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Emmitsburg prepares for Heritage Days

With four million visitors expected to be in the area to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Emmitsburg is taking the opportunity to celebrate its own role in the historic battle. For the past 31 years the Emmitsburg Lions Club has hosted a Community Day to benefit the charities and scholarships it supports, and this year's Heritage Days celebration, June 28-30, will feature three days of free, family-friendly events for residents and visitors.

"The Lions Club celebrates Emmitsburg Community Day every year on the last Saturday in June, and it is always a great success," says Cliff Sweeney, town commissioner and president of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, "But this year we were inspired to expand the event to include much, much, more."

Scheduled events include an all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Vigilant Hose Company, old-time field games, a walking path workout, the annual Sheriff's Bicycle Ride, an automotive show, an All-Star Little League baseball game, the Lions Club barbecue, vendors and crafters, and musical performances at the community bandstand.

Many events will tie into the town's Civil War history.



The organizers of the Emmitsburg Heritage Days hope to recreate the feel and spirit of Emmitsburg's "Old Hometown Week" celebrations of the early 1900s.

"Emmitsburg has a rich history," says Mike Hillman of the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, and managing editor of this newspaper, "and the personal accounts from Emmitsburg about the Battle are some of the most compelling." In particular is the story about the Great Fire of Emmitsburg (see story on page 24), which began suspiciously just a few weeks before Union troops arrived, and burned nearly two-thirds of the town.

The Seton Shrine will offer

our Civil War history tour, 'Miracles Amid the Firestorm,' which discusses the Sisters' personal accounts of the days leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg," said Rob Judge, executive director at the Shrine.

There will also be walking tours of Emmitsburg and the National Shrine of the Grotto of Lourdes, and the Frederick County Fire/Rescue Museum and Heritage Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial and To Lift

a Nation monument will be open from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., but visitors are reminded to bring photo ID to pass through a security check.

A town-wide yard/sidewalk sale will be followed by the parade at 6 p.m. and fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

"This is our town at its best," says Cliff Sweeney. "We come together to celebrate our past and give to the future."

See page 41 for a complete schedule of Heritage Days events.

Ron Harris wins mayoral primary

Carroll Valley Borough incumbent Mayor Ronald Harris has been nominated by the Republican Party to run for mayor in the November general election, defeating challenger Michael J. Flannery.

Borough residents cast 250 mayoral votes in the May 21 primary election, 158 of those, or 63.20 percent, for Harris, and 91, or 36.40, for Flannery.

Regarding his primary victory, Harris told the News-Journal, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breaths away. This is one such moment."

"I will try my best to live up to the confidence that the voters have placed in me. I thank the voters and appreciate their confidence in me," he stated.

Regarding the borough Council, four candidates, including three incumbents, vied for nomination for three vacant, four-year term seats. The three vacated seats include those of John Van Volkenburgh, Daniel Joseph Patton and Ken Lundberg, all of whom ran for nomination for reelection.

Of the 415 votes cast, Daniel Joseph Patton received 145 votes, or 34.94 percent. John Van Volkenburgh garnered 130 votes, or 31.33 percent, while non-incumbent John Cazalas received 129 votes, or 31.0 percent. Incumbent Ken Lundberg failed to achieve nomination.

In Fairfield Borough, the mayor seat and three seats on the borough council will be vacated with no one registered to run for any of the council positions.

Incumbent Mayor Robert R. Stanley, the sole candidate running for nomination in the hopes of ultimately securing another four-year term, received 40 of 41 votes cast.

The three seats that will become vacant include those of councilmen Dean Thomas, Alex Kessell and Shawn Gageby. No one had registered to run for any of the seats in the primary to be on the ballot, although there were write-in votes for nine individuals.

However, as the result of a preliminary count at the Fairfield poll, none of the nine individuals received ten or more votes, mean-

ing none of the nine qualified to be listed as candidates in the general election ballot, according to the Adams County Office of Elections & Registration.

A representative of the county board said the official write-in count was not be immediately available, and also stated those who failed to acquire enough write-in votes to be nominated in the primary election can run as write-in in the general election.

In Hamiltonban Township, two township Board of Supervisors six-year term seats will be vacated. Two incumbents ran in the primary for nomination, one as a write-in, along with two challengers.

The seats being vacated are those presently occupied by supervisors Harry Rood and James Grinder. Contesting the incum-



bents were former Supervisor Edward Deardorff and former township Secretary LuAnn Dille.

