carcass I vacate when it's time of move along "the wheel". If someone wants to waste money on a coffin, cell phones, tattoo time, effort and ink that would be their thing. I'd prefer the manure pit and eventually a scattering across

a crop field, but having moved on, it ain't like I'll be around to object to whatever happens to the meat and bone sack left behind.

And then another bobble. The Japanese have a collection of tattooed skins they've preserved for centuries. Other countries have also begun to skin and tan some of their tattooed corpses to preserve the art. I get to thinking again.

If I follow the Deatherage male tradition of dropping dead before my first grandchild is born, the offspring could bring the kid(s) north to view my tanned hide as it hangs in some corner of Don's shop- testament to Don's art, both of tattooing and persuasion.

The rest of the corpse could still slide into the manure pit and eventually end up on some crop field and the eternal recycling would continue, as the gods set it up to do.

Did I just talk myself into a tattoo? Probably not. I'm back to that lack of disposable income thing. Now all those who hoped to watch me cry like a baby as Don pricked me will have to settle for just laughing at my being an indecisive sissy.

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# PETS

## Bad days can get brighter

Jennifer Vanderau  
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

When I was a kid, my mom and I used to love to read the book, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." It basically chronicles the tale of an elementary school student who, from the moment he wakes, has a pretty rotten day.

A few weeks ago, I could have been the protagonist of that book. Man, I was having a rough one. And it wasn't really any one specific thing, you know? Just little things that once you started noticing them began to really add up – kind of like Alexander.

It got pretty frustrating. At one point I said to myself, "Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed."

But then, as is the case working at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, things changed.

We had puppies – little puppies – that we had in our foster-to-adopt program. This is where people take the little ones into their homes to foster and bring them back to be spayed or neutered and officially adopted. They have essentially already adopted the squirts, but this way, the pups can grow up in a home instead of in a kennel.

This program is particularly help-

ful to little puppies – it gets them out of the shelter environment and into a home, which keeps them healthy in the long run.

Well, in addition to this day beginning pretty poorly for me, it also happened to be a spay and neuter day for the foster-to-adopt program. As a result, we had human moms and dads drop off their little four-legged babies to be spayed and neutered and I happened to be at the shelter when one mom came back for her baby.

She told me at the door, "I just want to see my boy. It about killed me to leave him here. I cried a little."

So we brought him out to her and therein began one of the sweetest, most heart-warming spectacles and boy, did I need to see it.

The little guy is a Chihuahua/terrier mix and as soon as he saw his mama, that little tail started whipping back-and-forth. You could tell he wasn't completely sure what had happened to him, because he was still a little loopy from the surgery and he seemed a little scared at his surroundings, but the minute he saw her it was like he knew everything would be okay.

She scooped him up and held him tight against her neck and kissed him like crazy. You could hear that tail flap-

ping against her arm as they smooched each other. Even as she filled out the adoption paperwork, she never once put him down on the floor.

I jokingly said I hope I'm reincarnated as a dog in her home and she laughed and told me her husband tells her he hopes he comes back as one of her dogs, too! How funny!

It turns out both she and her husband are incredibly fond of the little guy. In fact, he's got a fenced in yard where he's free to roam, but when they found a garter snake around one of the bushes in the yard, her husband actually built another little fence around that bush, so the puppy wouldn't get in with the garter snake and possibly get hurt.

It also allowed the garter snake to live in relative safety in that bush – talk about real animal-lovers!

She told me she even had the name of one of her dogs on her license plate. Now that's devotion.

It turns out the little guy she was adopting from us was doing really well for her and that she just adored him. He sometimes plays a little rough with her other dog, but the two get along just fine.

There's a theory – a pretty scientific one (my dad will be so proud) – that everything is made of energy. There's a vibrational frequency to everything on the planet, even things that we think are solid and not in motion actually have a molecular vibration. Words vibrate, emotions vibrate, our bodies vibrate.

Have you ever instinctively been able to tell when someone is lying to you? That's because words that are lies vibrate differently than words that are true. Trust those instincts! You're getting the information on a level that you may not be conscious of, but is certainly still there.

I think on a very basic level, we are all tuned into the energetic frequency of the planet and all the plants and creatures on it. We just have to be willing to listen, not necessarily with our ears, but with our intuition and our heart.

I have to tell you, as I watched that mama and that puppy in this shelter, I could actually feel the love that flowed back and forth between them. It's difficult to describe, but I really did

love – and somehow that's always just around the corner here at CVAS.

Jennifer Vanderau is the Director of Communications for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter and can be reached at [cvas-comm@cvas-pets.org](mailto:cvas-comm@cvas-pets.org). The shelter accepts both monetary and pet supply donations. For more information, call the shelter at 717-263-5791 or visit the website [www.cvas-pets.org](http://www.cvas-pets.org). CVAS also operates thrift stores in Chambersburg and Shippensburg. Help support the animals at the shelter by donating to or shopping at the stores.



Chloe has been at the shelter since October 2017 when she was found running along the road near the shelter. We have no idea about her history, but Chloe has had prior training - she knows sit, shake, down, and speak. She is a sweet, 6-year-old girl that will make someone a wonderful companion! Because of her size and age, we recommend a home with children older than 8. We're also looking for a home with no other pets for Chloe.



Katniss came into the shelter as a stray, so we don't know much about her, but she lives up to her Hunger Games inspired name with her adventurous spirit! She's a 2-year-old brown tabby with white who just loves attention. A lap is her favorite place to be! Katniss has taken over our back bathroom, so if you're interested in meeting her, please ask. Trust us, you won't be disappointed!

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

### Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center 2nd Second Annual Cat Adoption Event

To save and find homes for the thousands of homeless cats and kittens in Frederick County and all across Maryland, Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center (FCAC) is teaming up with 19 other shelters in the state to participate in the second annual Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland adoption event.

Beginning July 1 through July 31, FCAC and the participating shelters will be waiving adoption fees for felines with the collective goal of finding homes for at least 2,000 unwanted cats and kittens across the state.

The standard adoption fee for cats and kittens at FCAC is \$97.50. This fee includes spay/neuter, microchipping, rabies and distemper vaccines, dewormer, flea and tick preventative, a county license and a free well visit to a participating vet. The \$15.50 fee during the Maryland 2,000 contributes towards rabies vaccinations and county licensing.

Cats of all ages and personalities will be available for adoption. "Kitten season is a busy time for animal shelters in Maryland," said Linda Shea, director, Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center. "This surge of kittens and moms coming into our already full shelters makes it critical that we find them all homes so we can continue to take in other cats and kittens who need our help."

The Maryland 2,000 Saving Lives Across Maryland joint adoption event was organized by members of partnering shelters and the Maryland SPCA. Last year, participating shelters collectively surpassed the goal of the

Maryland 2,000 and found homes for 2,395 cats and kittens during the inaugural year.

Regular adoption procedures still apply. For more information about adopting from Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center visit [www.frederickcountymd.gov/fcac](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/fcac) or call 301-600-1546.

Frederick County Animal Control & Pet Adoption Center is the only animal shelter in Frederick County. Our mission is three fold. We work to prevent cruelty, abuse and neglect of animals in the county by enforcing all state, county and city ordinances. We shelter homeless animals and place them in safe and loving home environments. We also educate the public on all animal issues to foster a more aware and caring community.

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# Please don't vomit

**Kimberly Brokaw DVM**  
Walkersville Vet Clinic

As anyone who owns animals knows, when you go on vacation you have to find someone to take care of your pets while you are gone. Finding a caretaker for dogs and cats can be relatively easy. There are multiple boarding facilities that watch dogs and cats. Also, as they are the most popular pets, frequently neighbors or family friends also feel comfortable taking care of your dog or cat while you travel. Finding someone to take care of horses and farm animals can be more of a challenge. Some horse farms will provide temporary, vacation, boarding for horses. Most are not set up for temporary boarders. While, I have helped a client find a horse boarding barn that would board her pet pig while she was away, the majority of people with farm animals hire a pet sitter to live at the house or at least stop in a few times a day to feed and check on the animals.

Most of my clients are very good about calling the clinic and letting us know that they will be going out of town and giving us the name of their pet sitter so that in the event of an emergency we know that person may authorize vet care. I, as well as each of the other veterinarians, always appreciate knowing this ahead of time. Many clients also give their pet sitter a written permission so they can authorize veterinary care. This avoids the problem of a veterinarian being reluctant to provide care because they cannot contact the owner.

Recently one of my clients called. She was watching her neighbors' goats for them while they were visiting family. Mrs. Brown is a middle aged woman who has never owned goats. Her neighbor had reassured her that watching the goats was just like taking care of dogs but easier since they lived outside and wouldn't need to be let out several times a day. He showed Mrs Brown how to give hay, grain, and water to the goats and told her to check on them once per day but that everything should be easy. Mrs Brown was aware that two of the goats were pregnant but they supposedly wouldn't be due to have the babies until her neighbors returned. She felt comfortable after receiving the 10 minute tutorial about goat care.

While Mrs. Brown was feeding the goats one evening she noticed something coming out of one of the pregnant goats

She called the clinic and told me that it didn't look like the goat was having a baby but that something was wrong.

When I got to the farm, it didn't take me long to realize that the goat was having a baby but unfortunately the kid had already died and the goat wasn't delivering normally. Mrs Brown told me that she would try to help me but that she knew nothing about goats and didn't even know how to hold and restrain the goat for me to do an exam. Suddenly, that 10 minute tutorial from the owner about goat care didn't seem like it was enough. Luckily the goat was a very sweet goat who was frequently handled by the owner, and she didn't require much restraint. I had Mrs Brown stand and scratch the goat's head. That was all that was needed for the goat to hold still. I could feel that the baby goat was dead inside. Unfortunately, the baby had been dead for a little while and was slightly swollen and bloated. The front legs were also flexed down which was the likely reason why the baby goat had gotten stuck inside and failed to deliver normally.

When assisting with the delivery, the first thing I do is try and move the baby around inside the uterus to the correct position. Since the baby was bloated, there was a little less room for manipulation. I got the baby positioned correctly without too much effort. However as the baby goat had been dead for awhile, the tissues were already starting to decompose. This is not uncommon when a baby dies before being delivered. I ended up pulling the baby out in pieces. I looked up at Mrs Brown as I was pulling out pieces of the baby and noticed she was turning a little green. I asked her if she was ok and she said the smell was making her nauseous. Having done several of these, I hadn't really noticed the smell. As the goat was lying there cooperatively, I told Mrs Brown that if she wanted to step outside of the barn and get fresh air, I could finish this without her. She was delighted and immediately left the barn. It didn't take me long to finish. I then gave the mother goat some antibiotics and pain medication. She immediately got to her feet and walked over to the hay and started eating. I was pleased to see that at least the mother goat was handling the ordeal much better than her caretaker. Mrs Brown reassured me that she was fine and would continue to monitor the goat until the owners came home. She also told me that this was

probably the last time she would volunteer to watch her neighbor's goats while they went out of town.


When choosing a pet sitter, ideally you want one that has some knowledge about the type of pet they are watching. Mrs. Brown was not experienced with goats, but is knowledgeable enough about animals that she recognized that the goat was seriously ill. While in this case, the goat was so well handled, friendly and nice, that Mrs. Brown was able to handle her well enough to realize there was a problem. Also, I didn't need anyone to hold the goat. Unfortunately, that isn't always the case. Some animals get scared or are not well handled and trained. Then, having an owner or handler that can assist the vet is essential. Training your animals well, and getting a good pet sitter, are important. Then,



Try as we might, we just couldn't find a picture of someone getting ready to vomit while watching a vet work on their animal so we figured we would run a photo of Picasso, a 1-year-old gray tabby with white who just wants to be loved. Picasso arrived at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter as a stray with a wound behind his ear. It has healed up quite nicely and now this sweet little boy needs a forever home. To learn more about Picasso visit [www.cvas-pets.org](http://www.cvas-pets.org).

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Want to be a Master Gardener?

Mary Ann Ryan,  
Consumer Horticulture,  
Penn State Extension

Wondering about Master Gardeners? Who are they? What are they about? How do you become a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are volunteers that have a passion for gardening and a passion for sharing their gardening knowledge. They are carpenters, lawyers, doctors, secretaries, moms, dads, teachers and business owners that come together for the love of gardening. Master Gardeners' mission is to teach people proper gardening practices and to be good stewards of our environment through research-based information.

There is a Master Gardener program in every state and each program is managed by the land-grant university in that state. In PA, Penn State is our parent organization. As part of Penn State, we have access to education and research development on topics that affect all of us. That makes a Master Gardener that much more

informed. As a part of Penn State, Master Gardeners share unbiased, research-based information to folks they may teach or work with through our educational programs, demonstration gardens, and youth programs.

Learning is paramount in the life of a Master Gardener, and it starts at the beginning of their volunteer journey. This fall we begin our next Master Gardener class. Wednesday, September 11 through February 20, 2019 our new class of gardeners will learn about botany, plant propagation, insects and plant diseases, pruning, shrubs, trees, perennials, and so much more! Each class is from 6 – 8:30 p.m., every Wednesday night. The first half of the classes happen in Gettysburg, and the last half are in Chambersburg to finish the training.

After completing the training, Master Gardeners complete 50 hours of volunteer work, and the real fun begins, which includes participating in many projects that focus on teaching and gardening.

This time of year, the most



One of the most exciting projects for Master Gardeners is the Trial and Demonstration Gardens. These gardens are located at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center and focus on many different types of gardens.

exciting project is our Trial and Demonstration Gardens. These gardens are located at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center on Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Our gardens focus on many types of gardens, like a tea garden and edible flower garden. We have children's gardens that show people what plants may interest children in growing. There is a lavender bed, trialing different varieties of lavender to determine which are hardier in our growing area. There are gardens that demonstrate xeriscaping (drought tolerant plants), as well as garden beds that are pollinator gardens.

We also have a native plant garden. This garden gives visitors an

opportunity to learn about plants that grow in our area, how they grow, and what their needs are. These gardens are open to the public every day of the week. However, one evening a month Master Gardeners are available to talk with you about the gardens, what's growing and happening in the garden. If interested, call 717-334-6271 for a schedule of the talks.

When visiting the gardens, you will also see the Community Gardens. These gardens are available to folks in the area that do not have space to grow their own gardens. It's a great opportunity for those that wish to grow their own food.

As in all gardens, our garden is ever-changing. Beginning as a site

for trialing plants for Penn State University, it has now developed into a garden of our own trials, as well as sponsored beds for local nurseries to test plants for new and old varieties.

Mondays and Fridays, Master Gardeners are available to talk with folks about their gardening issues. Questions about how to grow something, what's wrong with a plant, and many other gardening concerns can be discussed and often resolved, through a phone call or visit to the office. Our office is located at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg. Or you can call between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays to speak to a Master Gardener. With their training, they will be able to help find the answers to many of your gardening questions.

Through the winter months, two gardening series occur. Home Gardening Essentials focuses on ornamental plants and gardening, and the Vegetable Patch through the Season focuses on vegetable gardening. Both series occur at different locations throughout the county, making it easier for folks to attend. Master Gardeners plan and teach these classes.

We have opportunities to work outside the county. Summer Garden Experience is a day at the South-East Research and Extension Center in Lancaster County that is full of speakers, demonstrations and garden tours. <https://extension.psu.edu/summer-garden-experience-2018>. Each year, up to 800 visitors come on this day to learn more about gardening. Well-known authors, as well as Penn State scientists, are guest speakers at this event.

Master Gardeners not only manage the demonstration and trial gardens and help you with your gardening questions, but work in many ways to teach people about gardening and environmental stewardship. From walking

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## Small Town Gardener

When little becomes big

Marianne Willburn

It's a bit disconcerting to suddenly realize your plants are bigger. A lot bigger. When a tree or shrub finally grips the earth with a committed heart and gets down to the business of seriously growing, the gardener can instinctively feel the change. And it's frightening.

Suddenly the two foot Japanese maple that made do with a respectable six inches of growth each year is putting on 18 inches in all directions and shows no signs of stopping. The 'clumping' bamboo that rested in place for fifteen years is exploring its spreading genes. The philadelphus everyone told you would be a menace is suddenly...a menace.

It's puberty for plants and if you didn't plant with this in mind (how many of us have babies to gain teenagers?), you may feel a little out of control.

Of course, you may have been one of the rare gardeners who planted with terminal size in mind (I'm told they exist). All you must do at this point is lop a limb or two and enjoy the vigor and glory that is Nature set free.

But I'm not addressing the clever crowd today. Instead I address my remarks to those led down the garden path by desire, by marketers, by friends, and by impulse purchases. How many huge shrubs and trees are finally dug up (at great physical cost) and destroyed every day during the gardening season across America I wonder? It's more than just Leyland cypresses that get out of hand – even a rose in the wrong place is a headache throughout the year.

So, what can you do to prevent tragedy in your landscape? How can you run with the clever crowd from here on out?

1. Research your plants. I'm afraid this isn't as easy as looking at the tag. I just helped a friend buy a Japanese maple yesterday at a Big Box whose pants-on-fire tag claimed a terminal height of 15 feet. It's more like 25, possibly 30 – but in this case, that's exactly what she needed. The poor shopper in a tiny yard looking for a small tree – not so much. Researching means checking trusted sources such as Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees & Shrubs or speaking to a trusted Independent Garden Center. Then it means going online to check large garden chat sites where



Ten years ago this Coralberry was a single small plant... now it's a massive shrub. Songbirds, ground birds, and small mammals use it for food, cover, and nesting sites.

everyone can't wait to tell their horror story of the 30 foot Japanese maple that swallowed their garage. Believe them.

2. Once you've got a better idea of what you'll be eventually be dealing with, use poles the same size (I use bamboo) in the landscape to see where shade will be cast, where views will be blocked or pathways lost. Don't forget width. It's very difficult to just imagine them large – give yourself a template.
3. If you're planting with very small specimens, you must do one of two things:

- Exercise self-control by spacing them according to their terminal size and filling in with perennials or bedding, or;
- Commit yourself to moving said shrub or tree within the next three years. Though moving the shrub or tree is an option it isn't the better option. Shrubs and trees take at least a year to get settled, and when you move them, it sets them back (not to mention how tough it is to move a tree that has finally put its feet down). I encourage moving plants and trees when you've made a design mistake and need to change it, or if you're putting something in a nursery holding bed; but planting something knowing you're going to move it is torture for yourself and the plant.

4. Lastly, and assuming you were exceptionally disciplined and chose option (a) above, keep a sharp eye on your small specimen and make

sure it isn't swallowed up in the landscape as it becomes the plant you want it to be. Shade cast from other plants can completely change the vigor and shape of a tree or shrub – keep your eyes open and your beds free of crazy weeds and aggressive perennials.

As I said in the beginning, it's a bit disconcerting when the real growth starts, but taking time to plant wisely can save you a lot of blood, sweat and tears AND allow you to sit back and watch a garden mature with the knowledge that everything is going as planned. An enviable position indeed.