The top two candidates prevailing in the primary were Deardorf, with 147 votes, or 45.94 percent, and Rood, with 92 votes, or 28.75 percent. A total of 320 votes were cast, including 81 write-ins.

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Budget and tax rates stable in 2014

Emmitsburg's commissioners voted to maintain the current property tax rate through 2014 at their May 20 town meeting, and indicated few concerns over Mayor Don Briggs' \$1.6 million budget proposal, which is balanced at nearly the same amount as last year's.

Under the Board's plan, property owners will continue to pay 36 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, despite a decline in the tax base in recent years.

"By holding this rate we're actually going to take in \$505 less this year than we did last year," said Town Manager Dave Haller, "and over the last four years, due to assessment changes, we're taking in about 25% less in property tax money than we did four years ago. But we think this is adequate to run our budget."

The town has been able to maintain services without increasing taxes largely because of a Frederick County tax equity policy enacted by the Board of County Commissioners in March of last year. The change in policy increased the amount of tax dollars reimbursed to municipalities that provide their own public services

rather than receiving them from the county and, for Emmitsburg, was enough to offset the simultaneous decline in property tax revenue.

Otherwise, little has changed from last year's budget, and the Board is poised to move forward with the proposal at the June 3 meeting. Voting was delayed to give Commissioner Patrick Joy, who was unable to attend the meeting, a chance to provide feedback.

One item that will be brought back for further discussion is the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for town staff. Commissioner Chris Staiger voiced concern that the proposed 2% COLA, which amounts to \$12,800, didn't appear to be tied to any nationally recognized figure and thus risked ballooning arbitrarily if continued into the future. Staiger made a motion to adopt a 1.7% COLA based on a figure from the Social Security Administration (SSA). The other commissioners agreed that the number should be tied to some annually published figure, but the motion failed in a tie vote after Town Clerk Donna Despres ex-

plained that the 2% figure was calculated from the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"When my motion to adopt the SSA COLA rate deadlocked, I felt it was better to let the issue ride until our next meeting – when we hope to have all five commissioners and can hopefully reach a consensus," Staiger said after the meeting. "At that time we can discuss the merits of the current staff process and decide if a change is in order."

Staiger also requested that staff itemize expenses for the town square redesign in the capital improvement fund rather than lumping them together under a single entry in order to keep better track of spending in what could be a \$500,000 project.

"We're in for \$50,000 of town funds plus \$50,000 of grants already, and I don't want this to get out of hand, and I think we need to proceed at a measured pace and be very deliberative about what we're doing," Staiger said.

The redesign has been awaiting approval from the State Highway Administration, but is anticipated to move forward to detailed drawings in the coming months.

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Mason Dixon Center open for tourism season

The picturesque Mason Dixon Welcome Center just north of Emmitsburg on Route 15 kicked off the 2013 tourism season with an open house on May 8 as part of the National Travel and Tourism Week.

Memorial Day weekend may traditionally be considered the beginning of vacation season, but since a 1983 joint resolution was passed in Congress, the first full week of May has been designated as National Travel and Tourism Week. More than 120 travel destinations participated in this year's observation of the tradition, including all five of Maryland's welcome centers.

This summer is expected to be exceptionally busy for the Mason Dixon Center, which already receives the highest number of tourist buses, many of which come from upstate New York en route to D.C., compared to the other welcome centers on I-95 and I-70. With celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg expected to draw crowds numbering into the millions, the Center will be a resource not only for travelers looking for restrooms, but perhaps also for those seeking alternative—especially less crowded—activities and attractions in the area.

On Friday, June 28, there will be

a ribbon cutting ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. to mark the Center's re-opening and the installation of new exhibits highlighting the area's local orchards, scenic byway, and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, among other attractions. The ceremony will include living historians and will be capped with a short Civil War lecture about Emmitsburg and its role during the Battle of Gettysburg, all leading into Emmitsburg's

Heritage Days festivities planned for that weekend.

The Mason Dixon Center has quickly gotten back on its feet after being shuttered for two years due to state budget cuts. It has five paid employees, but also relies on a dedicated volunteer staff, and is working with Mount Saint Mary's to recruit student volunteers, especially those studying history. The staff are extremely knowledgeable about the re-

gion's most popular sites for tourists, but also pride themselves on being able to direct local residents to attractions they may have never heard of.

Last year the Center hosted its first annual Veteran's Day open house, drawing in local businesses that donated food and drinks. The Center's supervisor, David Yoder, himself a veteran, hopes to make this year's open house even bigger and better.