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tours in the garden, to teaching seminars, Master Gardeners assist many folks and help them understand things like pesticide usage, water practices, choosing the right plants for the right places, soils, composting and so much more. As a Master Gardener, a person can teach and learn about horticulture, grow new relationships with others, and continue to get their hands dirty while volunteering.

Although our mission is all about teaching people how to garden, Master Gardeners develop strong relationships with others through gardening and planning the programs. Long time friendships are developed through the Master Gardener program. People care about each other and those that we serve.

In Adams County, we have about 55 Master Gardeners. As you can see, although a small group, our Master Gardeners accomplish many things. The passion, experience and willingness to learn more keep this program exciting and lively. The Master Gardeners' value in the com-

munity is unquestionable as they continue to educate gardeners as well as non-gardeners throughout the county and in neighboring counties.

We are taking applications for the Master Gardener Basic Training until July 31. If you are interested in applying or learning more about the program, email Mary Ann Ryan at [mar35@psu.edu](mailto:mar35@psu.edu). An application can be sent to you as well as the policy statement and training schedule. After completing the application, an informal interview with a few seasoned Master Gardeners will happen prior to the training. This gives you an opportunity to meet some of the folks you will be volunteering with.

The training begins September 11 through February 20, 2019, on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. If interested in gardening and want to share, this may be the place for you!

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## BOOK OF DAYS

## Alexander Hamilton



**General Alexander Hamilton**  
Vice-president of United States, killed in a duel, July 11, 1804.

Although the name of Alexander Hamilton is not so familiar as several others concerned in the construction of the American Union, there is scarcely another which so closely interests the profounder students of that momentous passage in the world's history. Of Hamilton's share in that work, Guizot testifies, 'that there is not one element of order, strength, and durability in the constitution which he did not powerfully contribute to introduce into the scheme and cause to be adopted.'

Hamilton's father was a Scotsman, and his mother a member of a Huguenot family, banished from France. He was born in 1757, on the island of Nevis; and whilst a youth serving as clerk in a mer-

chant's office, a hurricane of more than ordinary violence occurred. Hamilton drew up an account of its ravages, which was inserted in a West Indian newspaper. The narrative was so well written, and excited so much attention, that the writer was deemed born for something better than mercantile drudgery, and was sent to New York to pursue his education. The dispute between Great Britain and the colonies had begun to grow very warm, and Hamilton soon distinguished himself by eloquent speeches in advocacy of resistance.

With the ardour of youth, he commenced the study of military tactics, and turned his learning to good account in the first action between the British and Americans at Lexington in 1775. In the course of the unhappy war that followed, Hamilton was Washington's most trusted and confidential aid. At the conclusion of the hostilities he commenced practice at the bar, became Secretary of the Treasury under President Washington, and a leading actor in all those intricate, delicate, and perplexing discussions which attended the consolidation of the thirteen independent colonies into one nation.

Hamilton was the most conservative of republicans. He opposed the ultra-democratic doctrines of Jefferson, he was an ardent admirer of the English constitution, and he beheld the course of the French Revolution with abhorrence

and dismay. But all the blessings which lay in store for America in the treasury of Hamilton's fine intellect were lost by a cruel mischance ere he had attained his forty-seventh year. With the feelings of an upright man, he had expressed his sense of the profligacy of Aaron Burr, who therein challenged him to a duel. Hamilton had all reasonable contempt for such a mode of settling differences, but fearing, as he wrote, that 'his ability to be in future useful either in preventing mischief or affecting good was inseparable from a conformity to prejudice in this particular,' he weakly yielded. With every precaution of secrecy, he met his adversary at Weehardken, near New York. Colonel Burr fired, and his ball entered. Hamilton's side, who fell mortally wounded, his pistol going involuntarily off as he staggered to the ground. After a day of agony, he expired on the 11th of July 1804. Never, except at Washington's death, was there such mourning in America.

Hamilton was a man under middle height, spare, erect, and of a most dignified presence. His writings in *The Federalist* are read by political philosophers with admiration to this day. He wrote rapidly, but with precision and method. His habit was to think well over his subject, and then, at whatever time of night, go to bed and sleep for six or seven hours. Upon awakening, he drank a cup of strong coffee, sat down at his desk, and

for five, six, seven, or even eight hours continued writing, until he had cleared the whole matter off his mind.



**Sir Thomas More**  
Chancellor of England, beheaded July 6, 1535

When Sir Thomas More was installed as Lord Chancellor in the room of Cardinal Wolsey, the Duke of Norfolk, the king's express command commended him "unto the people, there with great applause and joy gathered together, for his admirable wisdom, integrity, and innocencie, joined with most pleasant facilitie of witt": praise which perfectly suited its subject.

Sir Thomas More united prudence with pleasantry, great and singular learning with simplicity of life, and unaffected humility with the proudest temporal greatness; he preferred the love of his family and the quiet pleasures of his own house-hold to the favours of kings or delights of courts. It was only after the repeated urging of Henry, that at last he consented to relinquish his studious and secluded life at Chelsea: and it may truly be said that he was never happy after, for, besides his natural shrinking from public responsibility, and his disregard of worldly notoriety, he had a remarkably clear insight into Henry's character, and never put much faith in his abundant favours.

More was retained in the king's household like a personal friend, except that there must have been a degree of tyranny in his being kept thus continually from his own family. But his pleasantries amused the king and his queen, and his learning was useful to the monarch, who was writing a book which was to be the wonder of Christendom, and which had to be looked over, corrected, and arranged by Sir Thomas, as Sir Thomas himself admits, before Europe could be honoured with a glance at it. He was employed on several embassies alone, and in company with Wolsey. Finally, much against his will, he succeeded in 1529, to the highest honours, upon Wolsey's fall.

He filled the office of Chancellor with a wisdom and unspotted integrity which were unexampled in his own time. United with these virtues were his graceful ease and agreeable manners, and it seemed to him no effort to be honest, and no difficulty to be just. When one woman sought to bribe him by presenting him with a valuable cup, he ordered his butler to fill it with wine, and having drunk to her health, returned it. When another presented him with a pair of gloves containing forty pounds, he accepted the gloves and returned the gold, declaring that 'he preferred his gloves without lining.'

More, though liberal-minded, was a staunch believer in the pope's supremacy, and had a great dread of heresy. When

Henry opposed the pope's will and decree by marrying Anne Boleyn, More resigned his chancellorship. He did not do so ostensibly on that account, but the king was shrewd enough to surmise his true reason. Henry truly loved his servant, and did his utmost to obtain his approval of the new marriage, but the ex-Chancellor preserved a discreet silence. The king, piqued by the neutrality of one whose opinion he valued, and on whom he fancied he had bestowed so many inestimable benefits, determined to make the late favourite acquiesce in his sovereign's will.

More was invited to the coronation, and urged to appear, but he refused. He was threatened, but he only smiled. His name was put in the bill of attainder against the supposed accomplices of Joan of Kent, and then erased as a favour. But when the oath was put to him, which declared the lawfulness of the king's marriage, he would not take it, and so was committed to the Tower. After many attempts, first to change him, and then to make him betray himself, so as to afford just ground for condemnation, he was tried and condemned unjustly, and beheaded, to the regret and shame of the whole nation, and all the world's astonishment and disgust.

The body of Sir Thomas More was first interred in St. Peter's Church, in the Tower, and afterwards in Chelsea Church: but his head was stuck on a pole, and placed on London Bridge, where it remained fourteen days. His eldest and favourite daughter, Margaret Roper, much grieved and shocked at this exposure of her father's head, determined, if possible, to gain possession of it. She succeeded, and, according to Aubrey, in a very remarkable manner. 'One day,' says he, 'as she was passing under the bridge, looking on her father's head, she exclaimed: "That head has lain many a time in my lap, would to God it would fall into my lap as I pass under!" She had her wish, and it did fall into her lap!'

Improbable as this incident may appear, it is not unlikely that it really occurred. For having tried in vain to gain possession of the head by open and direct means, she bribed or persuaded one of the bridge-keepers to throw it over the bridge, as if to make room for another, just when he should see her passing in a boat beneath. And she doubtless made the above exclamation to her boatmen, to prevent the suspicion of a concerted scheme between her and the bridge-keeper. However, some of these particulars may be questioned. It appears certain that Margaret Roper gained possession of her father's head by some such means, for when summoned before the council for having it in her custody, she boldly declared that 'her father's head should not be food for fishes!'

For this she was imprisoned, but was soon liberated, and allowed to retain her father's head, which she had enclosed in a leaden box, and preserved it with the tenderest devotion. She died in 1544, aged 36, and was buried in the Roper vault, in St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury: and, according to her own desire, her father's head was placed in her coffin. But subsequently, for some cause not now known, it was removed from its leaden case, and deposited in a small niche in the wall of the vault, with an iron grating before it, where it now remains in the condition of a fleshless skull.

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## HEALTH NOTES

# Act fast against strokes

**Kelsey Shupe**  
Frederick Memorial Hospital

Imagine you're standing at the kitchen sink, cleaning dishes and silverware from the delicious family meal you just enjoyed, and suddenly you're unable to feel or move your arm. When you turn to tell your family that something is wrong, you realize that you can't speak. This is what a stroke feels like.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, someone in the U.S. has a stroke every 40 seconds, and every 4 minutes someone dies of a stroke. Strokes kill about 140,000 Americans each year—that's about 1 out of every 20 deaths. The good news? About 80% of strokes are preventable.

### What is a Stroke?

There are three different types of stroke: Ischemic (clots), Hemorrhagic (bleeds), TIA (transient ischemic attack)

About 87% of all stroke cases are ischemic, or blood clots. This occurs when there is an obstruction in the

blood vessel supplying blood to the brain, resulting in one of two types of blockages: cerebral thrombosis that develops at the clogged part of the vessel, or cerebral embolism that forms at another location altogether, often in the heart and large arteries of the upper chest and neck.

A hemorrhagic stroke, or bleed, accounts for about 13% of all stroke cases. These result from a weakened vessel that ruptures and bleeds inside of the brain, which then accumulates and compresses the surrounding brain tissue.

A TIA is a temporary blockage of blood flow to the brain. It might not seem like a big deal, but if left untreated it may lead to a full-blown stroke. TIAs are often called "mini-strokes" because they're small and relatively nonthreatening. Regardless, TIAs are an important warning sign that may lead to additional problems, including greater strokes. About a third of U.S. adults have had

symptoms consistent with a TIA.

### Are You at Risk for Stroke?

Did you know there are some risk factors for stroke that you can control, treat, and improve on your own, and others you can't control at all? When you know the risk factors for stroke, you can begin to recognize when these occur and make changes now that can impact what happens to your body later.

### What are the Risk Factors?

The following risk factors are not controllable, but being alert and aware to them is still important—and could help you to mitigate the factors that are within your control. Uncontrollable stroke risk factors include:

**Age 55 and Over.** The likelihood of stroke nearly doubles every 10 years after age 55.

**Family History of Stroke.** If anyone in your family has had a stroke—especially if they're under the age of 65—you could be at higher risk.

**Gender.** Each year, women have

more strokes than men do. Factors like pregnancy, history of preeclampsia/eclampsia or gestational diabetes, birth control pills, and post-menopausal hormone therapy may increase stroke risks for women.

**Prior Stroke, TIA, or Heart Attack.** A person who's had a prior stroke has a much higher risk of having another stroke.

**Race.** Studies show that African-Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos have a higher risk of death from stroke than Caucasians. To learn more about minority health, check out American Heart Association's EmPOWERED to Serve program.

Even if you don't have any of these stroke risk factors, you could still experience a stroke. Schedule regular check-ups and treatment with your primary care physician to help you manage and improve these conditions:

- Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)
- Carotid Artery Disease
- Diabetes

- High Blood Cholesterol
- High Blood Pressure
- Lack of Physical Activity
- Obesity
- Heart Disease
- Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)
- Poor Diet
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Smoking

Whether your risks are treatable or 100% outside of your control, making healthy changes and consulting with your primary care physician on a regular basis is the best way to prevent stroke.

### How to Respond When Someone Suffers a Stroke

If you or someone around you shows signs of suffering a stroke, it's important to act FAST. Just use the letters in FAST to spot the signs of a stroke and know it's time to call 911.

**Face Drooping** - Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb? When smiling, is the person's smile uneven or lopsided?

**Arm Weakness** - Is one arm weak or numb? Raise both arms—does one arm drift downward?

**Speech Difficulty** - Is speech impaired or slurred? Is the person unable to speak or understand when spoken to?

**Time to Call for Help** - If you or someone around you is experiencing any of these symptoms, call 911 right away. Let the dispatcher know immediately that it may be stroke, so the hospital and doctors are ready to respond.

At times, other stroke symptoms may appear:

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg—especially on one side of the body only
- Sudden severe headache
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

Even if you're unsure, call 911 immediately if any of these signs are present. Acting FAST to receive medical attention and treatment leads to better chances of recovery.

**Have You Had a Stroke? Prevent a Second One.** Up to 80% of second clot-related strokes are entirely preventable—but that depends on how FAST you act to prevent them. If you've previously suffered a stroke, follow these eight steps to prevent another one:

- Don't smoke.
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## 96th Annual South Mountain Fair coming soon!

The best part of the summer season is right around the corner. Yes, I'm talking about fair season! Are you ready for the throttling of tractors, the smell of corn dogs and kids screaming gleefully on the Tilt-A-Whirl? Well, buckle up, because the 96th Annual South Mountain Fair will not disappoint! This year the fair will open on July 31 and go through August 4.

The 96th Annual South Mountain Fair provides a chance for children to be acknowledged for their personal efforts ranging from hobby interests to animal husbandry, for local and national merchants to show off their wares, and for community members from far and wide to come together for an evening full of great food, entertainment and fun.

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

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

Admission for the fair this year is \$7 for adults and is free for all children under 36" in height. All entertainment and amusement rides are included in the admission price and parking is provided to the public for free. Livestock exhibitions scheduled to be held during the fair include swine competitions on July 31, goat and sheep competitions on August 1, beef, calf and steer competitions on August 2, and dairy cattle competitions on August 3. The annual junior livestock sale will be held on the last day of the fair, August 4.

Other activities include a chainsaw carving show on August 2 and 3. Exhibit buildings will be open every day for the public. Exhibits include: a photography exhibit; baked goods, wine, vegetables, and fruit exhibits; crafts and art pieces of all kinds; as well as 4H projects. Additionally, plenty of entertainment has been scheduled for this year's fair - on August 1 at 7:30 p.m., a Battle of the Bands

will begin and Tommy Cash will perform on August 3 at 7:30 p.m. Other competitions, activities and events are also planned.

South Mountain Fair Secretary Joanne Irvin said that many other fair favorites will return this year, including a baked goods auction on July 31 with part of the proceeds going to a local charity, a draft horse pulling contest on August 1, a fireworks display on August 2, and a parade of antique farm equipment on August 4.

Last year's fair was a great success, with attendance for the week slightly over 11,000 and about 2,800 exhibits and animals were judged. Irvin recounted an unexpected surprise last year by stating, "We had some fairly strong thunderstorms almost every afternoon. Fortunately, by fair opening time they were done and we had great weather in the evenings. However, one night at about midnight a severe storm hit and an extremely large pine tree was struck by lightning. It fell down, missing a light pole and a vendor's trailer by literally inches, not damaging either one of them. However, it did take down an electric line so most of the fairgrounds were without electric for the rest of the night.



The South Mountain Fair showcases the best of what Adams County farmers and growers have to offer! Fruits, vegetables, baked goods, wine and much more will be on display!

Needless to say, we got phone calls to come back and help clean up the tree. It was certainly a night none of us will forget anytime soon! As always, we are really hoping for a nice clear week with low humidity. We've got a really great group of volunteers who spend countless hours setting up the main exhibit building and display the hundreds of exhibits that are entered in the fair."

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

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

For more information and a complete schedule, visit [www.southmountainfair.com](http://www.southmountainfair.com) or like us on Facebook.

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### DAILY ACTIVITIES:

#### Sunday, July 29

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

#### Monday, July 30

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

#### Tuesday, July 31 \*\*\*4-H Day\*\*\*

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

#### Wednesday, August 1

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

#### Thursday, August 2

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

#### Friday, August 3

- 4 p.m. - Fair and Exhibit Buildings Open
- 5 - 10 p.m. - Carnival Rides Open
- 5 p.m. - 4-H/FFA Dairy Judging, Show Arena
- 6 - 9 p.m. - MECHANICAL BULL RIDE - \$5
- 6 p.m. - Dairy Showmanship Judging, Show Arena
- 6:30 p.m. - CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
- 10 p.m. - Exhibit Buildings Close

#### Saturday, August 4

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



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## WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

# Allies seize offensive on Western Front



The German High Command keeps up a steady barrage of propaganda to convince the German people they had nothing to fear from the arrival of American troops on the battlefield.

### July 5

#### Allies Await Renewal Of German Offensive

Tension is increasing along the Western front in France as the crescendo of the German artillery fire increases. From Ypres to Rheims the big guns are busier than they have been for some days, and the Germans probably are preparing to react strongly against the Allied nibbling tactics, which cost them important points last week.

Both the French and the British continued operations and recently adopted a program of attacking the Germans at various points along the Franco-Belgian line, capturing a vantage point here and there to hamper the enemy while the preparations for the resumption of his offensive are underway.

The German command is known to have large forces ready on the main battlefields of France. They may strike anywhere on the 200-mile main front. It is expected also that the blow, when and where it does come, will be the mightiest the enemy can make.

The puzzling pause of the enemy offensive is believed to be because he is awaiting the arrival of a new type of gun, between the extreme long-range guns with which she has been shelling

Paris, and long-range naval guns.

#### American Troops Capture Vaux

In a brilliant operation, American troops Monday night captured the village of Vaux, together with a large slice of the Paris highway west of Château Thierry. The Americans took 275 German prisoners, including five officers, and captured a quantity of machine guns and other equipment.

The Americans took the Germans completely by surprise. Most of the prisoners were taken out of cellars and dugouts. The number of Germans who were killed is unknown, but from the number of dead in plain view at various places, the total must have been considerable.

It was exactly six o'clock on Monday evening when the Americans went over the top under the protection of a hail of machine gun bullets. A short but terrific artillery preparation preceded the infantry action. When the Germans saw that a formal attack was developing, many of those in outpost yelled and ran towards the rear, away from where the hot fire was pouring.

While the artillery preparation was going on, many American airplanes flew high overhead. Some were protecting the observation balloons, while others were checking the skies

to keep off enemy machines.

The Americans paused for a moment while the machine guns fought a duel in front of Vaux with the enemy. Then the Americans, the number of whom was considerable, went on, most of them running in her eagerness to get at close quarters with the Germans. At the same time, the Germans began hurling gas shells to the rear of the American lines.

Daylight on Tuesday morning saw the Americans digging in, undisturbed far beyond the old German defensive lines. The German prisoners and piles of materials are going to the rear. The American pilots appeared and were soon found contesting for the supremacy of the air with the enemy. A number of aerial battles were observed, but reports on the results are not yet available.