The Mason Dixon Welcome Center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rocky Ridge dedicates vintage fire engine

On June 18, the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. dedicated its newly restored Model A fire engine. A loyal crowd of Rocky Ridge citizens and Fire Company volunteers turned out for the festivities, which included the now famous Rocky Ridge hospitality of cakes, ice cream, and great fellowship.

Included in the crowd were several members of the community who actually rode the Model A to fight fires. In addition, County Commissioner Blaine Young dropped by to show his support for local volunteer fire companies.

Originally placed into service in 1930, the engine has served both Rocky Ridge and Emmitsburg Fire Companies. The Model A began its fire service journey in the town of Emmitsburg as the first piece of motorized apparatus. As Vigilant Hose Company upgraded to more modern engines, the Model A was sold to Rocky Ridge.

Chip Jewell of the Frederick County Emergency Services has fond memories of the engine: "When I look at the front seat of the Model A, I see Rob-



Some of the firemen who actually used the 1930 Model A to fight fires. In truck: President of Fire Company Dale Kline (passenger) and Dennis Mathias (driver). In front of the truck (left to right): Charles Riggs, Alan Brauer, and Ronnie Eyler.

ert Albaugh, grinning from ear to ear, coming through the Rocky Ridge parade and yelling at me as he passed the reviewing stand. Or I see Robert Albaugh and Melvin Troxell driving back from the Ocean City parade on Rt. 50 in the driving rainstorm. I see Bobby Mumma behind the wheel with Betty Ann by his side and his yellow Rocky Ridge golf shirt, much happier with the Model A than the newer Pierce engine."

Chip commended the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for not only restoring a piece of company history, but also preserving the legacy of the leaders of this department that have left an indelible mark on the Rocky Ridge community. "Their boots will never be filled, but their foundation of dedication and commitment to the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company and the Rocky Ridge community will never be forgotten."



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Hamiltonban approves street tree list

The Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at their May 7 meeting to approve a list of acceptable roadside trees that may be planted in conjunction with newly constructed streets.

The regulations apply to newly constructed township roads or streets, as well as those planned in conjunction with subdivision and land development projects.

The township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, as revised and approved in 2012, al-

ready calls for road-side tree plantings. The adopted tree list provides a list of trees that would be acceptable in fulfilling the development ordinance.

Robert L. Gordon, board of supervisor chairman, told the News Journal the list of trees approved at the May 7 meeting was developed by the township Planning Commission and recommended to the board for approval. The types of trees selected, he said, represented species that posed the least threat to various aspects of infrastructure as they matured.

"We wanted to tell the developers what the approved trees were because of the concerns to make sure they don't plant trees that are going to have all kind so foot structures that destroy sidewalks and create dirt and problems," Gordon stated. Trees were chosen trees "that were not going to be destructive or cause a lot of problems."

Gordon said that, as a result of the approval of the tree list, any development or subdivision proposed in the township would have to include plans for street trees from the approved list, and that "that would be

part of the approval process."

Township Planning Commission Chairman Russell Ryan told the News Journal that the trees selected by the commission comprised species that were native to Pennsylvania, or that had traditionally thrived here after having been introduced early on in the history of the region.

The planning commission, he said, endeavored to avoid including "exotic or other (non-historic) introduced species."

Approved small trees, defined as those that mature at under 30 feet in

height, included Serviceberry, Serviceberry (many cultivars), Hornbeam, American Redbud, and the Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn.

Medium trees, those that tend to grow from 30 to 40 feet in height, may include the Thornless Honey Locust and Hop-hornbeam.

Large trees, those that attain a height of 40 feet or more, may include Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Bitternut Hickory, Pignut Hickory, Shagbark Hickory, Mockernut Hickory, Hackberry, Kentucky Coffee tree, Tupelo Black Gum, White Oak, Scarlet Oak, Pin Oak, Northern Red Oak, and the Linden Basswood.

Fairfield Fire & EMS holds open house

In recognition of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, May 19-26, the Fairfield Fire and EMS held their annual open house in May to allow residents to meet local emergency responders and see the equipment they use while performing their duties.

Several dozen local residents and families attended the event under overcast skies accompanied by occasional misty rain. Weather conditions were blamed for the diminished attendance experienced this year, which had even included a threat of thunderstorms in the evening. The threatening weather didn't seem to dampen their appetites for the free lunch provided by the fire company, however.

Fairfield displayed its entire fleet of firefighting and medical

transport vehicles, joined by the Biglerville Fire Company, who brought a custom-designed Rehab trailer and crew to the event as well.