On Wednesday, enemy artillery fired on the American lines. The crash of exploding shells swirled to a roar, while the ground and air throbbed with the concussions of shells. But the American guns answered the German shells shot for shot. American gunners, stripped to the waist, stood in the gun emplacements, feeding shells as fast as they could handle them into the guns, and a steady stream of steel explosives swept towards the enemy lines.

On Thursday, a heavy German counterattack against the American positions was launched but was repulsed with heavy German losses. Not a foot of the ground won by the Americans in their attacks on Monday night was lost.

The counterattack developed after the Germans heavily bombarded the American positions, when the German infantry leaped from the trenches the troops came over in close formation. In some cases, whole companies were allowed to approach close to the American lines, then the American machine gunners, from their hidden nests, let loose a perfect hail of bullets mowing down the enemy ranks and piling the dead all over the ground.

The American artillery lent efficient aid, completely breaking up the enemy attack, which was launched with fresh regiments of storm troops. At last report the American machine gunners were holding their ground and repulsing Germans' small but desperate efforts to retake the ground wrested from them. The Americans

are reported to be well protected by their temporary trenches and are not exposing themselves needlessly to the storm of flying steel from the bursting German shells.

The German losses are unknown, but prisoners say that their orders were to drive back the Americans at all costs.

### July 12

#### New Blows By Huns About To Be Struck

Germany's offensive, begun on March 21, is not completed, and the Germans have yet to win a strategically vital point. Another strong effort, probably greater than any this year, has been awaited by the Allies for several weeks. Gen. Foch has employed the past weeks successfully by improving his positions at various points along the main front.

The lull of the past few days will not continue long and it is not improbable that the Germans will break it by hurling their masses against the Allied lines to crush it, if possible. The Germans have had much time in which to prepare for further great strikes and it is known that they have from 30 to 40 divisions in shape to throw into the fray. In addition, the Germans have not been very active for more than a week and their counterattacks have not been carried out with the usual strains and determinations.

Naturally, the main interest of the day was the American soldiers who made their initial appearance in the battle line and who fought so fiercely that they established an enviable reputation and drew the prediction that they would be second to none among hardy warriors.

Meanwhile, a new offensive is expected on the Italian front. Gen. Ludendorff has visited the Austrian headquarters and has hastened preparation for another blow against the Italians. Considerable reinforcements are being concentrated on the Italian front.

Germany will send three Army Corps to the aid of the Austrians. These will be placed under the direct orders of the German Commander-in-Chief on the Italian front and will be assigned to the Alps sector. The Austrian railroad has been placed under German control and will be used exclusively for the movement of German troops.

#### Unknown Fever Strikes German Troops

It is reported that a fever of unknown origins is now rampant in the German Army. An un-posted letter found in the pocket of a man captured July 4 read: "I feel so ill that I should like to report sick. Fever is rampant among us, and already a whole lot of men are in the hospital. Every day more go in. As I have not yet had leave and am expecting to go any day I shall not report sick yet."

The new fever was said to strike down men so quickly that they dropped in their tracks while on duty. They have high fevers for two or three days and are usually laid up at the hospital for six days. Reports indicate that the fatality rate from the fever is surprising even the German doctors.

#### Germany Discounts U.S. Troop Figures

Newspapers in Germany have published the figures recently given out by Secretary of War Baker as to the number of Americans sent overseas, but heretofore they have practically refrained from making comment on the subject apart from sarcastic captions like the "American Bluff."

The only military expert heard so far is that of Lieut. Gen. Von Ardenne, who, in a long article Tuesday, comforts his German readers with stale arguments to the effect that "he does not believe those figures and that numbers do not count anyways."

He says: "President Wilson recently announced that two million men were under arms, in fact, only two or three divisions so far have made their presence felt. The rest have been occupied in building rural roads, factories and ammunition depots. It is, however, no matter of quantity, but of quality. The American Army operates under far less favorable conditions regarding its equipment and armament, proof of this being seen in the drilling of her recruits without rifles."

"American troops have been mixed with French and English units, as was shown by the repeated attacks in the past two weeks. The Allies simply don't trust the American troops and are afraid they will run away as soon as the first shots are fired. One million soldiers need 4,000,000 tons of supplies. That these are unavailable shows the effectiveness of our U-boat war. America cannot send a useful force inside of two or three years. By that time, we will have won the war."

### July 19

#### Huns Launch Great Attack

After a wait of 33 days since they were halted in their plunge towards Paris, the Germans, at dawn on Monday, launched a new phase of their mighty offensive by attacking over a front of 65 miles. Latest reports from the battlefield stated that the Germans have crossed the Marne at several places.

On Sunday night, artillery fire was loosened against the Allied lines. For hours the Allied lines were under a tempest of the most tremendous





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character. For the renewal of their drive the Germans have selected the road to Paris, which was somewhat of a surprise to military experts who believed that the Germans would seek to make the channel the object of their new offensive.

The Allied resistance to the Germans and the present offensive have been so great, and the German losses consequently so numerous, that the Germans were forced to employ the divisions they had not intended to utilize until the following day. The Imperial Gen. staff left no stone unturned to gain a decisive success and 30 to 35 divisions have been put into the line. That is about one division to two miles. The enemy's losses were considerable.

According to Allied reports, the first day of the offensive was a big defeat for the enemy. The enemy was not able to break through the Allied positions on the entire attacking front. The slight advances made by the enemy are insignificant in comparison to the efforts displayed and the losses sustained. The general impression is that confidence reigns within the Allied lines. Hundreds of Germans, dead, line French roads and woods, and then the smashed tanks, which the enemy used to support the infantry, are littered among the dead. To sum it up, the first phase of the operation was perfectly satisfactory for the Allies.

With the fifth German drive virtually halted, the fighting is resolving itself into a series of local engagements. More optimistic military observers here are already considering the possibility of a counter allied offensive on a major scale.

Some hold that if the Allied line to the south remains firm with its present strength without calling for reinforcements, a successful counter drive in Flanders is within the range of possibility.

They believe that gains by the Allies in the north, following the failure of the Austrian effort, and the repulse of the German stroke towards Paris, would have tremendous effects on the morale of the German Army and the German people.

**Allies Begin Counterattack**

Yesterday, the Allies finally began to counterattack in an organized fashion. The enemy was taken completely by surprise all along the line. The American troops were brought up in the night together with their French comrades and lay in their positions until five o'clock in morning. At that hour the Allied artillery opened fire.

The Allies advanced beyond their first objective in less than half an hour. The Germans in most places offered feeble resistance, but here and there they put up a stubborn fight, which the American shock units quickly overcame at the point of the bayonet and the muscles of their weapons.

The announcement that the French have taken the offensive is the most encouraging word that has come from any Western conflict in the present year. What it means beyond all else is that the first phase of the German offensive has proven a

failure and that the Allies, assured of the security of their main front, had been able to launch a counter thrust designed to relieve the one in-peril position – the Rheims salient.

The possibility of this latest development cannot be exaggerated. The pressure upon the western flank of the Germans operating in the Rheims salient will compel them to give over their attack. It is becoming clear that the French and the Americans have made a substantial breach in the first line of the German defenses and are advancing upon the lines of communication essential to the safety of the German troops who are past the Marne.

As it now stands, on the fourth day of the fifth German offensive, the force of the German effort has been completely checked east of the Rheims, with no material gains. The next few hours should be decisive. A gain of eight or ten miles would not only deprive the Germans of all profits in their present offensive, but compel them to surrender the larger part of their gains from the attacks in May.

**Americans Celebrate Bastille Day**

At the order of President Wilson, the French flag is to be displayed over all public buildings and ships at home and abroad on Bastille Day. The White House plans to recognize the day by flying the national ensign of France besides the stars and stripes.

On Saturday the President sent the following message to the president of France:

"America greets friends on this day of stirring memories with a heart full of warm friendship and a devotion to the great cause in which the two people are now so happily united. July 14, like our own July 4, has taken on a new significance, not only for France, but also for the world. As France celebrates our Fourth of July, so do we celebrate her 14th.

"France is so close a neighbor to our hearts. The war is being fought to save ourselves from intolerable things, but it is also being fought to save mankind. We extend our hands to each other, to the great people with whom we are associated, and to the people everywhere who love right and price justice as a thing beyond price, and consecrate ourselves once more to the noble enterprise of peace and justice, realizing the great conceptions that have lifted France and America high among the free peoples of the world."

**July 26**

**Allies Continue Counterattack**

The French and American forces are continuing the steady pounding of the northern part of their line, although the movement is lacking the dashing events that characterized the first days of the attack.

With the subsidence of the German drive last week and the counter smashing blows administered by the French and the American troops, the high watermark of German offensive on the Western front has been reached. The initiative has

passed to the Allied Armies.

The Germans, violently attacked on the right flank and south of the Marne, have been compelled to retreat and re-cross the river. The French now hold the entire southern bank of the Marne.

Unofficial reports make it appear that not only are the Allies rapidly continuing the process of pushing the Germans from their Marne salient, but that a movement may be in the process of execution by means of which it is hoped to trap a goodly section of the German Crown Prince's Army. Driving in on the west, the French are now reported to reach a point within three miles of railroad junction, over which the Germans move troops and supplies, converge.

On the eastern side of the salient, British troops have driven a great distance and are now on the outskirts of the main German base south of the Aisne. The base lies about midway from the top of the pocket in which half a million Germans are massed.

If the Allied nutcracker continues to close in, then Germans will be fortunate if they can extract all their forces from the Marne salient. Their railroad communications are virtually all under heavy fire. The tired and defeated Germans must retreat over wagon roads and the task of bringing them out safely is a heavy one. Continued Allied success would compel the German retreat at least as far as the Ysle River.

The attempts of the Crown Prince's generals to rally their forces to meet the steady movement of the Allies has resulted in such strengthening of the opposition as to indicate that the battle is approaching the point where the Allies will soon be locked in a giant struggle. Both on the northern end of the line and in the far south the Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions.

The enemy's main energy seemed to be concentrated on defensive fighting in a series of desperate rearguard actions and the effort to extract the bulk of their forces from the clutch of the Allies. The position of the enemy is held to be critical in view of the relentless pressure maintained by the Allies, whose tactics may still turn the enemy retreat into a rout.

In spite of the desperate resistance of the Germans, the entry into the lines of the enemy's reinforcements and repeated counterattacks, the flow of the Allies' victory continues to develop. Not only have the Allied positions been held intact against the enemy's assaults, but also at certain points further progress has been made.

Military critics are unanimous in saying that Gen. Ludendorff's focus is to protect the retreat for the Army along the Marne. Indications are that the enemy is destroying stores that cannot be moved back of the German defensive lines.

**Germans offer peace terms**

Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government. The German terms are:

First, Germany wants no annex-



While Locals celebrate word of the Allied counteroffensive on the Western Front, none knew that on its first day, Emmitsburg would lose its first son - Captain Henry Higbee Worthington, of Company I, of the 9th Army Regiment.

Worthington was killed in action July 18, while leading the third Battalion "over-the-top" for the second time when struck. He was a typical American soldier and a college man of her roller quality.

Capt. Worthington graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1914. During his college days he was vice president of his class, and was on the class foot-

ball, baseball and track and soccer teams.

Before America entered the war Captain Worthington's patriotic zeal called him to the military life. He took the examination at Fort Hamilton in New York, for entrance to the officer class at Fort Leavenworth. Passing the examination he was commissioned as second lieutenant. On April 1, 1917 he received his commission as a captain. He was only 23 years of age at the time and was probably the youngest of his rank in the regular Army.

In September 1917, he was ordered to the Expeditionary Force in France. He was severely wounded at St. Miheil, April 14. The flag of his company was decorated for bravery in action and Capt. Henry Worthington was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with palms.

Hardly recovered from his wounds he rejoined in time for the great counteroffensive of the allies. When the Major of the third Battalion was killed in the first attack, Capt. Worthington filled his place. He was killed at 7:45 that evening.

ation in the West. Second, the peace treaties with the Russians and Romanians may not be questioned. Third, the principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled. Fourth, the Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table. Fifth, the freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal, and the right for Germany to use coal-ing stations. Sixth, the colonial question is to be settled on the basis of the status quo.

Officials in Washington declined to discuss the Germans' peace terms, but indicated strongly that should the reported terms be verified, they would receive scant consideration. Promulgation of the suggestions at this time, and their tenure, surprised officials here because the proposals

have already been deemed impossible as a basis of negotiations, and they come at a time when, from the military reverses of the German command, Germany's diplomats might have been expected to relax somewhat her proposals.

It was thought possible that the suggestions were framed before the recent operations of the Allies, in anticipation of the success of the German drive, which was nipped in the bud by the Allied counteroffensive.

These suggestions from Germany still fall on empty ears because of the obvious insincerity of the terms proposed, which, in the opinion of the Department of State officials, are unthinkable.

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## HISTORY

# Helman's History of Emmitsburg

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## Part 13

## Tom's Creek

Like many corrupted spelling of words the wrong version often gets the ascendancy. Such is the condition we find in connection with what we are in the habit of calling Toms Creek. Among the Indian tribes that inhabited these parts was one called Tomes, they were known as residents along this creek. The Indian to designate it from Marsh Creek, Middle Creek, Flat now Friends' Creek, called it Tomes Creek, hence, when the English government laid off the land into districts this one was called Tomes Creek Hundred. As to the half Indian Tom, we have heard so much about? That is

explained as follows: A child was born to an Indian by a black man; Emmitsburg held this treasure in the person of Tomes Bones' mother, who lived in the little log house where Robert Patterson now lives, her son was a grave digger in his day, he is dead sixty or more years. She married a black man named Bones, she named her son after her tribe, Tome.

## Clubs

The Q. R. S. Literary Club was organized 1898, composed of persons whose tastes will acquiesce with the name. They have enjoyed their meetings thus far and look forward to the coming years for a better program and appreciation of it. Papers on the various subjects are prepared, music of a high order rendered, vocal selections executed faultlessly, selections read and enjoyed. All together it is par excel-

lence. Refreshments are provided by the host of the evening. It meets at a member's house monthly.

## Masonic

Lodge A. F. & A. M. organized 1906 in the third story over Annan store, under favorable auspices as Tyrian Lodge, No. 1. The citizens hope for a successful organization and a bright future for Tyrian Lodge.

## Swimming Hole

Unless something is said about the swimming hole in this book, the attractive spot for a hundred years past, it would not be complete. It has been the meeting place of all classes; here the boys have learned to swim; here the fathers have taken the little fellows and held them up to the surface and said, "now strike out!" thus giving them the first lesson; there is not a boy raised in these parts that has not been in the swimming hole; the oldest citizens will tell you he heard his father speak of it. This is the most accurate history we have; who gave it this name? Here we are lost; nor can we find the early owner's name. The boys of Mt. St. Mary's College came here to swim, I know, 50 years ago, no doubt longer, as it was a common resort at that time; I hear someone say that is true. Yes, it is true; we have all been there.

## Carriage Makers

The first person we have any account of engaged in this trade was David Gamble, Prior to 1840, in connection with the saddlery; he traveled through the lower counties and into Virginia selling both; he told of his selling a carriage, a pair of horses and harness to a farmer with whom he stayed over night;

they had herring for breakfast; the host, after cutting the herring in three pieces, asked him which part he would have; he smiled, and told him up in Maryland they never took less than a whole fish. After Gamble came Frame, Riddlemoser, Hess, Weaer, Baker, Smith, Kerrigan, Crisomer and Dukehart; at Motter's station Fisher manufactured buggies. Manufacturing establishments have changed these home industries into repair shops; although it is said the homemade vehicle is the best, the price is considered and the manufactured sold.

## Relics

Mr. Henry Stokes possesses a cannon ball picked up on the Gettysburg battlefield. He did have a musket. Mr. Jacob Motter found in his barn a fine set of surgical instruments, after the Army passed through to Gettysburg, which he gave to his son, Dr. George T. Motter, of Taneytown, Maryland.

## Cabinet Makers

These were the men that built the furniture so eagerly sought for now. They made the coffins; all good mechanics. Amongst the first were Thomas Hays, John Row, 98

Frederick Row, Row & Bushman, Joseph Long, Koontz & Dailey, Martin Sweeney, Smith & Shouff, M. F. Shuff, E. E. Zimmerman. Furniture of various kinds still remain in possession of families made by the old manufacturers named.

## Tomatoes

It is within the memory of many when they were an ornament to place on the mantle piece; few were eaten prior to 1848; then understood not to be very good eating. The first were the small

egg shaped; the present varieties are the result of careful culture.

## Grandfathers' Clocks

They were made in Taneytown by Eli Bently and Hoover, near Emmitsburg. Fifty years ago it was difficult to get a bid at the sales over five dollars. When one sold for eight dollars, it was considered a high price. The small shelf clocks came in about that time. About 1830 the wood wheel clocks came; they sold for \$25. These clocks are still found with wood and brass works, 27 inches high; they sell at sales less than one dollar. Once the grandfather clock had merit; it lost it; a fad for old furniture revived its importance; now blessed is the family with such an heirloom.

## Lawyers

The first lawyer resident here was Isaac E. Pearson, who about 1860 removed to Westminster, Maryland. Ephraim Carinack, of Mechanicstown, came here at the same time to attend to cases before magistrates. About 1873 Eugene L. Row was admitted to the bar and opened an office here. Still, later, Vincent Sebold commenced the practice of law here.

## Bakeries

At various times bakeries have been started. Figy, a Dutchman from Baltimore opened one in the eastern part of Samuel Seabrook's house, 1876, building a large oven under the dining room. He stayed but a short time. Others, Minick, Taney, Dutterer, each giving place to the other, until James Slagle made a success of the enterprise. Harry Hopp opened a bakery in the country, making a success then in the spring of 1906 he bought Slagle out in town, continuing the two, and moving his business to town.

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# HISTORY / OBITUARIES



We have no idea whatever happened to the Emmitsburg Canning Company. There are no records to be found of it with the exception of this one label. Like many small local companies, it came and went with a flash.

### Deaths

It was the custom to toll the church bell, when older people died, and when the funeral took place to toll as many strokes as the person was years old. This has been omitted for a great many years, although the custom still existed in some sections. A custom of setting up with the dead was called a wake. At these gatherings the young usually sat up. When conducted with decorum, it was complimentary to the family, but when frivolity was the leading spirit, it was an insult to the family - hence it has been done away with almost entirely. Irish wakes we have had but few in this locality. At these wakes the custom was for the family to prepare a meal at midnight for the watchers.