Also present were members of the Gettysburg Hospital's Decontamination team who had set up and demonstrated their decon shelter. The Adams Co. Fire Safety trailer was also present. The trailer allows children to get some fire safety tips from a firefighter, then as the trailer fills with artificial smoke, the kids get to practice how to safely get out of their homes in a fire emergency. Rounding out the displays and demonstrations was a therapy and search dog team and the Maryland Search & Rescue demonstrating a rappelling rescue.

Displaying the fleet also provided the fire and ambulance

company with an opportunity to show-off two new additions to their emergency response apparatus.

The most recent acquisition of the new 2013 F550 Ford turbo diesel ambulance, purchased by the company for approximately \$225,000, paid for with donations and fundraiser, primarily bingo, according to EMS Captain Kip Hamilton.

The vehicle represents the first four-wheel drive ambulance the company has owned. "It turns very tightly, and rides like a car," Hamilton stated. Also included in the new ambulance are controls that work off a large touch screen monitor located in the cab. "That includes a built-in GPS and a rear-mounted back-up camera which really helps us back up some difficult driveways." It

is also the only ambulance in Adams County with a metal bracket designed to hold the new LifePak 12 monitor/defibrillators that the Wellspan medics are now using.

The second vehicle obtained by the company is a 2013 F250 Ford four-wheel drive traffic control unit assigned to the company Fire Police and designated as Adams Co. "Traffic 2."

Fire police Captain Chuck Schussler told the News-Journal this vehicle cost a total of \$63,000, paid for with donations, fundraising, and grant from the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association.

The vehicle actually provides the company with the first means of transporting emergency traffic control equipment, such as warning signage, cones, and flares the individual fire po-

lice previously had to transport to emergency incidents in their personally vehicles. In addition, it has a large arrow board on its roof which can warn approaching motorists of a closure or detour far enough in advance so they can safely react.

Fairfield emergency staff provided fire truck and ambulance rides to attendees, and even allowed children to try and put out a mock burning house using fire department hoses. A wrecked vehicle was also on-hand for rescue demonstrations.

Also attending to permit people to become familiar with their equipment and operations was the crew of LifeNet 81, a medical evacuation helicopter stationed in Hagerstown, and one of their "birds," as well as other emergency services. The arrival of the helicopter was incorporated this year into the extrication demo and is always a big hit with the public.

Borough sends overgrown lot rules to planning

The Carroll Valley Borough Council decided at their May 14 meeting to have the borough Planning Commission review existing regulations concerning overgrown lots to evaluate enforceability.

The decision to have planning look at the rules stemmed from conversations that occurred at the meeting regarding complaints received regarding a specific lot in the borough.

Because complaints received centered on overgrown, undeveloped lots, borough Manager David Hazlett asked the council if they would like the Code Enforcement Officer Dave Baker to add the inspection of unimproved lots to the list of routine inspections that already occur.

Presently, the code enforcement

officer only routinely inspect developed tracts regarding enforcement of regulations governing vegetative growth. As the issue presently stands, inspections of undeveloped tracts occur only when complaints are received.

"We don't actively enforce it (regulations that would govern growth on undeveloped lots) unless our feet are held to the fire (through complaints)" Hazlett stated.

As the council and Hazlett reviewed the ordinance in questions, questions arose regarding the potential obscurity of terms used and the definition, or lack thereof, of those terms.

Basically, the borough ordinance governing vegetative growth on any undeveloped or occupied lot prohibits allowing the growth of

noxious weeds, the accrual of debris, and/or allowing certain vegetative growth to exceed 12 inches in height.

However, a number of points of contention appear in the text of those restrictions generated concerns regarding definitions and enforceability of the regulations.

In particular, in the section of the regulations which prohibits allowing the growth of noxious weeds the ordinance further elaborates only if the growth of any noxious weeds "results in creating a clear and convincing nuisance or health hazard to

the occupants of a neighboring property.

Council members questioned the use of "clear and convincing nuisance or health hazard" as being too obscure and open to a lot of interpretation.

Additionally, the same section states, regarding the accumulation of debris, "that would constitute a fire hazard," is prohibited.

Regarding "fire hazard," Councilman Neil Abrams stated, "This is the stuff that borders on the ridiculous (because) woodlands are a fire hazard (by their very nature)."

Regarding the limit of the height

of vegetative growth, the ordinance states that the 12-inch height limit applies only to "any grass or weeds or vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose."

The ordinance does not state edible by whom (i.e. for human consumption) or address wild vegetation which is also edible.