### Old People

At this time the town has the following very aged residents: Lewis M. Motter, 91 years; Mrs. Henry Winter, 90; Samuel Flautt, 90; Mrs. John Barry, 95; Mrs. Thomas Bushman, 88. A partial list of old persons dying within twenty-five years- John Clark, 90; Mrs. John Favourite, 95; James Knauff, 91; Frederick Black, 88; Eli Sheets, 91; Mrs. William Floor, 94; Mrs. William Frame, 89; George Winter, 89; Mrs. Catherine. Cook, 92; Charlotte Picking, 92; Peter Brown, 97; John Jackson, 92- Lewis Wortz, 87; Mrs. jno. Mayhue, 94; Mrs. Abey, 92; Dr. A. Antian, 91; Dr. J. W. Eichelberger, 91; Kate Call, 90; Mrs. N. Sebold, 94; Mrs. T. Barton, 88; Mrs. William Moser, 90; Mrs. T. Petticord, 87; Mrs. A. McBride, 87; Mrs. Joseph Eckenrode, 87; Mrs. Gorely, 87; Mrs. Joseph Reever, 94; Mrs. C. Riddlemoser, 90; Mrs. John Singer, 92; George Krise, 91; John Hockensmith, 87; Mrs. Joseph Danner, 92; Catherine Hinkle, 89; Lydia Krise, 88; Mrs. John Sloss, 89; Mrs. James Ohler, 92; Mrs. Jacob Brown, 91; Peter Settlemeyer, 87; Betsy Miller, 96; Mrs. John Dorsey, 86; Mrs. George Ovelman, 94; Maria Cous-tan, 93; Ann Coats, 89; William Richardson, 91; Mrs. W. Richardson, 91; Mrs. Eli Smith, 88; Mrs. H. Foller, 91; Mrs. D. Whitmore, 90; Mrs. G. Topper, 88; John Mortimer, 98; John Neck, 86.

### St Joseph's House

In the year 1808, through the generosity of Mr. Samuel Cooper, the

money to purchase ground for this institution was supplied. In deciding the locality, Mr. Dubourg was favorable to Baltimore City. Mr. Cooper insisted upon the selection of Emmitsburg, Md. as a more convenient situation, as its physical and moral advantages were preferable to Baltimore. Then the priest (Dubourg) replied, "Be it Emmitsburg." The vicinity of Emmitsburg, having been selected for the location of the sisterhood projected by Mrs. Seton; now an eligible sight was to be purchased. Mr. Dubourg visited the town in 1808, and bought the land now owned by St. Joseph's from Robert Fleming. At that time this tract of land had a small stone house, part of the old washhouse. The property was settled in the joint tenanship of Rev. Wm. V. Dubourg, Rev. John Dubois and Samuel Cooper. Tradition says, after Robert Flemming had agreed to take the specified amount, he afterwards changed his mind. To get out of it honorably he would only sell at the price named, providing the amount was cash and in gold; this he thought was an impossibility. To his utter surprise they brought him the gold in the given time.

Mother Seton was instrumental in the establishment of this worldwide institution; the progress made by it in all its branches,

whether as a convent, a school or an architectural development, it is not surpassed. One mammoth edifice after another has been added from time to time, until the present climax stands as a memorial to Mother Seton, as well as the handsome marble monument erected by the sisterhood community.

They occupied their first building February 20th, 1810. The Rev. Samuel Cooper, its generous benefactor, held the property up until 1816. He deemed it the proper thing to incorporate it, and had an act passed of incorporation of the Sisterhood by the Legislature of Maryland, January 1817. The farm, then in their possession, was transferred to them in their own right by those who previously held it. Around this institution clustered memories of many from the Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

Silently their progressive work has gone on. The alumnae organization gives proof of the early impressions made here. They join in chorus, swelling the volume of praise to their alma mater each year. The excellent condition of the grounds give evidence of the aesthetic culture so lavishly displayed; how tame and ordinary the condition usually around the farm houses, not so on the farm attached to St. Joseph's.

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### Kenny Wetzel



Charles Kenneth "Kenny" Wetzel, 78, of Emmitsburg, died on Monday, June 25 at Gettysburg Hospital. Born February 4, 1939 in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Charles R. and Elizabeth (Eyler) Wetzel.

Kenny was a life-long resident of Emmitsburg. He worked during his younger years at Freeman Shoe Factory in Emmitsburg until it closed. He then worked in security at the National Fire Academy before becoming a custodian at the Visitors Center along Rt. 15 until it closed. Kenny enjoyed life on the family homestead raising all kinds of pets and other animals. He used to hitch up his horse and buggy and go for rides with his dogs. He was a regular customer at Paul's Pit Stop where he was always looking to score a big win from lottery scratch off tickets. He had an endless repertoire of stories and jokes (some pretty off-color) that kept people laughing.

Surviving are brothers, Edward Wetzel and wife Patsy of Emmitsburg, and John "Jake" Wetzel and wife Mary Lou of Rouzerville; sisters, Shirley Moser and husband

Charlie, and Linda Humerick and husband Sonny, all of Emmitsburg; sisters-in-law, Martha and Nancy Wetzel, both of Emmitsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. Kenny was predeceased by brothers, Russell Wetzel and his son Rusty, Robert "June" Wetzel, Ronnie Wetzel, his wife Darlene and their daughter Michelle; sisters, Ruth Andrew and her husband Dan, Betty Miller and her husband Buster, and Mary Frances Diehl and her husband Harry.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at The Gardens of Gettysburg Nursing Home for the patience and care they provided. Special thanks also go out to niece Pam Kaas who provided daily love and support; sister and brother-in-law Linda and Sonny Humerick for helping Kenny around the house; brother Jake for weekly visits; nephew Tim for seeing that the property was cared for and plenty of wood was available; and niece Melissa for taking care of all of Kenny's financial matters.

A private graveside service was held June 29th at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Kenny's name may be made to Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, P.O. Box 291, Emmitsburg, 21727. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.myersdurborawfh.com](http://www.myersdurborawfh.com).



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## MOM'S TIME OUT

# If you could go back in time ...

Mary Angel

It is July 1st, 2018 and in less than a week I will have an 11, 14, 17, and a 19 year old. I can't believe how time has flown. Sometimes I look at their faces and I still see little toddlers who need so much from me. Then there are other times when I think how grown up they look and wonder when that happened. I often hear people ask the question, "If you could go back in time, when and where would you go?" There are many different answers to the question ranging from meeting a famous person who has passed away to changing history in some way. My answer is simple; I would go back and have a brief conversation with younger me.

I think may I would return to when I had my second baby. When you have your first child everything revolves around that child. Every experience and emotion is new

and exciting. The first bottle, the first real food, the first time walking and talking. You take it all in like a huge breath of air after having been under water for just a little too long. You take tons of pictures and many times journal or write notes about the special occasions. When you have the second your hands are a little more full and most things are not a first. There is a certain sense of comfort having already experienced these things before, but there can also be a bit more distraction as well. Please, please don't misunderstand what I am trying to say. I do not mean there is anything less special about a second, or even third, or fourth child. I have amazing fond (and very different) memories with each of my four kids. What I mean is that you have so much more going on in life and sometimes that life gets in the way of all of those special moments.

So I would go back in time to

when I had just had my second child and have a little talk with my young self. I would explain that laundry and dishes can always wait until the kids are in bed. Then I would stress the importance of that time when they are young and that if you don't spend that time with your family you will one day wonder where that time went. I would emphasize the importance of taking pictures even in the mediocre moments, while not worrying so much about pictures that you aren't in the moment. Speaking of pictures I would also remind myself to be in some of those pictures with my kids. I can't tell you how many times I was the one taking the pictures and therefore it never looked like I was with my kids.

Next I would give encouragement for the rough times. One of my kids was a biter, another had a tendency to walk off with anything shiny and put it in the toy box, another was a little bit of a wild child, and the fourth would not release her death grip on me for any amount of money. There



were times when these characteristics could get old and frustrating real fast. There were days when my husband could not get home from work fast enough. There were other days when I couldn't get them out of public fast enough. All of the trials and tribulations of raising small children could be a bit overwhelming. I would encourage my younger self to embrace those frustrating and sometimes embarrassing moments and to know that it

would all be ok. I now know that teenagers are so much more stressful than toddlers. I would definitely reassure my younger self that everything was going to be alright and encourage her to find some friends to mom with. Luckily for me I did meet other moms when my first born started preschool and it was a Godsend.

Lastly I would remind younger me that every stage of a child's life goes by way too fast and you can't do anything to slow it down. You can however accept that there will be ups and downs in every stage and enjoy the roller coaster ride knowing that a merry-go-round would get boring after a couple of turns. Just be glad that you were given a ticket to ride!

I know this is very unrealistic and I don't mean to sound like I have all of these regrets because I most certainly do not. At least, I don't have any more than anyone else. You can't live life without having regrets. It is like I always tell my daughter, "The tough decisions in life aren't choosing good from bad or fun from boring, they are choosing fun from fun and decided which one is the one you really want to do. Making a choice, knowing that you are missing out on something equally as exciting, always has the potential for great fun or regret." There are always going to be regrets in life, the key is to minimize those as much as you humanly can. So, although I cannot go back in time I can hope that some young moms will read this and learn from my life lessons.

Perhaps a new mom will put herself in some more pictures with her kids, or maybe even skip the pictures and just make the memories. Maybe she will embrace the embarrassing moments at the grocery store (or at least be a little less embarrassed). Possibly she will join a bible study or MOPS program and get some support in the rough times and laughs in the good times. If nothing else, I hope knowing that someone else has been in their shoes will encourage all young moms. Don't forget it is a blessing to be given your ticket to ride this crazy roller coaster of motherhood!

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# Pests!

In the event you have not yet heard of the Spotted Lanternfly, let me introduce you. This is not an introduction that I really care to make, but as a fruit and vegetable grower – I must get the word out! I'd suggest you google it, as it is a remarkably beautiful insect. But that's where the beauty stops – it is lovely to look at, but devastating in nature.

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is native to China, India and Vietnam. It was first detected in the US – in PA – in September of 2014. It impacts a number of commercial crops – timber, grapes, peach, and apples. It does not feed on the fruit, but rather damage is sustained from sucking sap from the tree/plant tissue – thereby “de-vitalizing” the tree. This impacts winter hardiness, and the ability for the tree to set fruit buds for the following year. In addition to its damage to plants, the SLF excretes large amounts of “honeydew” resulting from its eating. The honeydew coats everything around it – where sooty mold then grows. In addition to commercial agricultural challenges, this is one of the largest residential issues. It is significantly affecting quality of life in the quarantine zone (currently Berks County area). Folks simply won't go outside starting in late summer.

SLF are especially attracted to the invasive plant – Tree of Heaven. It is a unique plant. Google it if you don't know what it looks like! SLF will come from far away to gather and feed on Tree of Heaven. Destroy this tree if you have them! So what should you do? If you see an adult or a nymph, kill it immediately and gather the carcass to be given to PDA. You can email a picture to: Badbug@pa.gov. If you see an egg mass, scrape it off the surface it's on and destroy it. Call or email PDA. 1-888-4BAD-FLY.

Our County (Adams) is not yet quarantined and we hope it will never be quarantined! However, at our farm market, we are instructing our staff as to what to look for and how to talk to our customers about this horrible

pest. Just to let you know how bad it is in Berks County? Farm marketers speak of many thousands of SLF all over their stores in the fall – swarming the displays, and swarming into customers. Pumpkin displays have been totally covered by the insects to the point that one could not discern what color the pumpkins were. Customers have simply stopped going to regions where SLF has been spotted.

On a much brighter note, the purpose of my column is to share some tasty recipes from products grown on our farm so I'd like to share some of my favorite rhubarb recipes. Rhubarb is a very undemanding perennial vegetable. Wrongly, it is often called a fruit due to its sour, fruity taste and the fact that it is mainly used for desserts. I never cared much for rhubarb as a child, but have come to really love and appreciate it for its diversity.

## Strawberry Rhubarb

### Coffee Cake

- 2 C. Fresh Strawberries
- 1 Lb. Rhubarb, Cut in 1" pieces
- 2 T. Fresh Lemon Juice
- 1 C. Sugar
- 1/3 C. Cornstarch

### Toppings:

- 3/4 C. Sugar

### Batter:

- 3 C. Flour
- 1 C. Sugar
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- 1 Tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 Tsp. Salt
- 2 Sticks Butter (1 Cup)
- 2 Eggs, Slightly Beaten
- 1 C. Buttermilk
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla

**Directions:** In saucepan, combine strawberries and rhubarb. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and cook 5 minutes. Add lemon juice. Combine sugar & cornstarch. Add to strawberry mixture and cook over medium heat until thickened and bubbly, stirring frequently. Let cool.

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13 baking pan.

Combine flour, sugar, baking soda,

baking powder and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Combine eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients. Stir just until moistened.

Spread half of batter in pan. Spread fruit filling evenly over batter. Drop remaining batter by spoonfuls over filling. Sprinkle with sugar topping. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes. Cool before cutting.

## Rhubarb Crumble

- 3 Bunches of Rhubarb
- Zest and Juice of One Orange
- 1/3 to 1/2 C. Sugar
- 1/2 C. Flour
- 1/2 C. Brown Sugar
- 1/2 C. Shredded Coconut
- 1/2 C. Rolled Oats
- 1/2 C. Wheat Germ
- 1/2 C. Butter, Softened
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350. Remove tops, wash the rhubarb and chop into 2" lengths. Put it into a saucepan with the zest, juice, sugar and ginger. Cover and let simmer gently until just cooked. Pour into an ovenproof dish. Work the remaining ingredients together with your fingertips. Cover the rhubarb with the topping and bake in the oven for 20 to 30 minutes until golden.

## Rhubarb Bread

- 1.5 C. Brown Sugar, Packed
- 2/3 Cup Cooking Oil
- 1 Egg
- 1 C. Buttermilk
- 1 Tsp. Salt
- 1 Tsp. Baking Soda
- 1 Tsp. Vanilla
- 2.5 C. Flour
- 2 C. Diced Rhubarb
- 1/2 C. Chopped Nuts
- 1 T. Soft Butter
- 1/4 C. Sugar

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350. Grease two 8x4 inch loaf pans. Combine in a bowl, brown sugar and oil. Stir until smooth. Add egg, buttermilk, salt, baking soda, vanilla and flour. Blend until moist. Fold in diced rhubarb and chopped nuts. Turn batter into pre-



pared pans. Combine butter and sugar until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until done.

## Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

- 9" Unbaked Pie Shell
- Crumb Topping:
  - 1/3 C. Brown Sugar
  - 1/2 C. Flour
  - 2 to 3 T. Butter
  - Pinch of Cinnamon
- Filling:
  - 3 C. Rhubarb, cut in 1/2" pieces
  - 3 C. Strawberries, Halved
  - 1/2 C. Sugar
  - 1/2 C. Brown Sugar
  - 3 T. Cornstarch

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 400. To make crumb topping, mix together sugar, cinnamon and flour in a mixing bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine rhubarb and strawberries. In a smaller bowl, stir together sugars and cornstarch. Add to fruit and toss gently to coat the fruit.

Spoon filling into unbaked pie shell. Top with crumb topping. Bake at 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 and bake an additional hour until pie is bubbly. This is delicious served warm with vanilla ice cream!

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# LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

## Blue Ridge Summit Free Library

### Standing Events

Monday - Our newly added Summer Story Hour starts tonight at 4:30 p.m. It will be immediately followed by Legos and Wee Build Imagineering until 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Coffee club in the community room from 4:00-5:30 p.m.! Mingle with the gang for coffee, tea, puzzles, board games, coloring books, etc. Food donations appreciated.

Wednesday - VITT (very important teens and 'tweens) night. The community room is reserved for teen use from 6:00-7:30p.m. Just hang out or play Wii, play board games, do puzzles, eat snacks, watch movies, make movies, etc.!

Saturday - Join us at 10:30 a.m. for Story and Craft Hour and all of its festivities! What could be better than a great book and a fun craft?

### Upcoming Special Events

Introducing "Musical Mondays" at the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library! Every Monday in July we will be showing a classic or modern musical. Movies will start at 6 p.m. We will include a trivia quiz about the musical each time and you must get 80% of the questions correct to receive an entry in our movie raffle. The winner will be drawn on Aug. 4th. July movies: July 2- Mary Poppins, July 9 - Singin' in the Rain July 16- West Side Story July 23- Across the Universe July

30 - Into the Woods

Scherenschnitte class is on hiatus until Sep 4th. However, due to popular request the community room will be available from 6 - 7 p.m. for a group work night on June 10th.

Movie night on July 12th at the library will feature the free family movie - Paddington 2, rated PG. Movie starts at 6 p.m.

On July 17th The Summit Stitchers Quilt Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. New members and new projects are always welcome and any skill level may attend. These ladies love a challenge so if you are stuck on a project stop by and see what they can do.

A Mini-Science workshop for kids will be held on July 18th from 5 - 6 p.m. This month's workshop will be "geology rocks!"

Zero, our wonderful therapy dog, will be joining us for his "doghouse sessions" on July 19th from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Revisit or introduce yourself to our resident guru of tranquility, freshly returned from summer vacation!

The Dining Car Food Club is riding the Tren Urbano into San Juan Puerto Rico on July 19th where we will be delivering food stuffs and helping to prepare a summer fiesta at 6 p.m. Please stop by the library or call to sign up your dish!

The 5th Annual Whistle 5K Run/Walk will kick off the Ice Cream Social and Booksale on July 21st and starts promptly at 8 a.m. Registration is necessary before the race starts.

Our annual Ice Cream Social

and Book Sale will be held on July 21st from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.! Food, baked goods, entertainment, local authors and artists, history displays, firetruck rides, ice cream, and much much more!

A Movie Maker Workshop for Teens and Tweens will be held on July 25th at 6 p.m. Learn about shooting movies, music videos, using a green screen, etc.....

We will be meeting at 6 p.m. on July 26th for the Train of Thought book club at the library. New members are welcome. This month's topic is "Volcanoes and Earthquakes and Caving, Oh My!"

There will be a Geocaching Adventure on July 28th, locale and time to be determined. Call the library for more details. There will be walking involved.

"Rock and Roll" rock painting for all ages is happening on July 31st. When the music stops, you leave your rock and move on to the next and continue painting! Space is limited so please register at the library. Times are 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m.

## Frederick County Public Library

### Emmitsburg Programs

On-site at Catoctin Mountain Park: Wildlife Water Safari (Ages 3-7), July 2, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Partner Location, Create a field notebook and discover water sources on guided one-mile hike. Meet at Visitor Center, 14707 Park Central Rd.

STEM Workshop: DIY Cardboard Creations (Grades 6-12), Tuesdays, 1 - 3 pm. Create fun activities using cardboard. 7/3: kites; 7/10: Skee-ball; 7/17: pin-ball machine part 1; 7/21: pin-ball machine part 2; 7/31: tunnel book; 8/7: gumball machine; 8/14: weaving with a cardboard loom.

Art Zone (Grades 2-5), Saturdays, 11 - 11:45 a.m., Explore art through fun, hands-on projects: 7/7- Painting Clay Pot Birdbaths; 8/18-Painted Ladybug Rocks.

Animals of Fountain Rock (Ages 2+), July 9, 11 - 12 p.m., meet some resident animals of Fountain Rock Park and Nature Center. Get to know where to find them, what they eat, and how they survive in different habitats.

Home Depot Kids Workshop (Grades 2- 5), July 11, 2 - 3 p.m., Build wooden projects with Home Depot. All

supplies provided.

Kitchen Science: Exploring Sound (Grades K-5), July 14, 1 - 2 p.m., Explore and experiment with the science of sound using simple household items.

Radio Frederick: Surf Rock by the Flying Faders, July 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Peter Wood: Explorer of the Impossible (Ages 3+), July 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Magician Peter Wood shares his collection of impossibilities from across the globe! Junior explorers get to experience fantastic skills and amazing artifacts in this comedy and magic show.

Summer Challenge Sponsor Event: Read with Keyote and the Frederick Keys (Ages 0-10),

July 19, 10:30 - 11 a.m., Hear a story, ask questions, and take pictures with Frederick Keys mascot Keyote and a Keys player.

Custom Stamp Carving (Adult), July 19, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m., Carve a stamp from an eraser, and stamp on paper and fabric to create a unique project.

Teen Theater: Improv with the MET (Grades 6-12), July 21, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Join actors from The Maryland Ensemble Theatre for an improvisation class.

Critters and Conservation (Ages 3-18), July 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Local and exotic animals visit the library!

The make-IT place: Sphero SPRK+ Robot Balls (Grades 2-5), July 25, 2 - 3 p.m., Explore science through robot-based learning with Sphero SPRK+ Robot balls. Participants will code and experiment.

### Thurmont Programs

Krafty Kids (ages 2-11), Tuesday-Thursday weekly, 10:15 a.m. - 2 p.m., drop in for an easy and colorful craft.

Movie Night with S'mores (Grades 6-12), July 5, 6 - 8 p.m., Camp out at the library with a movie and S'mores.

On-site at Catoctin Mountain Park: Storytime and Hike (Ages 3+), July 6, 11 - 12 p.m., Partner Location, Storytime followed by a short hike. Meet at Visitor Center, 14707 Park Central Rd, Thurmont.

Thurmont Friends Book Club (Adult), July 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m., hosted by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library and open to adult readers in the community who are interested in discussing books.

Family Tunes and Tales: Global Music Makers (Ages 6-8), July 11, 2 - 2:30 p.m., Global instruments provide an exciting group experience. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council.

Nighttime on the Deck: Oyster Games (Grades K-8), July 12, 6 - 8 p.m., hands-on Chesapeake Bay experience with oyster tonging and nautical knot-tying in a miniature boat.

Storyland: A Sensory Storytime for Little Ones (Ages 0-3), July 13, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m., a special storytime in partnership with Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program. Meet new friends and share books, music, activities, and more. Designed for ages birth-3 years with an adult.

Peter Wood: Explorer of the Impossible (Ages 3+), July 18, 2 - 3 p.m., magician Peter Wood shares his collection of impossibilities from across the globe! Junior explorers get to experience fantastic skills and amazing artifacts in this comedy and magic show.

Radio Frederick: Music Through the Decades - 50s & 60s with the Cruisers, July 19, 7 - 9, p.m.. Join us on the library deck as we travel back to the golden era of classic rock N role courtesy of The Cruisers spotlighting many of the old favorites. Guaranteed that you'll be singing along.

Story Stroll: Explore a Picture Book in the Outdoors (Ages 0+), July 21, 10:35 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., experience a picture book in a new way! Walk your way through a picture book while enjoying the outdoors.

Music on the Deck - Ashby Run, July 22, 2 - 3:30 p.m., coming to the deck from Virginia, Ashby Run has a driving rhythm of both instrumentals and vocals that will cover a wide repertoire of bluegrass spanning from traditional to country.

Critters and Conservation (Ages 3-18), July 23, 2 - 3 p.m., local and exotic animals visit the library!

John Hadfield's One Man (and one dog) Variety Show (Ages 3-18), July 24, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m., juggling, magic, jokes, and more presented by comedian John Hadfield and his canine partner Reggie.

Catoctin Forest Alliance Speaker Series: What Kind of Tree is That? (Adult/Teens), July 26, 7 - 9 p.m., tree identification for beginners with Naturalist, Troy Schyllenburg of Cunningham Falls State Park. Learn to identify our local tree species. This preservation program series is presented in a partnership between the Thurmont Regional Library and the Catoctin Forest Alliance.

Friday Flicks (Ages 3-12), July 27, 12 - 2 p.m., round up the kids, pack a lunch, and head over to the library for a fun movie on the big screen.

Chess Club (Grades K-Adult), July 28, 11 - 12 p.m., beginners to advanced players welcome. Learn, play, and sharpen your skills.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## School redistricting

**Michael Bunitsky**  
Frederick County School Board

Redistricting is always a hot topic for all the players in educational systems. There are few, if any, parents who think it's a good idea. And it creates a huge amount of work for staff in the schools and the central office. Creating community engagement opportunities and making sure that the community is actively involved in the process is always complex.

The FCPS Board of Education knows all of this when we make these decisions. All along the way in the redistricting process some people will be happy, others irritated and some really upset. Regardless of the emotional climate of the moment, transparency and honesty in the process of redistricting is always the goal.

As Frederick County continues to grow, the distribution of students in our schools has become unbalanced. We have some areas that have schools that are over-capacity and yet housing development continues. Other areas remain virtually unchanged.

Redistricting is a necessary process to rebalance and alleviate over crowding. But redistricting impacts many families in a big way and we have to remain sensitive to that reality.

One major issue that puts pressures on our system is money for new schools. The Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance that once existed to assist capital funding for school buildings has been neutered. The replacement mitigation fees have contributed very little to the building fund. Certainly those fees have not added enough to build one school and we needed three elementary schools last year.

The County Executive, the County Council and the Board of Alderman of the city of Frederick all have input into policies related to funds to build new schools. The city of Frederick has a clause that allows developers to build after a three-year wait without any contribution to classroom seats. The Comprehensive Plan for Frederick County assists the School Board in determining our projected growth and the County Council has been working to determine where new housing will be developed.

Of course, all families want the best schools for their children. But for some families having all their children follow the same path through a particular feeder system is very important. They want their kids to have the same teachers, the same school mascot and allegiance to a sports team. Maintaining those relationships is difficult, if not impossible when the demographics change. New schools open and neighborhoods are divided both for school capacity and for bus routes. Often what is best is a less crowded school that may not be the neighborhood school the family had expected.

I was part of the redistricting study for the new Butterfly Ridge Elementary School. This project affected Waverly Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary and it ended up affecting multiple other schools. As the Board was discussing where the lines should be drawn, the citizens and parents from those schools and neighborhoods became part of the discussion. As there had not been initial outreach to those communities they were caught unaware that they might be part of a redistricting exercise. That is when I knew that a comprehensive, countywide

discussion was necessary.

We are now engaged in a similar process to redistrict in the Urbana area. Sugarloaf Elementary is opening next year with the Urbana Elementary students and staff in the building. In two years the new Urbana Elementary will open. Centerville Elementary is currently over 120% capacity and projected to stay there for the foreseeable future. All these elementary students will need to be in middle and high school soon. Where will they go? This is not an isolated issue.

There are a number of schools under 75% capacity but they are not in easily accessible areas compared to housing growth. Thurmont Elementary and Primary, Lewistown, Sabillasville, and Wolfsville Elementary are all under 75% capacity. Brunswick, Governor Thomas Johnson, New Market and Thurmont Middle Schools are all under 75% capacity. Catocin High School is the only High School that is far under capacity. So if the schools that can take students exist only in areas that would necessitate long bus rides, what do we do?

Clearly we have to address redistricting and often there is not the

political will to take on the task. As a county we can continue to ignore the issue and wait until the problem becomes unmanageable. We can address it now and have a plan for the future. Redistricting is not just a problem for Thurmont or Urbana. It is a countywide issue that requires multiple agencies to work together to create the best possible future we can. I believe that participating in creating the plan and having a voice is the most appropriate way for parents and interested citizens to approach the issue. But each of us must be a part of the process.

Every parent has an opportunity to participate in this process, both in public comment and in voting. Every citizen gets three minutes to speak before the County Council or the Board of Education at every meeting. Visit the website of each of these organizations to find the schedule of meetings. Let your elected officials know what you think about the issue and the process. When preparing to vote for candidates for the County Council and the Board of Education, ask questions and pay attention to what they know about school redistricting and how they plan to lead on these issues.

## 2017-18 MSS Academic Award recipients

**Lynn Taylor**  
Mother Seton School

The following students received the Academic Excellence Award for achieving All-A Honor Roll this school year: Ivy Coldren (Grade 7); Elizabeth Goodwin, Caroline Layman, Julia Wivell (Grade 6); Annalise Abruzzese, Isaac Jenkins, Taylor Johnson, Gianna Lowry, Kiernan Myles, Aidan Shranatan (Grade 5); Sophia Erdman, Maryn Rajaski (Grade 4); William Adams, Amelia Benson, Callan Goodman, Gavin Green, Eliza-

beth Iferd, Lane Koenig, Vivian Lewis, Jacob Marron, Emma Simmons, Sarah Simmons (Grade 3);

The follow students received the Academic Achievement Award for achieving A/B Honor Roll this school year: Katie Aleshire, Jameson Doll, Brendan Guinan, Grant Kelly, Carter Loher, EJ Lowry, Layla Metts, Quynh Nguyen, Mackenzie Orndorff, Jaime Price, Beckett Tayler, Pearl Walker (Grade 7); Emily Flynn, Nathaniel Hand, Wyatt Hill, Chloe Jarvis, Anthony Kinnamont, Ethan Little, Isabella Lorenzo, Ella Lowry, Timothy McCarthy, Emer-

son Racheff, Gabriel Riling, Cassidy Sill, Daniel Soares (Grade 6); Rosamaria Bonbrest, Dixie Bruner, Elena Crutchfield, Zachary Getz, Brady Koenig, Ripleigh Maring, Carli Mazaleski, Sascha Zurawski (Grade 5); Maria Camila Canadas-Fraga, Aubrey Harrington, Catarina Hatch, Grace Hewitt, Benedict Hochschild, Kyle Kauffman, Lilian Kave, Gianna Kinamont, Thien-Y Pham, Alyssa Spielman, Finnian Tayler (Grade 4); Ruby Bodnar, Isabel Brodsky, Aidan Burnette, Ava Cherry, Peyton Faller, Catherine Griffin, Annabelle Harrington, Olivia Jae-

ger, Trevor Jessup, Khanh Pham, Isaac Rasher (Grade 3).

In addition, Megan Adams (Grade 8) received the President's Award for Educational Excellence for maintaining an A-average throughout middle school (grades 6-8) and testing in the top 10% of the nation's students.

The President's Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement for maintaining an A/B-average throughout middle school (grades 6-8) and testing in the top 20% of the nation's students was presented to eighth-grade students Hannah Cavey, Alyssa Corsetty,

Keola Evans, Mia Ferraro, Jacob Hartness, Zoe Kean, Lucy Matson, Taylor Reisinger, and Raphaela Smaldone.

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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

*In the spirit of Independence Day, we asked our writers to choose a presidential speech from American History and reflect on its implications in modern-day America.*

### Sophomore Year

#### Unity and change

**Kaitlin Marks**  
MSMU Class of 2021

As a country, America is at a crossroads, teetering on the horizon of so many polarized issues, contrasting viewpoints, and moral and ethical questions that will define the many years to come. Historically, our nation's presidents have attempted to encapsulate what it means to be an American, particularly in terms of who we are and what we need to achieve. For different administrations and political parties, this seems to be outlined in different ways—but foundationally, we are all fighting for the same goal: to be the proud, outstanding nation that is open to all and welcomes the weary, protects its citizens, and works to make the world a better place. Throughout his presidency, former President Jimmy (James) Carter emulated the ideals and values of both traditional and modern America. He aimed to unify and harmonize the people. In his Inaugural Address, Carter provided a call-to-action, but rather than direct this action towards division, he directed it towards progress and unity, supporting a common goal and common morality that accompanies being human.

In the Address, he enjoined the nation: "Let us learn together and

laugh together and work together and pray together, confident that in the end we will triumph together in the right. The American dream endures. We must once again have full faith in our country—and in one another. I believe America can be better. We can be even stronger than before."

Life is full of instances of polarization. Today, tensions explode over gun control, environmental issues, healthcare, childcare, immigration, separating families at our country's border, and more. Debates seem endless over every issue. If Carter were to highlight 'togetherness' as a theme in a present-day inaugural address, many people would be skeptical. Is it possible, in a world ravaged by division, to come together and be one country, triumphant and morally sound, while being faithful in one another even through dark times? I believe it is. With a positive shift towards open-mindedness, I think that America could become stronger by embracing the message that rang true in 1977, and joining together.

Many people in America today feel strongly that their vote is useless, that their voices will not be heard. Even in the 1970's, Carter could feel Americans shifting into a powerless mindset, and he addressed it within his "Crisis of Confidence" Speech regarding the energy crisis.

He stated, "Our people are losing that faith, not only in government itself but in the ability as citizens to serve as the ultimate rulers and shapers of our democracy."

America was founded on the ideal of rule by the people. If the general population feels powerless, and politics are allowed to become corrupt, there cannot be progress or positive change. Carter was ahead of his time in acknowledging that, especially for underrepresented groups and areas, American politics seem distant and impossible to impact. One person's vote should matter. All voices should matter. And yet, we need to create a more open, safe dialogue. So often in our country, due to polarizing issues, conversations turn hostile when differing opinions appear incompatible. However, if our style of conversation changed, and instead of spreading falsehoods and misinformation or campaigning by simply degrading and belittling their opponents, candidates could use their platforms to share information, open up a dialogue regarding issues, and listen to the voices of the people to hear what needs to change. In this way, America would retain its faith and ability to make progress.

Particularly relevant to today is Carter's ideologies about who we are and what we need to be doing as a nation. In his Inaugural Address, Carter discussed these foundational values: "We have already found a high degree of personal liberty, and we are now struggling to enhance equality

of opportunity. Our commitment to human rights must be absolute, our laws fair, our national beauty preserved; the powerful must not persecute the weak, and human dignity must be enhanced."

Whether liberal or conservative, traditional or progressive, Democrat or Republican, every person can, on a foundational level, see the truth in Carter's wishes for America. In preserving human rights, environmental beauty, and protecting those who are vulnerable to abuses, we become the nation we have always been destined to be. There is no true liberal or conservative America; instead, there is only the United States of America. Division seems inevitable, but with a keen awareness of who we are and our national identity, making choices concerning human life, the world around us, and lawmaking agendas should become clearer and easier. If all choices in politics were based upon information, the values of the people, and our national identity rather than misinformation, personal agendas, and supplemental money from large corporations, all the choices would yield results we could stand by. In fifty years, when we look back at all we've done, will we be happy? Will we be ashamed? Will separating children from their parents at the border fit in with our national identity, or will it forever change it? Will gun reform laws (or lack thereof) do the same? The fabric of our country's identity is at stake.

Our history is an integral part of our identity. In his "Crisis of Confidence" speech, Carter examined the role our nation's history takes on in modern times and how that is changing with the developments of modern America.

He said, "As a people we know our past and we are proud of it. Our progress has been part of the living history of America, even the world. We always believed that we were part of a great movement of humanity itself called democracy, involved in the search for freedom; and that belief has always strengthened us in our purpose. But just as we are losing our confidence in the future, we are also beginning to close the door on our past."

We are shifting in many ways. Carter also reflects on the value of hard work versus the value of physical belongings. Our history made us the country we are, but it also limited us. At one point, I wouldn't have been able to vote or make my voice heard. Labor laws helped to prevent the abuses of children and immigrants in the work force. Involving ourselves in war to stop oppression and preserve human rights shaped us into who we are. But our work is not finished. Like President Carter said, we must remain committed to the causes that are within our backbone. By staying true to who we are as a country, we can grow and become the nation we were always destined to be.

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### Junior Year

#### One country, one community

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As Independence Day approaches, it is important to remember that Americans share many of the same goals. All Americans want to live what they believe to be good and happy lives. All Americans want to thrive. All Americans want to be a part of a country they are proud of. Americans may have different definitions of what it means to thrive, and what it means to achieve the common good, but ultimately, these are goals everyone in the nation shares. Sometimes it is difficult to see the similarities in a country with so much diversity and so much dissent. Regardless of the polarization rampant in today's political culture, there is one thing we all have in common: we are all Americans who want the best for our country. The celebration held annually on the 4th of July represents this as well. Despite political alliances, differing beliefs, and varying cultures, Americans of all shapes and sizes gather to celebrate on Independence Day. Furthermore, Americans have unifying traditions on the holiday, from watching and lighting colorful fireworks, barbecuing ribs, and drinking a toast with friends and family.

When considering which presidential speech highlights what it means to create an American sense of commu-

nity and unity, there was one speech that stood out to me in particular: the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy. Although it was given 40 years ago in 1961, this speech remains one of the most famous speeches in American history. There is certainly a good reason for it.

This presidential speech was aimed not to a certain party or another, but to the country as a whole. Even the first line of the speech states that Americans "observe today not a victory of party but a celebration of freedom". I believe that this opening line sets the tone of the entire speech because it challenges the audience to reconnect with the ideals of the nation, calling them to unity. The victory of the Democratic party in the 1961 election was not as important to President Kennedy as the freedom he hoped his nation would once again represent.

When reading just the opening of the speech, I am reminded of another presidential speech. In president George Washington's farewell address in 1796, Washington addressed his opposition to the establishment of political parties. He stated that, while establishing political parties "may now and then answer popular ends," they would eventually "[destroy] afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion." Regardless of what any individual may believe

regarding the place of political parties in our country, both good and bad, it is important to note that even though there is a division, it is the same nation in which we all reside. We are the "United" States of America, and we are, and will always be, united in the celebration of liberty.

The legacy of the forefathers is relevant in another part of Kennedy's address in which he states that "we are the heirs of that first revolution," and "that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans." The use of the word "we" is the most important word in the phrase. Instead of saying that "I" will do good for the people or "I" will carry out the legacy of those who established this country, Kennedy used "we." "We the People," for whom and on whom this nation was founded, benefit from the unity of our nation. All citizens of the USA are heirs of those who brought us freedom, and we should celebrate that.

President Kennedy spends the next section of his speech addressing the entire world on our desire for peace on Earth, but afterwards, he leaves the country and the world with some of the most notable words of his lifetime.

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country... My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

"Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength

and sacrifice which we ask of you."

These words serve as a powerful and memorable conclusion to the speech. They readdress that unity which has already been a prominent part of Kennedy's speech. Furthermore, they are a call to action. They remind Americans that the state of the nation is in our hands, and that America must not only serve its own good, but the good of humanity as a whole. We must all work together to make this country a great place to live in, and all must participate in the spirit of true democracy.

Something that Mount St. Mary's University supports and frequently holds discusses in lectures and presentations is "Civil Society". The Mount holds high standards for its university community. I have personally attended lectures on topics facing America today, such as civil rights, immigration, and the welfare of inner-city communities. These talks opened my eyes to several different ways that citizens of the

United States can promote the common good for people who are struggling to the nation we share. One of the solutions the speaker highlighted was opening and funding of schools to promote education for all in the hope that a good education would bring many out of poverty. Another showed the positive effects of a community garden on people in the inner city, so that they may have access to fresh, local produce. There are so many ways community members can support each other, and Kennedy's speech encourages me to reflect on that.