The council decided to refrain from making any decisions relating to the ordinance at their May meeting and pass the ordinance on to the planning commission for their review and recommendations.

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Grinder returns to Thurmont Main Street Program

Vickie Grinder, one of the original proponents who helped achieve Thurmont's designation as a Main Street Maryland Community, and the program's first manager, will resume leadership this month after being selected from among other candidates by the town's Board of Commissioners in May. She will take over from current manager, Cindy McKane-Wagester, and is tasked with reenergizing the business climate in and around Thurmont's main intersection.

The Main Street program has been the centerpiece of Thurmont's economic development efforts since 2005 and has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants. As in many small towns, the recession took a toll on local businesses and at times left storefronts vacant, but Thurmont's commissioners are hopeful

that a restructuring of the program will turn the tide in a positive direction.

"We could change this whole landscape very easily," said Commissioner Bill Buehrer, "but you've got to have the leadership, and that's why we chose Vickie."

Grinder has extensive ties to the town's business community from her engagement in local economic development organizations and from publishing the Thurmont Times monthly newspaper, but is best known for being general manager of the Cozy Country Inn and Restaurant. She stepped down as manager of the Main Street program in 2008.

As she retakes the helm, a notable change from five years ago will be the availability of a dedicated Main Street office space in the former Thurmont branch library build-

ing near the town square. The town purchased the building, which has been vacant since the opening of the Thurmont Regional Library, and is in the process of renovating it to serve as a meeting place and resource for residents and tourists, and especially current and prospective local business owners.

"As a manager of a business, many people come into town and they have no idea what you have to go through to open up a business, and it can be a very frustrating process," Grinder said. "I'm hoping that I will be able to put together a package and seminars perhaps that will help educate these prospective entrepreneurs."

She also plans to continue an aggressive marketing and promotion campaign in newspapers and other publications, a strategy that led to multiple articles about the town



Commissioner and Main Street Liason, Bill Buehrer, Main Street Manager, Vickie Grinder, and Town Manager, Bill Blakeslee.

in Maryland Life magazine, among others.

Eight years into the Main Street designation, Town Manager Bill Blakeslee credits the program with creating jobs and continuing to bring new businesses into town.

"Our number of new businesses outweigh the number that have been lost," Blakeslee said. "I don't think there are any more empty storefronts downtown."

"We want to have the confidence of the people in the Main Street area," he continued, "Let them recognize that we're working to help them look at areas in which we can help them financially through grants. And we want the Main Street people to be very confident in our program, and I'm sure they're going to be confident in Vickie as the Main Street manager."

McKesson House Pottery relocates

Locally-owned McKesson House Polish Pottery has a new home as the result of a recent move to a restored barn in Fairfield Borough.

The pottery business, co-owned by Sally Thomas and her daughter, Heather Jenkins, recently moved from its former location at Thom-

as Publications to a Victorian "upcycled" barn located at the rear of a 204 East Main Street property in the borough.

Thomas is the wife of Dean Thomas, owner and operator of Thomas Publications and member of the Fairfield Borough Historical Architectur-

al Review Board.

The move merges the 11-year-old pottery business with an already-existing fine arts and crafts shop, Village Arts, that had previously been established in the barn by Thomas and Jenkins.

Thomas said, as a result of the re-

location of McKesson House, "Village Arts isn't an entity anymore." However she stated, "All of the artists who were with (selling through) Village Arts offered through McKesson House" at the barn. "They all get to stay."

The co-owner said the merger of the pottery business with the arts "worked out really well. The combination of the arts and pottery is beautiful."

As a result of the relocation, the 2,000 square foot, two-story barn is filled from top to bottom with a dazzling array of art work ranging from locally-made arts and crafts and hundreds of examples of fanciful Polish, classic, blue-on-white pottery.

The combined arts and pottery offerings, Thomas said, has made for "one of the most unique gift shops you can find anywhere."

Also available at the gift shop, as well as on-line, is Thomas' book, "The Ties of the Past," which has been reprinted just in time for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War battles that occurred in Gettysburg and Fairfield in 1863. The book was originally published in 1996.

The non-fiction book is about Thomas' great-great-grandmother, Salome Myers Stewart, who witnessed the events of 1863, and even attended wounded soldiers left in the wake



of the devastating three-days of battle.