No matter which political party you support, or whether or not you believed that John F. Kennedy was a good president (or even a good person), his inaugural address contains wise words that the modern United States should abide.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Senior Year

## A farewell to factions

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In 1796, our nation's first president announced that he would not be running for a third presidential term, in what would thereafter be known as Washington's Farewell Address. This is the speech that would make history by establishing a precedent that nearly every United States president would follow the two-term limit for presidential candidates.

By stepping down from his presidency, Washington not only encouraged future presidents to relinquish their positions after two terms, but also entrusted his young and beloved nation to the hands of his peers, and to posterity.

With that in mind, Washington left us with advice to follow, allowing his wisdom to guide the new nation as its executive hands shifted. While the speech is rather brief, it includes a variety of warnings to the nation, which are both elegantly-expressed, and, as time has now proved, prophetic. Washington warns that over-secularization leads to a general decline in the moral strength of a nation. He advised future executives to avoid imprudent borrowing, as public debt only serves to push the burdens of the present onto

the shoulders of the future. In regard to foreign relations, he warned both against undue ill-will and affection toward other nations, urging that reason, rather than passion, should guide the nation's interaction with the rest of the world. Finally, I was amused to read, Washington advised his listeners with the familiar phrase, "honesty is always the best policy."

The most famous warning in the speech, however, is his warning against the formation of factions, known today as political parties. From the days of Whigs and Tories to the contemporary Democrats and Republicans, America has always had political parties running the show. Washington would not be surprised, as he said that the party spirit "is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind." As ingrained as they may be in our political system, and our humanity itself, Washington strongly warned against their influence, calling them our "worst enemy."

According to Washington, political parties are dangerous, if not fatal, institutions, because "They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation the will of a party, often

a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community." In other words, political parties subvert democracy by forcing government officials to minister to the interests of the party rather than the interests of the people.

Washington states that alternating political parties are particularly vulnerable to the "spirit of revenge" against the other parties, encouraging them to thwart the interests of the opposing party, even if those interests serve the public good.

Washington listed a variety of consequences of harboring powerful political parties: "It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which finds a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another."

Observing today's political climate, especially following the 2016 presidential election, these consequences have come to fruition. Every election, at local, state, and federal level, is divided neatly into two leading political parties, with perhaps "third-party" candidates trailing as an afterthought, stigmatized as

a "wasted vote." Many states require voters to register with a political party before participating in primary elections. Political parties nominate candidates for each presidential election, forcing those who wish to run to take party platforms as a package deal.

I wonder what today's public officials could accomplish if they didn't have the burden of pleasing a political party on their shoulders. How many of President Trump's (or insert any president) key campaign promises were influenced by his need to please the Republican party? How many new laws would Congress have been able to pass if Senators and Representatives were unafraid of ruining their chances of re-election by supporting a law proposed by the other party?

The political landscape has deviated far from the ideals Washington envisioned. Instead of harboring a spirit of cooperation and working towards the goal of serving the common good of the people who entrusted them with their office, politicians are coerced into the strategy game. While I like to believe most public officials still work to make the world a better place for Americans, the party system forces them to adhere to predetermined policies and structures. Even among scholars and citizens, political conversations often turn to finger-pointing between parties. Common examples of partisan blame abound. For example, "The great problems of the world can be

solved if only right/left-wing news stations would stop spreading their lies." Or, "America's youth is brainwashed by the liberal/conservative agenda." We put our blame, and, alarmingly, our trust, in political parties. This tendency is well-intended, but inevitably turns us against each other as we try to serve the same goal of the common good.

Our first president saw it coming, and we see it happening. A political system too dependent on parties has harbored dissent and corruption where there should be harmony and integrity. It is even difficult to imagine our democracy following any other system; it is doubtlessly a behemoth task to undertake. It is, however, worth the effort to consider. The vision Washington paints in his Farewell Address is truly a beautiful image: a political system where disagreements are not based on party alliances but genuine ideological disputes; a democracy in which the people do not have to filter their will through the lens of a false dichotomy; a system which welcomes public officials to express their opinions honestly.

Factions have taken root and factions have born their bitter fruit. We cannot say we were not warned.

Source: The Avalon Project, Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale School of Law

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## The Graduate

## ... Our duty as we understand it

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Graduating class 2018

The presidential race of 1860 was fraught with tension and uncertainty. The country that would one day be referred to as "indivisible" was cleaved in two. North and South, Democrat and Republican, freeman and slave. Our country was holding its breath for the match to drop and the powder-keg of dissension, injustice, and anger to ignite into a Civil War.

This election had two main candidates, Senator Stephen Douglas, who was the choice of the Democratic party and ran for "conservative" southern interest (in other words, he was for southern states maintaining slavery), and a Republican lawyer named Abraham Lincoln who ran for the interest of preserving the Union and the laws under which it was founded. Tensions over the restriction and abolition of slavery were at an all-time high and the Confederate South had delivered her ultimatum: should the presidential elections pull in favor of the Republican party, they would extract themselves from the Union. War was becoming a matter of "when" not "if".

One year before Abraham Lincoln's inauguration into his first term of presidential office in 1961, he addressed an audience at the Cooper Institute in Manhattan. In later years it would be referred to as his Cooper Union Address and it focused on slavery, the question of Constitutional Rights, and the threat of the Confederacy to sepa-

rate from the Union. Lincoln tackled the subject matter with a lawyer's logic. He appealed to both the rational and the passionate sides of his audience to cement his argument. It was a long speech, and full of sometimes difficult vocabulary (at least for me). However, I urge everyone to read it because it is a fine example of American rhetoric. I don't think I could ever do it justice in the one thousand words allotted to me, but I do consider it to be one of the best speeches I have ever read.

In the first half of his speech, Lincoln addresses a certain statement that was made by Senator Douglas in Ohio, one that echoed a great many other southern slavery advocates: "Our fathers, when they framed the Government under which we live, understood this question just as well, and even better, than we do now." The question is whether Congress should control slavery in the territories, rather than allow it to expand or if slavery is purely a state matter. Douglas, like other Southern states that were ceded into the Union, believed that slavery should be state-regulated. The sovereignty would allow the Southern states to not only maintain the use of slaves, but allow them to cut any restrictions placed on slave trade. This would divide the country more definitely into Free-States and Slave-States. The main argument of the Democratic party was that it was not only their Constitutional right to keep their slaves as their "property", but that

the Founding Fathers supported and understood this "right".

Unable to abide by this unfounded generalization, Lincoln decided to clarify the errant argument. Pulling from the political history of 21 individual framers proves that a majority of the original 39 individuals that signed the Constitution supported moves that would allow congressional restrictions on slavery and even its abolition. The Constitution does not use the words "slave" and "slavery" or use the word "property" in a way that would imply that owning a slave would be considered a right. Lincoln stated "That if we would supplant the opinions and policy of our fathers in any case, we should do so upon evidence so conclusive, and argument so clear, that even their great authority, fairly considered and weighed, cannot stand; and most surely not in a case whereof we ourselves declare they understood the question better than we." However, Lincoln recognized that proving this point to a room of people that already agree with him was not enough. Nor did he think the North yielding its territories would stop an outbreak of war. What the South wanted was for the North to recognize slavery as right; however, such a declaration would be unreasonable according to the laws upon which the country was founded.

It has been 158 years since Lincoln gave this speech, and not much has changed. We have come far in short time, however the fractures that divide us still run deep. The political sides are even the same as they were then, Democrat versus Republican. We are quick to using the slander and stereo-

types we have built about "the other side". If you watch the news for one hour, the matter of the Constitutionality of one law or another will, no doubt, arise, along with a statement of "Well, this isn't what the founders of this nation would have wanted." This has become a readymade argument to parrot without having to support it.

Today there is a streak of irresponsibility regarding language. I'm not sure who to blame for this, or if there is any one person or thing to blame. I would love to grumpily mutter about education, however with the access we have to public libraries and the internet I suppose everything is there. Maybe the problem is there is so much of it, so much that we have condensed our understanding of the past down to bylines, click-baits, and 140 characters.

One major change is language. A few months ago, I sat down with the now managing editor, Shea Rowell. Our discussion of the newspaper eventually led to a conversation about old speeches. We agreed that the rhetoric you see in the current stock of

politicians is somewhat lackluster when you compare it to the orators of the past. Today, politicians rarely write their own speeches. While they have a hand in it, something to make it their own, the rest is put there by the minds of others. Perhaps I am a bit cynical, but when I hear the speeches of today they sound disingenuous. When I hear arguments, they are as flimsy as papier-mâché, made to look like steel through loud, unsupported declarations.

Is it wrong of me to expect the people on the news or in political office to be held accountable for their words? To demand that they display their knowledge, not just their position? I don't think it is wrong to desire this. In fact, if the state of our politicians (parties included) is reflected on myself, as well as my country, then it is my duty to demand these things. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "... Let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

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## FASHION

## Fashionably trending

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On Sunday afternoons I fall into a suitable activity for the “Day of Rest,” returning to my phone, clicking into Instagram (fashion’s favorite phone application) and parading through the app’s video feature called “Stories.” I forward through the short-lived videos of fashion influencers goofing around in luxurious clothing while escapading in dreamy places, shedding humor with their friends, and indulging in selfies. I mostly skim, bored of the same story told by the same circle of people. My mind buzzes with a need for something refreshing, breaking news to be told. And in a moment, just like a shot of espresso that hits the brain, one story stops me in my tracks, energizes my mind and leads my lightning speed texting thumbs to retreat back to the story that carries the interest of the fashion world I know. Clothing statements, social appearances and coupling relationships: the triune of fashion’s digital and genuine interest.

## Fashion Statements

If there could be a statement that is both misunderstood and consequentially understated, it would be the hat. Too classically fashioned — in the form of a bucket hat, baseball, pillbox or flat cap — to the point of saturation, trending styles

often forge the opportunity to represent personal expression. Its value is appreciated in British culture. Guests of the recent wedding of the Duke of Sussex Harry and Meghan Markle attended in style, outfitting hats with a variety of expression, pushing boundaries and adding flavor to notions of an accessory custom to English social engagements. Fashion history reveals hats as a uniform to formal occasions within the royal society. According to a statement made by Diana Mather, Senior Tutor for the English Manner Etiquette Consultancy, for BBC “Up until the 1950s ladies were very seldom seen without a hat as it was not considered ‘the thing’ for ladies to show their hair in public.” The purpose for hats in royal society has since become less conservative and more about keeping tradition alive. A hat is a statement of royal status and as phrased by Fashion Director at The Daily Telegraph, Hilary Alexander in a report by INSIDER, “a part of the ‘social fabric,’ of posh events in British society.” Quintessential, and yet varied in design, there is a sense of originality in the uniform of style. Hats function as the spine of royal fashion.

Worn to complement the color tone of one’s outfit, as the Queen is famously known to wear her rainbow wardrobe, in monochromatic styles, to match a dress, coat or tweed blazer. She is often photographed wearing full coverage



Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Kate and Princess Beatrice wearing fascinator hats.

boxy hat designs, as opposed to Kate Middleton and Meghan Markle who share a taste for fascinators, a petite style circular cap, hardly regarded as a hat, at times decorated with veiled tulle. In modern day fashion, fascinators are styles of high fashion considered an ultimate fashion statement. Other styles of this design can fashion more flamboyant, as has been the case with Princess Beatrice and her spidery light pink hat worn to William and Kate’s Wedding and Lady Emily Compton’s disco ball style fascinator worn to Isabella Blow’s funeral. They were once considered insulting, as they were first products of factory manufacture, as opposed to a milliner, a handmade design. Philip Treacy and Jane Taylor Millinery are designers that are often fashioned among the royal crowd. Just as the type of design and style communicate wealth and make a statement among the event in attendance, so too does the designer of choice.

## Social Appearances

Not necessarily fashion people, but icons of a political system, the royal family utilizes fashion uniquely for cultural communication. For instance, small clutch bags were often associated as “cleavage bags” according to Princess Diana’s handbag designer Anya Hindmarch, as told by Telegraph. Shown in photographs, Diana would keep her

clutch to her chest to politely step out of cars in front of photographers awaiting her appearance. Handbags are also purposed with messages: clutches are carried to avoid hand shakes; the sight of a handbag sitting on a dining table signals an exit; and a lady’s transiting a handbag from one arm to another communicates a sign to conclude the involved conversation. Other rules state bright colors are required of the family when going out among large crowds of people so to be easily spotted, and wearing the color of the host country while on visit is due to respect. The royal family utilizes clothing and fashion with purpose when engaging in the world.

## Relationship

An image of Meghan Markle wearing a vintage-appealing, paisley blue and white Oscar de La Renta dress next to her husband Duke of Sussex, Harry was a sight accompanying a headline reading, “Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, Does Luxe Bohemian for the Wedding of Celia McCorquodale,” on American Vogue Magazine’s Instagram. Newly married, this couple - he, of British royal lineage, and she, an American of black and white descent - shares an image of modern romance. Although this post was more about the dress, fashions’ contributions to the conversation about the newly wedded couple is questionable and

may have more to do than Markle’s choice of fashion.

Harper’s Bazaar said it best about the Royal Wedding: “It’s a party we’re all invited to.” And fashion has always been a social scene — media covered the news of Meghan Markle’s dress, designed by Givenchy’s Clare Waight Keller’s gown and later shared the news when her Stella McCartney reception dress became shoppable. Harry and Meghan’s wedding follows, in suit, with the celebratory news of William and Kate’s marriage in 2011. Princess Diana’s sons bring to life the stories from our childhood. Tales of princes falling in love and committing to love is a fairytale, from our cultural upbringings of storybook fantasies, come true. “The royals are a part of our cultural DNA.”

Other reasons of interest follow an impression, which the fashion community can relate to. The fashion industry is built on aristocracy — of families, generations of societal figures and the culturally engaged, as is the same for royalty. And yet psychology reasons that public interest in England’s political family runs deeper than material clothing and centers more on human connection. In this conversation there is no debate, slander or malice; rather there is desire to understand the life of royalty as it differs from a lifestyle of the famous celebrities in culture. For those not married into the family were born royal and must find meaning in the life they were given. This human element, as Huffington Post defines, is another story of humanity distinct in nature.

Sights of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, and others of the Duchess of Sussex’s fashion choices in the company of the Queen, stream through recent media in multiplicity. On that particular day, when stumbling upon an article of the newly wedded royal couple, I found the reassurance that fashion’s attraction towards this new fashion crowd was more than speculations to whether Queen Elizabeth approves of Markle, or images captured by the paparazzi. But rather communication of clothing worn with purpose, talk of cultural engagements and diversity, and also human expression — all reflecting the world we live in.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

# New ambulance ready for community service

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) proudly placed into service its new "Ambulance 69" (A-69) replacing a unit that was over 11-years old. VHC Chief Umbel stated, "At a cost of over a quarter million dollars, the vision to begin setting aside funds for the new ambulance goes to the former officers and members of the former Ambulance Company who started the process of saving for a new ambulance several years ago."

During this past year, the joint merger of the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company into the Vigilant Hose Company took place. Months of planning and coordination between the organizations and partner

agencies allowed for the full process to be effective at 12:01 a.m. on January 1.

Following its arrival here, it took just over 6 weeks to get A-69 fully outfitted with all its life saving equipment including radios and a range of items needed to obtain a 'Seal of Excellence' designation from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and very importantly training response personnel to be familiar with the various technologies utilized onboard the unit.

Chief Umbel further added, "Mounted on a Ford F-550 Chassis, the new 'Type 1' ambulance was manufactured by Road Rescue of Winter Park/Orlando, FL, whose local dealer Atlantic Emergency Solutions

of Manassas, VA, was very responsive to our particular community's needs," added Umbel. The cost of new A-69 exceeded over a quarter million dollars.

One key feature is the Stryker Brand 'Power-Load' powered cot loading and fastener system improves patient and First Responder safety by supporting the cot throughout the loading, unloading and transportation processes.

During the recent May 23rd 'EMS Open House' event, held in recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week, the new unit drew great interest from visitors just as it has since its arrival last month. On behalf of the Town of Emmitsburg, Mayor Don Briggs presented



Mayor Don Briggs presents a check for \$6,000 to help offset the cost of the new ambulance

VHC with a \$6,000 check to help offset costs of EMS delivery locally.

A permanent plaque will soon be affixed to the unit dedicating A-69 to all members of the former Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company who worked so hard to raise funds that allowed

for the purchase and outfitting of equipment being carried. Those who have yet to see new A-69 will get the opportunity to do so during 'Emmitsburg Community Heritage Day' on Saturday, June 30, which begins with Breakfast at the Fire Station on West Main Street.

# Exploring Gettysburg this summer with National Park Rangers

Gettysburg National Military Park's free summer interpretive program series offers visitors a chance to learn about the people and places that made history during the Battle of Gettysburg. Hike the fields of Pickett's Charge, explore the rocky summit of Little Round Top, reflect on the words of the Gettysburg Address, and much more on these Ranger guided experiences. New offerings will appeal to first time and repeat visitors alike, such as:

Family History Hike (75 minutes) Perfect for families with children ages 4-13! Join a Park Ranger for an interactive hike across the battlefield. Plan for battle, learn how to march like a soldier, explore the farms on the battlefield and much more!

Lincoln Comes to Gettysburg: Downtown History Hike (75 minutes) - Explore the impact of the battle upon the Gettysburg community, walk in the footsteps of President Lincoln, and visit the room where he completed the Gettysburg Address. This program begins and ends inside the Historic David Wills House Museum.

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Gettysburg National Military Park is

a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding

of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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# ARTS

## Expect the unexpected - The Majestic's 2018-2019 Season

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Gettysburg College's Department of Theatre Arts and Sunderman Conservatory of Music

team up to present The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee November 1-4. This Tony Award-winning musical comedy has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. Later that month, celebrate the power of dance with Jessica Lang Dance on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. This New York-based company features the choreography of Jessica Lang, hailed as "a master of visual composition" by Dance Magazine. Her repertoire is rich with stunning movement, compelling visuals and beautiful cinematic composition.

Totem Pole Playhouse's beloved holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, returns for its fourth year December 14-23. This adaptation preserves the beautiful language, charm and humor of Charles Dickens' classic tale. Tickets for this show will be available September 1.

Local celebrities will compete to be crowned champion of Dancing With the Local Stars on Friday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Produced by the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams



The Majestic will host the zany Flying Karamazov Brothers in March. The Brothers are noted for their laugh-out-loud comedy, wild theatrics, arcane errata, and astonishing juggling feats.

County, this exciting event pairs local celebrities with trained choreographers. After several months of practicing, the pair show off their moves on the Majestic's grand stage. Proceeds benefit the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County.

On Saturday, February 9 at 3 p.m., WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital's Healing HeARTS Healthy Family Series will present the

musical Pete the Cat, based on the popular children's book series. When Pete the Cat gets caught rocking out after bedtime, the cat-catcher sends him to live with the Biddle family to learn his manners - and boy are they square! This show is recommended for Pre-K to 3rd grade. The following week, The Hot Sardines make their Majestic debut interpreting the great jazz hits of the 1920s and 1930s on Friday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. Listeners will be transported to a different era on a wave of brassy horn arrangements, sultry vocals, and rollicking piano melodies.

In March, the zany Flying Karamazov Brothers present laugh-out-loud comedy, wild theatrics, arcane errata, and astonishing juggling feats on Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. This show is made possible by The J. William Warehime Foundation Fund of the Majestic Theater's Centennial Endowment. Then, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Songs of Ireland on Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. This Celtic music celebration includes eight Irish vocalists, accompanied by a lively ensemble featuring piano, uilleann pipe, accordion and Irish fiddle.

Tap Dogs explodes on the Majestic stage on Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. Experience the thrill of traditional tap dancing turned upside-down with a show that is part theatre, part dance, and part rock concert and part construction site. "Expect the Unexpected" with two additional Spring 2019 shows to be announced in late fall. You never know who you might see at the Majestic!

Tickets can be purchased starting June 8 for Majestic Members and June 15 at 12 p.m. for the general public online at [gettysburgmajestic.org](http://gettysburgmajestic.org), by calling 717-337-8200, or at the Box Office, 25 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg.

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# MOUNT ARTS

## Final curtain call

Hannah Opdenaker,  
MSMU Class of 2018

May is a funny time on campus. It is a time when students are on high alert for final exams and essays. A time when the coffee doesn't stop pouring, and notecards and study guides are floating all over campus. But that does not mean that the creativity ceases on campus. In fact, it thrives. Students prepare their final art projects, their vocal and instrumental recitals are juried, and the theater is full of acting students prepping for their final monologues. While there were only a few short weeks in May, there were still some exciting events around campus.

The very end of April is an exciting time at the Mount, because of the SPARC Festival. SPARC, which stands for Scholarship, Performance, Art, Research, and Creativity, is a time where students have the opportunity to show off their work to their peers, mentors, faculty, and staff. Classes are cancelled for at least one day of the week, giving students the opportunity to engage and learn from each other's poster presentations, lightening talks, honors research, performances, art shows, and musical recitals. Some highlights from this event include Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld's (Visual and Performing Arts Dept. Chair and Professor of Music) "fireside chat" in which he discussed the history and processes surrounding the chanting of the Torah in Jewish religious ceremonies. On the Thursday of SPARC week, Hannah Chenard presented a lightening talk about famous Renaissance artist Michelangelo, "Michelangelo's Media: A McLuhan Analysis of the Renaissance Artist". Also on Thursday, Lily Magno's discussion on the recital entitled "White Clouds", in which she choreographed and discussed the production processes that are involved in creating art through dance. Magno describes that the process is much like writing a paper, and provides experiences from her time growing up as a dancer, and as a member of the Mount's club dance team.

Mount Basketball star and fine arts major Greg Alexander gave a presentation entitled "Muse",

in which he describes his creative process, specifically how his art and his music are reactionary and emotive, rather than informational or static. Jeremiah Page also gave a presentation on his music and lyric writing process. His presentation served as a great platform to introduce his work, which he admits is still in the beginning stages. The glory of SPARC is that it showcases student work, even if it is a "work in progress." The presentation also served as an inside look at the creative process of a working artist who strives to perfect his art, while also meeting the responsibilities of a full time student. English major Moira Frederickson presented a talk which combined two artistic disciplines, visual art and literature. In her presentation, she discussed Botticelli's sketches and art, and its relation to Dante's canon work, *Divine Comedy*. Specifically, Frederickson relates Renaissance Art ideals of a "good painting" and then correlates them to the content of the *Divine Comedy* and Botticelli's sketches. Kayla Pahl gave an interesting poster presentation entitled "Cultural Shifts or Shift Rehearsal?" In this presentation, Pahl attempts to define culture through proving cultural shifts through the medium of theatre arts. To do this, she provided a content analysis of *Our Town* and *Dear Evan Hansen*, two relatively new and widely popular shows, in which she searched for relationships that were constructed through the respective "worlds" the shows create. She then compared them to the relationships present in the real world, considering the time period in which they were written.

Some of the performances on the Thursday of SPARC included the performance presentation series. This included a short concert presented by the Mount St. Mary's Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Mark Carlson, Maria Costantino's flute presentation entitled "Playing the Flute Family", Kieran Damitz's presentation "Using Math to Create Interest in Music", and Scott Korte and Erick O'Brien's short concert "Concertino for Clarinet in E Major, Op. 26". These presentations are designed to instruct the audience about the

fine, and often ignored, details of music-making, like proper breathing technique, ensemble cooperation, and preparation for performance. Other presentations included abridged versions of senior theater majors Nicole Heilos's and Hannah Opdenaker's theatrical productions of *Light: Songs to Stop Stigma* and *Lysistrata*. The two chose to do shortened scenes and songs from their original productions, and gave a question-and-answer session after the performances to discuss the production process, casting, struggles of student directing, and what is the next step for both of them after they graduate from Mount St. Mary's. Also on exhibit during SPARC was an art exhibit featuring the work of senior fine arts majors, including Amelia Trail, Greg Alexander, and others.

While SPARC was the last big "event" for Arts at the Mount, it certainly is not the last. The Mount's Visual and Performing Arts Department uses the summer months to rest their vocal chords, clean out their paint brushes, and organize the costume and prop closets for the upcoming semester. Some of the classes that are being offered next semester include a directing class for theatre majors (and non-majors), a stage makeup course, stage movement, technical production for beginners, as well as technical production for advanced theater students. Some interesting music classes include Music History, Music Theory, a new 100 level course on Listening to Music, as well as vocal lessons, instrumental lessons, and ensemble groups. Some interesting Art courses include 3D Design, Art history survey, drawing, photography, and ceramics.

Groups like the Mount Music Society will be prepping all summer long for exciting events for the Fall Semester. Past events have included



Mount Technical Theatre students prep and clean the workshop for the summer months.

swing dances, café nights, album parties, jam sessions, and concerts featuring the student bands. It will be interesting to see which direction the Mount Music Society will go under new leadership, as four of its members including president Kara Van Dyke, will be graduating. Mount Music Society is always looking for new students to join the ranks of music leaders on campus. Incoming students who are interested in the Mount Music Society can contact the Visual and Performing Arts Department, or new Mount Music Society president Shea Rowell this summer for more information. Mount Theatre and Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honors Society, will be under new management this coming fall, and will surely be the start of something new and exciting. Some events may include themed Cabaret Nights, play-writing contests, student performances and staged readings. The seniors who

have graduated from the Visual and Performing Arts Program are surely nervous to see what happens to their programs as the shows they cherished shift into younger hands, but are excited to begin the most exciting time of their lives. The beauty of a program like the Mount's Arts program is that no matter what discipline you have (or will) choose to pursue, you know that you will leave the Mount well-trained both in your respective art field, and as a person. The Visual and Performing Arts program challenges its students to think creatively and empathetically about the art that they cultivate on stage. It is not performance just for performance sake, but rather the performances and creations of the Mount's art students serve a purpose. Art is significant. Art is real. And that is what makes the program so successful.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Thurmont Little League in-house season wraps up

Edison Hatter

As the school year concludes and summer vacation begins, the local Little League season also comes to an end and travel teams kick into high gear in preparation for the Maryland State Little League tournament, the Little League World Series, and various other summer baseball tournaments. The Thurmont Little League season concluded in the early stages of June and All-Star teams quickly formed in preparation for district tournaments. Like last summer, the town of Thurmont will have two All-Star teams again this season: a 9-11 year-old "Minor League" All-Star team and a 10-12 year-old "Major League" All-Star team. The Major League team of last summer, managed by Tim Castellow, experienced unprecedented success, making it all the way to the Championship Game of the Mid-Atlantic Little League tournament. A win in the game would have meant a berth in the Little League World Series for the little town of Thurmont, but unfortunately the team fell 8-3 to Holbrook, New Jersey. Nonetheless, it was the furthest any Little League team from Thurmont

had ever made it and the town couldn't have been more proud.

Before conversations regarding the travel teams began, the in-house Little League season came to a conclusion on a chilly, rainy Saturday in the beginning of June. Fans and players alike this year were treated to a new minor league scoreboard courtesy of J&J Trash. Every team in the league played their final game of the season and participated in a "pitch-a-thon" contest. The pitch-a-thon was a huge success, raising \$14,952 for the organization. The teams that donated the most were the Instructional Orioles (\$1,445), the Major League Diamondbacks (\$1,210), the Tee-Ball Dodgers (\$1,160), and the Minor League Orioles (\$858.33). Individuals that fundraised the most included Wyatt Johnson of the Instructional Orioles (\$715), Chase Myers of the Tee-Ball Dodgers (\$700), and Conner Stahley of the Major League Diamondbacks (\$600). The tee-ball division winners of the pitch-a-thon were Nehemiah Dewees of the Tee-Ball Cubs and Shane Baker of the Tee-Ball Orioles, while Brayden Little of the Tee-Ball Dodgers was runner-up. The first, second, and third place



Thurmont Little League players exhibit great sportsmanship after every game they play.

winners for the instructional division were Brayden Rickerd of the Instructional Phillies, Eli Yocum of the Instructional Cubs, and Gabriel Denn of the Instructional Orioles, respectively. Justice Myers of the Minor League Cubs won the pitch-a-thon for the minor league division, while Chase Cregger of the Minor League Orioles finished in sec-

ond place and Brady Bell of the Minor League Orioles finished in third place. Finally, in the major league division, there was a three-way tie for first place between Jackson Savage of the Major League Brewers, Zane Shuggars of the Major League Orioles, and Dylan Sparkman of the Major League Brewers.

Once the final games of the season were played, the winners of the divisions could be determined. In the major league division, the Nationals won the league with ease, finishing with a 13-2 record. By winning the league, the Nationals advanced to the local Tournament of Champions. The team finished the year with a +87 run differential, having scored 159 runs and only allow-

ing 72. The Nationals' only two losses came to the Cubs and Diamondbacks, who both finished tied in the league standings with 10-5 records. However, the Cubs and Diamondbacks faced each other three times throughout the season, with the Diamondbacks winning the first matchup, 6-1, and the Cubs winning the last two, 3-2 and 8-6. As a result, via the head-to-head tiebreaker, the Cubs officially finished in second place and the Diamondbacks officially finished in third place. The Brewers (7-8), the Orioles (4-11), and the Yankees (1-14) also competed in the league. The Yankees' sole win came during their third to last game in an exciting back-and-forth contest against the Orioles. Despite having the two worst



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# LOCAL SPORTS



Thurmont Little League Minors All-Star Game held on June 16 pitted the Astros against the Dodgers.

records in the league, the players on both teams had smiles on their faces as they competed. In the end, the Yankees prevailed in the slugfest, 12-9, and the team carried a celebratory mood off the field after winning their first game of the season. The game perfectly exemplified the true spirit of Little League baseball: players competing hard, while exhibiting good sportsmanship, and having fun.

In the minor league division, the Cubs ran away with the title, finishing with a 10-1-1 record in twelve games. The most impressive aspect of the team was the run differential they put up over the course of the season. The Cubs outscored their opponents by 101 runs, scoring 168 runs during the season, while only giving up 67. The Orioles finished in second place in the league, just two games behind the Cubs with a 9-3 record. However, the Orioles handed the Cubs their only loss of the season in arguably the most exciting game of the minor

league season. In the back-and-forth affair, the Orioles eventually came out on top of the offensive explosion, 16-14. In the

other two matchups between the Cubs and Orioles, the Cubs won one game 10-0 via the mercy rule, but the other game was another offensive outburst that the Cubs narrowly won, 10-9. The Dodgers (5-6-1), the Diamondbacks (5-7), the Astros (4-8), and the Blue Jays (2-10) also competed in the league. Besides the Cubs/Orioles affairs, there were several other close games during the season including the Astros defeating the Diamondbacks 15-14, the Astros defeating the Orioles 14-13, the Diamondbacks defeating the Astros 16-15, the Orioles defeating the Astros 11-10, the Blue Jays defeating the Astros 12-11, the Dodgers defeating the Blue Jays 18-17, and the Cubs and Dodgers playing to a 9-9 tie.

With the in-house season complete, attention shifted to the travel all-star teams from the Thurmont area. Head coach Matt Myers and assistant coaches Bobby Wilhide and Clint Moore will lead the Thurmont Little League 9-11 year-old All-Star team this year.

The team roster will be comprised of twelve talented players from the area: Caden Cash, Brady Koenig, Jayden Feeser-Favorite, Lane Moore, Peyton Myers, Brennan Conrad, Lucas Reeder, Hunter Marten, Ethan Burkhart, Kai Ridenour, Zachary Williams, and Layton Wilhide. The team will begin their journey at the district tournament during the first week of July. Last year's 9-11 year-old all-star team won the district tournament before falling in the state tournament. The 10-12 year-old all-star team will be led this year by head coach Wayne Watkins and assistant coaches Erik Krauss and Tom Fraley. They will hope to lead this year's team back to the Mid-Atlantic Little League tournament and top the performance of last year's group. The team's roster is comprised of the following players: Peyton Cramer, Colton Fraley, Luke Iferd, Nathan Kovalcik, Ben Krauss, Ethan Little, Patrick Morlan, Zachary Reynolds, Gavin Watkins, Brayden Conrad, Bryont Green, and Jordan Moore.

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## It's Summer! Stay healthy

Renee Lehman

Summer heat is here, and there are things that you can do to enjoy Summer. How can you go about staying healthy in the Summer time?

This is nature's season for growth and maturation. In fact, how many of you have been enjoying lettuce and spinach from your garden, or watching your flower garden become multi-colored with the many blossoms? Spring lambs are becoming sheep and apple blossoms are becoming apples. Living things all around us are maturing. It is a time of long daylight hours, warmth, and dryness. Some of the gifts of Summer include joy, love, and warmth (just think of summer love); passion and compassion; partnership and community (don't you just love the picnics and festivals); intimacy and closeness (sitting with a loved one on a swing); spontaneity (Sunday drives in the convertible); and playfulness and lightheartedness (just watch the children playing outside). How many of the gifts of Summer do you identify with? Can you see the energy of Summer within yourself?

How can you stay healthy (body/mind/spirit) during the Summer season? By 1) feeding the "fire" within yourself; 2) staying cool and hydrated; 3) protecting yourself when you are enjoying the outdoors; 4) exercising; 5) enjoying nature's

bounty; 6) creating special times with family and friends; and 7) taking time to relax.

Feeding the "Fire". This is the season to consider: In what areas am I maturing? Ask yourself, "Is my partnership with a significant other evolving?" "Are my friendships deepening?" "Am I growing into my role as a parent?" Listen for the answers and give yourself time and space to grow.

Think about the range of fire that you have ever enjoyed, from the cozy warmth of a campfire, to the radiance of a blazing fire, to the unending light of the sun. We contain within ourselves all of these types of "Fire". Tender care must be taken in tending to our "Fire". When we don't have enough fire within, we can feel as if the joys of life are extinguished. Too much fire within, may cause our passions to burn themselves out. A healthy fire at our core shows up as a deep abiding joy, and ability to love, laugh, and play. It also includes touching and being touched by everything.

So, ask yourself: "When was the last time that I had a good belly laugh?" "When was the last time that I made others laugh?" "Am I good at playing the fool?" "Am I good at lighting up the room?" Remember that appropriate fire attracts and draws others near to you.

If you would like to "test your fire", try one or more of the following practices:

For one week open and extend yourself into the world. Introduce yourself to people, say hello to people on the street who meet your eyes. When you do this how does life show up differently around you?

Practice appropriate physical touch as a way to connect and communicate with others. When you do this observe, how the person responded.

Bring the gifts of summer and the qualities of fire to a particular situation at home, with friends, or at work. When you do this how did life show up differently around you?

Staying Cool and Hydrated. Eat watermelon! Watermelon is 98% water. You may be accustomed to drinking ice-cold water, but this intense cold is not the best option. A very cold drink can cause our digestive system to become out of balance. So, enjoy a slice of watermelon, or consider juicing the watermelon. It will help to regulate your temperature. Other summer foods that help to cool you are: apricots, peaches, berries, oranges, cucumbers, asparagus, bean sprouts, spinach, and watercress. Additionally, herbs that are cooling include cilantro and mint.

Protect Yourself When Outdoors. Give yourself time to truly experience nature. When out, wear a hat, sun protective clothing, and sunglasses. Use natural sunscreens. The SPF number gives you some idea of how long you can stay in the sun without burning. For example, if you burn in 10 minutes without sunscreen and you apply a liberal dose of sunscreen with a SPF number of 15, you should be protected from sunburn for 150 minutes. The sunscreen should protect from UVB and UVA rays (there is no system to rate for UVA protection).

Exercise. Begin or keep up an exercise program. Aerobic activity like biking, swimming, and hiking is important for a healthy heart. Who doesn't enjoy playing softball, volleyball, or golf in the summer time? Also, you could try out a new activity like kayaking, canoeing, sailing, or waterskiing.

Enjoy Nature's Bounty. Seasonal



fruits and vegetables are at their best. Consume foods that are cooling and light, such as, fresh fruits and vegetables, raw fruit and vegetable juices, raw salads, and light protein. Fresh fruits include peaches, plums, apricots, berries, melons, bananas, pears, and citrus. Fresh vegetables include cucumbers, green leafy vegetables (endive, escarole, and watercress), tomatoes, and pepper. Try eating more of these later in the day versus having a heavier meal at night. Raw, unsweetened fruit and vegetable juices are wonderful. Just remember that fruit juices tend to elevate insulin levels when consumed, where as vegetable juices do not raise insulin levels like fruit juices. Raw salads such as coleslaw, cucumber salad, leafy salads are light and refreshing (try the following website for ideas for juices and summer salads: <http://allrecipes.com>). Light proteins such as nuts, seeds, sprouted beans, soy products, yogurt, cottage cheese, fish, and chicken are great in the summer time because they won't "weigh you down".

Finally, use the sun's heat and make sun green tea. Green tea is known for its antioxidants. Just make sure that you use a glass jar, and think about adding some mint leaves – this will be refreshing on a hot day!

Create Special Times. Plan a trip with family, children, and friends who enjoy being outdoors. For example, hiking in the wild, camping, playing at the river, or resting at the ocean can help to rekindle your connection with the EARTH and enrich your whole life.

Time to Relax. Lie in a hammock, sit on a swing, or just sit outside on a nice evening. Slow down and absorb the sunlight. This may help with depression and may help reset your "biological clock", which controls sleeping and waking. When you go out for the day, leave your cell phone at home. Don't wear a watch for a day. You could even try a week off from TV. Observe how life shows up without the constant stimulus.

So, this Summer, recharge your internal battery with solar power! Have a good time

If you are interested in learning more about how to stay healthy with the seasons, read the 2003 edition of Staying Healthy with the Seasons by Elson Haas.