The book draws on Stewart's diary entries and letters to piece together a history of her life from her "early years," through the three days of terror as armies collided on the fields in and around Gettysburg ("...the noise above our heads, the rattling of musketry, the screeching of shells, and the unearthly yells..."), to her twilight years. McKesson House Polish Pottery is open weekly from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The book is available in-store or purchasing arrangements can be made over the phone by calling 717-642-8013

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HISTORY

One hundred years ago this month

June 6

Chicken Thieves Busy

Last night chicken thieves visited at the home of Mrs. Emma Shelleman, who lives on Gettysburg road about 2 miles from town and carried away 21 fine chickens. This was the second time in the past two weeks that Mrs. Shelleman's chicken pens have been visited, the thieves, on the first occasion, getting 14 fowls. Mrs. Shelleman has no idea who the thieves are, and offers five dollars reward for any information that may lead to their apprehension.

Electric Company Incorporated

The Emmitsburg Electric Company was incorporated under the laws in Maryland last week. The capital stock is \$7500, divided into 750 shares at \$10 each. The objective of the company is to furnish electric lights and power service to Emmitsburg in its vicinity.

Horses Lost

Several valuable horses were lost during the past week. Two colts belonging to Mr. Edward Taney died after eating some moldy hay. A horse belonging to Mrs. Catherine Welty fell and broke his leg on Sunday evening and had to be shot. A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Thomas Baumgardner, of Four Points, was struck by lightning on Friday evening and instantly killed. The animal was in a pasture during the storm and probably near a wire fence.

Bowling Contest

The lower section of Emmitsburg defeated the upper district in a bowling contest at Matthew's new bowling alleys on Monday evening. The victory was the result of two games out of three. Much interest was shown throughout the game, as a large amount of rivalry has always been present between the two sides of town.

Mead Fuss Run Over by Team

Mr. Mead Fuss, a prominent farmer who lives on Taneytown Road about a mile and a half from Emmitsburg was seriously injured on Wednesday. The accident occurred on the pike just beyond the railroad depot.

Mr. Fuss was hauling lime to his farm with the horses took fright at the train engine. In an effort to prevent the team from running away he rushed to the lead horse but was thrown to the ground. It is thought that the first horse trampled him and he also went beneath the feet of two other horses and was terribly crushed, chiefly around the head.

The unconscious man was carried to the railroad station and later moved to the home of Dr. Stone. There he was attended by Dr. Stone, Dr. Bronner, and Dr. Jamison, who was summoned by Frederick by phone and made a hurried trip in his new automobile.

After a very serious operation Mr. Fuss rallied and there is some hope of recovery although he is a very precarious condition.

June 13

Death of Mr. Fuss

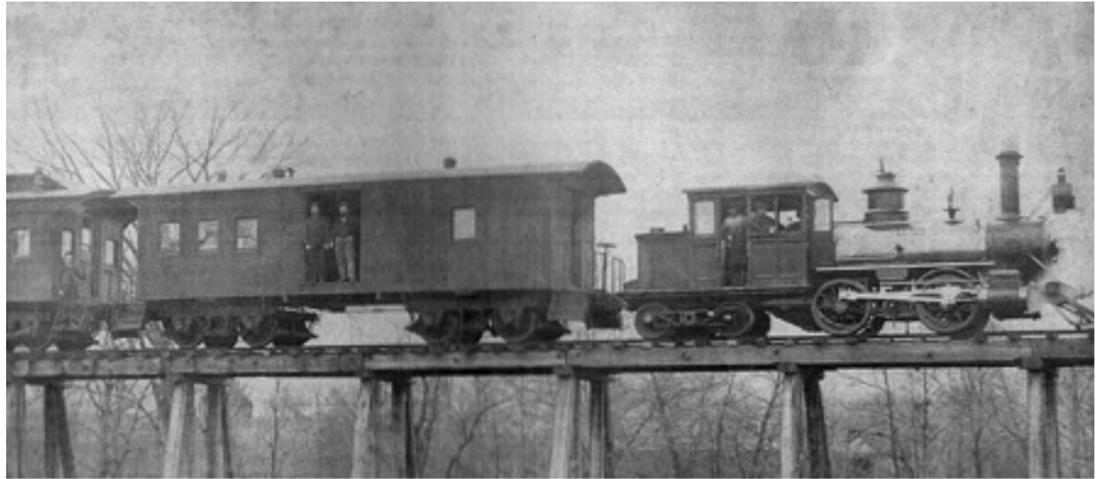
On Saturday this community learned the great sorrow of the death of Mr. Mead Foss, who, but a few days before were seriously injured while endeavoring to control the team of horses he was driving.

Mr. Fuss, who had not yet passed the meridian of life, was highly respected in this and adjoining communities. He was a prosperous and progressive farmer and one who's loss the district will strongly feel.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss. Bumgardner, five sons and one daughter.

Chicken Thieves Apprehended

A band of chicken thieves, who for



The Emmitsburg railroad's "Dinky" engine crosses the old trestle over Tom's Creek. The remains of the trestle can still be seen just east of the bridge on South Seton Avenue.

some time have been relieving people of feed, poultry and other articles, were caught in the mountains west of Thurmont near Blue Blazes.

A man who gave his name as Sparon Gaugher was captured, but his partner in the thieving business, who's known as Lee, and is wanted in Pennsylvania for chicken stealing, escaped. At the camp was found a horse and buggy, plenty of feed, new clothing, shoes, blankets and plenty of edibles, including chickens. The officers hope to capture Lee in a short time.

Improvements to Gettysburg Street

Engineers and supervisors of the Pennsylvania State Roads commission have finished the preliminary survey of the road between Gettysburg and Emmitsburg with the idea, it is understood, of putting this thoroughfare into proper condition prior to the national encampment which was soon take place. It is understood that the repairs to be made immediately will be only a temporary nature, and that later on substantial improvements will be made to this artery leading to Gettysburg from the south.

June 20

Rocky Ridge Station Vandalized

Another attempt at robbery, which failed to be successful only because there is nothing of value in the place, was made at the railroad station of Rocky Ridge on Tuesday night. Miscreants got into the building by forcing a window on the west side, and

ransacking all the papers and contents of drawers. Nothing, of any value was found missing.

Farm & House For Sale

Farm, located 4 miles from Emmitsburg (Eylar Valley), containing 104 acres, 40 or of which tillable, 40 in timber, and 24 acres pasture. Improvements consist of a large bank barn - 40 foot by 80 foot, a 10-room house, and other outbuildings, all in good condition. Will sacrifice at this time for \$1400.

Oiling of Streets

Subscriptions are being asked for to defray the expense of oiling the streets of Emmitsburg. The list is being liberally filled, everybody with public spirit is willingly responding.

June 27

Fresh Fruit

Among the mammoth strawberry's seen this year were those brought to the Chronicle office by Mr. Henry Stokes, measuring 5 1/2 inches in circumference. Undoubtedly the finest cherries seen in Emmitsburg this season were some specimens of white ox-hearts, a handsome box of which the Chronicle gratefully acknowledges.

Town Affairs

Mr. Victor Rowe, the newly appointed policeman, looks every inch the officer in his new uniform. A new streetlamp has been erected on Gettysburg Street at the corner of the Catholic cemetery. The Streets Commissioner is having Baltimore Street scraped, in preparation to having it oiled. New crushed stone is be-

ing laid on some of the back alleys.

Library to Reserve Books

The Emmitsburg library will now reserve books for those paying a fee of one cent until 15 minutes of the closing hour of the day of return of said book. If by that time the book has not been called for by the person who had it reserved, it will be put in general circulation. All such privileges will be granted in the order in which they are presented to the librarian.

Mud Muffles Suffragettes

Saturday's Suffragettes rally came to an end before it even began when the autocar carrying the ringleaders from Frederick stalled after going through a mud puddle in the Square.

The men of town assembled on the Hotel Slagel's porch and had a good time as they wandered back and forth between the hotel's bar and the show the Suffragettes were putting on as they attempted to push their stalled autocar out of the mud hole.

One jolly onlooker was overheard saying: "If you ever need a reason why women should not be allowed to vote, just look at how bad they drive autocars."

Mrs. Annan, who had organized the rally, put an end to the festivities when she had her man hitch up 'Old Luke' and haul the car to the Emmitsburg Motor Garage, as the humiliated, mud spattered Suffragettes repaired to her house.

It was not lost on the male onlookers that the women, with their fancy autocar, had to turn to a man and a trusty horse to save the day.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of County Commissioner Kirby Delauter

I would like to let the public know the outcome of the ethics marathon that has finally come to a conclusion. It all started 2 1/2 years ago when I ran for County Commissioner and was elected as part of the Blaine Young, Billy Shreve and Paul Smith slate. It was apparent from the onset of the election the left was not happy and would use whatever means possible to overturn the will of the voters. I just didn't think they would stoop to new lows, but.....I was wrong.