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# FITNESS AND HEALTH

## Seasonal veggies taste great, try some today!

Linda Stultz  
Fitness Trainer

Have you been thinking about eating healthier? This is a great time of the year to start. Vegetables are coming into season and much more will follow in the next few months. Spring and summer are the best times to start preparing healthier meals or improve the menus you use now because fresh vegetables are low calorie, high nutrient, readily available and best of all, great tasting foods that will help with the healthy eating style you are looking for.

Many people think they don't like squash or eggplant or many greens but there are some great recipes out there that contain vegetables that are beneficial for you and you don't even know they are in there because when mixed with other things you can't taste them. This is a great way to get kids and even adults to eat their veggies without them knowing or complaining about them. I know it may be hiding things from them but it also may be the only way to get them to eat the healthy foods they need and just maybe once they find out what they have been eating and realize that they liked it, they may start eating some of the foods they thought they didn't like.

Check out some of the recipes on the internet or talk with others about the foods your family won't eat and you may be surprised how many ideas people have come up with. There are several

cookbooks on the market with recipes that taste great and will surprise you with what is in them.

Usually people like fruit and it is easier to get your family to eat fruit than it is to get them to eat vegetables. Fruit is a nutritious food but it is also high in sugar content. We decided to give up sugar for a few weeks and were pleasantly surprised at the results. Cleansing our pallet of sugar showed us that when we ate the foods again they were just too sweet and we felt much better after losing the weight and not eating the sugar.

I hope this article will inspire you to check out the veggie aisle the next time you go to the grocery store or to stop by the local roadside stand and stock up on the fresh vegetables now available. Eat-

ing vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet any time of the year and an important part of a plan to lose weight.

Fresh vegetables are the best for low calories but when they are not available or not convenient for you, frozen are also packed with nutrients and can be stored longer than fresh. Foods that come in cans usually contain higher salt and sugar to help preserve them. Always check the amount especially if you have high blood pressure or other problems with salt.

Some people have decided to can or freeze their own vegetables like their parents and grandparents did. This is more work but we enjoy the time spent together and know that these foods are healthier than canned. Take a few minutes and get your family involved

in planning the next grocery list. This will make them feel a part of the planning process and hopefully they will be excited about the kinds of foods you get and want to try new foods or eat more of the fresh foods and less of the processed snacks they usually eat.

Involving kids in meal planning

teaches them healthy habits and makes them feel important and may just get them interested in planting a garden, cooking and even coming up with some recipes of their own.

Meals are part of a healthy eating plan along with exercise so Keep Moving and call me at 717-334-6009 if you have any questions or have any ideas that I can share in future articles.

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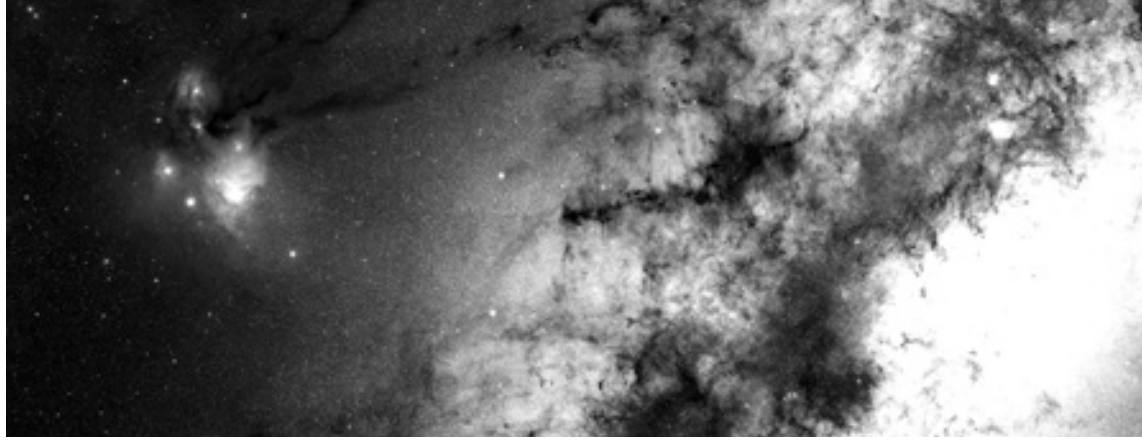
# The night sky of July

Professor Wayne Wooten

For July 2018, the waning gibbous moon passes north of Mars in the morning sky on July 1st. Look how bright Mars appears this morning. The earth is overtaking Mars, making it much closer, bigger, and brighter than it appears normally. The moon is third quarter on July 6th, and new on July 12th. This new moon does pass in front of the sun, but only in Australia is a partial solar eclipse seen. 40 minutes after sunset on July 14, the very slender crescent moon passes just above Mercury in the SW twilight; binocs are recommended!

The next evening gives a great photo op with the crescent moon passing just north of Venus in the evening sky. The moon is first quarter on July 19th. The waxing gibbous moon passes just north of Saturn on July 24th. The full moon, the Thunder Moon, is again north of much brighter Mars on July 27th. Mars is at opposition on July 26th, the closest and brightest it has been since August 2003. And the full moon is totally eclipsed as well, but only for the eastern hemisphere, alas! Quite a month for stargazers!

This July Mercury is visible in the SW twilight below Venus early in the month, with greatest elongation on July 11th. Before it passes between us and the sun, try first spotting it low in SW, then much brighter Venus above it, then turn to spot bright Jupiter in Libra in the south, then further east



The "Great Rift," a dark nebula in front of our solar system, evolved in the Galactic Year of 250 million. (According to Jack Deatherage, the Great Rift is the source of the alien mind control message that directed him to get a tattoo. See story on page 17).

Saturn above the teapot of Sagittarius, and then Mars in Capricornus rising in SE just before Mercury sets. It is very rare to have all naked eye planets visible at once!

Venus dominates the western evening sky, and should be easily found in daylight on June 15th, with the crescent moon guide to the lower left of it just before sunset. Telescopically it is a gibbous bright disk, 70% sunlight now. No other details are noted with amateur scopes alas.

Mars is in Capricornus, Telescopically the south polar cap is the easiest feature to see, but shrinking daily. Opposition is on July 26th, so this is the best time to observe the red planet since 2003. Our featured photo is when Mars was still gibbous in phase, the south polar cap was prominent at the bottom of the disk, and the dark feature Syrtis major in center of the disk. Since Mars is so small even when

fully lit at opposition on July 26th, use your highest power and hope for steady seeing to spot detail like this during the next few months!

Jupiter is well placed for evening observers in Libra. It was at opposition on May 5th, and is now well up in the SE as twilight falls. Any small scope will also spot its four Galilean moons. The Great Red Spot is unusually red now, and should also be spotted among its clouds at 100X with even small scopes. But the most beautiful object in the sky is Saturn, which came to opposition in Sagittarius on June 27th. It is not quite as open as last year. Look closely for its large moon Titan, and also perhaps for smaller moons Dione, Rhea, and Tethys. Download the program Stellarium at [www.stellarium.org](http://www.stellarium.org) and you can zoom in on the planets to find the layout of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn at any moment.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion is in the SW. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dip-

per's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four-sided grouping. Jupiter lies just east of Spica this July. North of Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, is where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years distant.

To the east, Hercules is well up, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from Carl Sagan's novel and movie, "Con-

tact"), rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. At the opposite end of the parallelogram of Lyra is M-57, the Ring Nebula.

Northeast of Lyra is Cygnus, the Swan, flying down the Milky Way. Its bright star Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross" is one of the luminaries of the Galaxy, about 50,000 times more luminous than our Sun and around 3,000 light years distant. Under dark skies, note the "Great Rift", a dark nebula in front of our solar system as we revolve around the core of the Milky Way in the Galactic Year of 250 million of our own years.

To the east, Altair is the third bright star of the summer triangle. It lies in Aquila the Eagle, and is much closer than Deneb; it lies within about 13 light years of our Sun. Use your binocs to pick up many clusters in this rich region of our own Cygnus spiral arm rising now in the east.

To the south, Antares is well up at sunset in Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Scorpius is the brightest constellation in the sky, with 13 stars brighter than the pole star Polaris! Note the fine naked eye clusters M-6 and M-7, just to the left of the Scorpion's tail. Beautiful Saturn now sits well north of the stinger in the scorpion's tail.

Just a little east of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which lies toward the center of the Milky Way. From a dark sky site, you can pick out the fine stellar nursery, M-8, the Lagoon Nebula, like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout.

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**Tornado Watch:** Watch out for possible tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region from the 18th to the 21st of July.

**Full Moon:** July's Full Moon, which occurs on July 27th. Many Native Americans refer to it as Thunder Moon because of the increased number of thunderstorms, some quite severe, that

occur during this month. Other tribes have called it Buck Moon due the rapid growth of antlers on young bucks in July, Hay Moon since hay tended to ripen at this time of year, and Ripe Corn Moon because of the appearance of young corn on the stalks.

**Special Notes:** Get ready for the 'Dog Days of Summer' that begin on Tuesday, July 3rd and continue into mid-August.

**Holidays:** Celebrate Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4th! This most famous day in U.S. history, in 1776, witnessed The Continental Congress passing a resolution saying, "these United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be, free and independent states". When enjoying the holiday, be sure to remember sunscreen. Apply frequently, especially if swimming or engaged in strenuous activities.

**The Garden:** During the dry summer months, remember to mow the lawn when it is high and mow less often. Taller grass withstands

drought better because its blades shade the soil. Invest in a rain gauge and keep track of your rain. This is not only helpful, but fun as well. Allow roses to rest in late-July. Do not fertilize, but continue spraying, and give them a light pruning to encourage new Fall growth. Repot houseplants that have been kept outdoors if roots start to crowd their containers. If you have to divide plants, give them a chance to recover from the disruption to their root system by keeping them in the shade for at least a week. Deadhead some perennials, either for continued bloom, or for improved foliage. Leggy annuals may need to be pruned back to encourage new growth and more flowering. Some annuals don't take hot weather and may need to be replaced. This is the last month to plant these veggies for a fall crop: snap beans, peas, cucumbers, carrots, kohlrabi, summer squash, early sweet corn, and green onions, among others.

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

*"Do not regard liberty and freedom so lightly that you forget its value and take it for granted."*

COMPUTER Q&A

# New computers and operating systems

Aysë Stenabaugh

Whether you are purchasing a new computer, switching from one computer to another, or re-installing your operating system, there are a few things you should be aware of. You should consider what software you would like to be on your new device. You may or may not want to transfer data from an old device to a new one.

**Software**

Sometimes when you purchase a new computer it comes with additional software such as Microsoft Office or Antivirus. When you re-install your operating system or change devices, this software will need re-installed. Usually, if your computer came with software the only way to retrieve it is to restore your computer back to factory. If you did not make recovery discs or a recovery flash drive when you first got your device, you may be out of luck. You can try contacting the manufacturer or the place you purchased your product however, they have no obligations to help you retrieve your software.

If you are switching from one device to another, you also need to manually install your software. Sometimes you can download a retail copy of your software but, you will need your product key to activate it. Most paid software is licensed and includes a 25-digit product key that will need to be entered once the software is installed.

**Data**

If you decide that you would like to transfer your data from one computer to another, you can do so manually by copying the data to a flash drive or an external device. If you had software that was backing up your computer prior to the switch, you may be able to use the same software to restore the data into the same locations on your new device. Remember, data only takes up storage space, it does not slow the computer down unless your hard drive is close to being at full capacity.

If your old device is no longer in operation, that doesn't mean that your data is no longer accessible. While hard drive failure is one of the more common issues (especially after 4 or more years of use) there are many other reasons why a device can fail. In most cases your local computer repair shop can remove your devices hard drive and connect it to an external computer to determine if the data is accessible.

**Why is it a good idea to do a fresh install?**

Over time your computer becomes overwhelmed with software and data that is no longer being used. You will find that by re-installing the operating system you can drastically increase

your devices performance. You can choose to only install the software that you are going to use on your device, eliminating programs that may be running unnecessarily. You may be surprised at the amount of storage space that you gain following a re-install due to temporary files and update files that are not needed.

**Keeping your Computer running well**

Once you do a fresh installation you can keep your computer running well by following a few tips. Ensure that your computer is receiving updates by restarting the computer at least once a week. Even if you are not using your device you should turn it on to receive updates occasionally so that when you are ready to use the device it isn't busy. Ensure that you are using a good quality antivirus to protect your computer from viruses and malware. We recommend AVAST which runs \$75 for a two year license when purchased through us, with that you receive free tech support for the AVAST software! We

recommend yearly maintenance on your device which we offer in the form of a "clean-up" service. If you have children or multiple users on your device, you should create separate user accounts to help keep any software problems that may arise contained. Lastly, we highly recommend a backup solution for your computer, this not only ensures that your personal data is safe, it also provides you with a way to restore your device if you get a bad update or a virus that infects your computer.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 1**  
 Music Gettysburg Presents 'Dearest Home' - Fourth of July weekend wouldn't be the same without a performance by this group, dedicated to performing Civil War era music in lively and moving fashion, with authentic instruments and heart-breaking vocals. For more information about this and other concerts in the Music, Gettysburg! schedule, please call 717-339-1334, or visit [www.musicgettysburg.org](http://www.musicgettysburg.org).

**July 2**  
 Served with Grace Free Community Meal, 5:30-7 p.m., Graceham Moravian Church.

**July 5-8**  
 155th Annual Gettysburg Civil War Battle Reenactment.

**July 7**  
 University of Maryland Extension Frederick County Master Garden-

ers present: "Make-and-Take Miniature Garden." For school-age children. Each child will learn how to select plants, and create a small container garden with decorative accents. Materials are free. Pre-registration is required. To register call 301-600-1595.

**July 7, 13, 14, 21**  
 Gettysburg Community Theatre's America the Beautiful - A musical tribute for the whole family! Heartfelt patriotic, Americana, and other popular music performed by local talent. 49 York St, Gettysburg.

**July 7 & 8**  
 Monocacy National Battlefield's 154th Anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy. Join the park as we commemorate the anniversary of the

Battle of Monocacy with military and civilian living history encampments. There will be hands-on activities for kids of all ages.

**July 11**  
 Adam's County Master Gardeners' Garden Chat in the Trial Gardens at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. The Garden Chats are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

**July 14**  
 University of Maryland Extension Frederick County Master Gardeners present: "Summer Planting for the Fall Garden." Begin to plant in summer for a second harvest in the fall. Find out what to plant and when to plant it. Dis-

cover the benefits of making and using row covers. To register call 301-600-1595. Walk-ins are welcome if there is room.

Taneytown Historical Society Museum's Family Toy Day. The toys from 1890-1990 loaned by 31 local community families contain many heirlooms. There will be face painting, balloons, rocking horse display, pedal tractors, marble shoot, a free book for each child, fishing and much more. Light refreshments will be served. For more information visit [www.taneytownhh.org](http://www.taneytownhh.org).

**July 16 - 20, 22**  
 "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 thru 5th grade (completed); 6:30 - 8:45 pm, Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd., Thurmont. Register by July 8 online at [www.gracehammoravian.org](http://www.gracehammoravian.org) or call 301-271-2379. Open to all.

**July 21**  
 Adams County Irish Festival at Gettysburg. The Adams County Irish Festival at Gettysburg will be held rain or shine at Moose Park in Straban Township about 3 1/2 miles east of Gettysburg. The festival offers family fun for everyone with Irish music all day, dancers, vendors of Irish goods, food and beverage, Irish wolfhounds & more!

Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge's Peach Festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the Big Slide. Come enjoy good home-cooked food from 4 - 9 p.m. Music by "Silver Eagle Band" from 6 - 9 p.m. Come join us in Christian Fellowship - surely a good time for everyone of all ages.

Music, Gettysburg! presents The Yankee Brass Band - Harking back to the day when every town had its own brass band, this group of virtuosos from New England will bring authentic arrangements and instruments to Gettysburg. The concert is free and open to the public, and will be held in the chapel of the United Lutheran Seminary at 147 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg. For more information about these and other concerts in the Music, Gettysburg! schedule, please call 717-339-1334 or visit [www.musicgettysburg.org](http://www.musicgettysburg.org).

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**2018 Walkersville Volunteer Fire Co. #11 CARNIVAL**

**Monday, July 2nd thru Saturday, July 7th**

Mon., July 2 - **Reagan Years Band**  
 Special Ride All Night - 6 - 10:30 p.m.  
 Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Baked Ham Buffet

Tues., July 3 - **Brush Fire Band**  
 Gigantic FIREWORKS DISPLAY 10 P.M.  
 \$500 Raffle Drawing  
 Roast Turkey, Fried Chicken, Baked Ham Buffet

Wed., July 4 - Special Ride All Night - 6 - 10:30 p.m.  
**Debbie Williams & The Rockin' Bridge Band**  
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 Fried Shrimp, Roast Beef, Baked Ham Buffet

Thurs., July 5 - **Rock N' Roll Relies**  
 Special Ride All Night - 6 - 10:30 p.m.  
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 Fried Chicken, Baked Ham, Roast Turkey Buffet

Fri., July 6th - Gigantic FIREWORKS DISPLAY 10 P.M.  
**Full Effect Band**  
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Sat., July 7th - **Brickyard Road Band**  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 21 & 22**

Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival - Vintage baseball teams from around the country will gather in Gettysburg to compete in a different kind of baseball tournament. The games will be played just as they were in 1863 - following the rules and wearing the uniforms from the 19th century. The weekend kicks off Friday night with a kid's clinic and all clubs match at the Gettysburg Area Recreation Park. 22 club teams from around the country will play in 22 games throughout Saturday, as well as another 22 games on Sunday. Step back in time and enjoy a relaxing weekend watching 19th century baseball! For more information call 410-967-7482.

**July 26 - 28**

Elias Lutheran Church Yard Sale. 100W North Ave, Emmitsburg.

**July 28 & 29**

Great War Weekend, this weekend event will commemorate the entry of the US into World War I, as well as Eisenhower's role as post commander of Camp Colt, the US Army's WWI tank training center located on the Gettysburg Battlefield. A living history camp with soldiers and historic vehicles will be on site and special programs will be offered. For more information call 717-338-9114 or visit [www.nps.gov/eise](http://www.nps.gov/eise).

**July 31**

South Mountain Fair - small country fair featuring rides for the kids, barns filled with farm animals, many homemade needlework exhibits, pho-

tography, home canned fruits and vegetables, fresh produce and fruits, and beautiful flowers, all on display and lots of food! In addition there is nightly entertainment in the auditorium, a fireworks display one evening, and the antique tractor and farm machinery parade another evening, and so much more. Something for everyone to enjoy! Unlimited carnival rides are included in the admission price! All entertainment is also included in the admission. Fair hours are: Tuesday through Friday, 4-10 p.m. and Saturday, 1 - 10 p.m.

**Events at Hollabaugh Bros**

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do so today! The Company needs you! You must register for each individual class.

**July 14 & 15**

Hollabaugh Brother's Inc. 63rd Annual Blueberry Festival! Mark your 2018 calendars for our 63rd Anniversary weekend on July 14 and 15, 2018. 545 Carlise Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307 717-677-8412

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