Soon after the election I approached the ethics board and requested an opinion as to whether or not it would be a conflict if I were to bid taxpayer funded capital improvement projects. I did this since in other jurisdictions elected officials are allowed to participate in the bid process. The board met and not only did they state I couldn't bid public CIP projects, but I could do no work in the county for anyone, public or private. Needless to say, I retained an Attorney and filed an appeal since this ruling left me two choices, leave public office and ignore the will of the voters who put me there, or sell my business that has been in our family since 1955.

We had our appeal hearing and the ethics board admitted that their ruling

was far reaching and would eliminate anyone with a job from running for County Commissioner. The ruling was so broad that anyone that is inspected by county personnel could not run for office. This would include business owners of any type, farmers, anyone that adopted a pet, anyone that wanted to do a home improvement to their home, it negated just about anyone from office. They realized this and aptly changed their ruling back to the original opinion that stated I could do all work except county funded CIP work.

Now, this is the interesting part, a few weeks later I received an email stating that I was to cease and desist from all work with my construction company in Frederick County. I approached the County Attorney and asked him what was going on? He stated that the Ethics Board had had a secret / private meeting and that former County Commissioner Jan Gardner was in that meeting stating she had new evidence that would make them change their ruling back for a third time to not allow my company to do any work in Frederick County. I asked the County Attorney how they could do this without notification to me or my Attorney. Since there was apparently "new evidence" shouldn't

my Attorney and I be able to see it? The County Attorney stated that the Ethics Board was advised by the County Attorney's office to not hold a private meeting or any meeting that I was not privy to attend. They did it anyway against the advice of the County Attorney. A private meeting that holds my livelihood in their hands and I cannot participate. In essence they were judge, jury and executioner. Apparently that is how Jan Gardner likes things, all her way with no competition. Under the advisement of my Attorney we ignored the ruling and kept doing privately funded work.

Enter John Helms and Friends of Frederick County, or Friends of Frivolous lawsuits as they have come to be known. They are 0 for 9 in lawsuits against this board (including my last ethics ruling). I have to give liberals one thing, they are tenacious. John Helms filed a fourth (4th) ethics complaint in reference to the same subject, WF Delauter doing any work in Frederick County and / or having influence over County inspectors for being a businessman and a Commissioner. John Helms has never met me, has never done business with me and likely wouldn't know me if I were

standing beside him in the store. My Attorney and I entered our third time in front of the ethics board (we were not present for the top secret private meeting with Jan Gardner) so this was our third hearing again, on the same issue. Mr. Helms couldn't bring himself to look me in the eye during the entire meeting. I was always taught that when you accuse someone of wrongdoing you should at least be man enough to look them in the eye. Apparently John Helms was taught differently than I was.

John Helms and his Friends of Frederick County put a nice spin on a lot of truth that night. They were caught in outright lies that appeared to not sit well with members of the Ethics Board. The Board was there to hear both sides, not to hear a professional spin doctor make a poor attempt to deceive them. They brought up a contract that President Blaine Young signed that was with my company. On the surface that sounds like some good ol' boys making a back room deal, but the truth is just the opposite. This contract sat on Commissioner President Jan Gardner's desk for several months prior to the election. Her apparent goal was to hold my company hostage until the election

knowing that if her group were to be elected, the contract could be held up indefinitely and if our slate were elected (and we were, overwhelmingly) then they could use the ethics board to hold up the contract as well. This was a private contract with no county funds involved and it was held hostage as a political move by Jan Gardner using her office of President of the BoCC for political gain.

As anyone can see, politics in Frederick County when dealing with leftist liberals can get very interesting as I have found out after spending close to \$15,000.00 of my own funds to defend myself from frivolous claims brought on by the poster children for unethical behavior, Friends of Frederick and Jan Gardner. I want to thank those people that stood beside me including my wife Tina, my children, my other immediate family and three other Commissioners Blaine Young, Billy Shreve and Paul Smith. I was asked if I was upset to have been dragged through this for 2 1/2 years. My answer is no, I'm not upset at all, justice usually prevails and in the way I typically view things, God has a funny way of sorting things out and righting wrongs. I'll be interested to see how he handles this one.

From the Desk of Town Commissioner Chris Staiger

I hope everyone is enjoying our slow slide into the summer season. Schools will soon be closed and outdoor activities will begin to multiply! Mark your calendars now for Community Heritage Day on Saturday, June 29. You can look forward to a fun filled and informative day beginning with breakfast at the fire hall, children's games at Community Park, programs at the Provincial House, a parade through town, the Lions' Club Program, music, and (of course) fireworks in the park that evening! There's lots to do throughout the day – so come out and have a great time with the family!

As is usually the case for May, town business focused mainly on the upcoming budget. This proposed budget (for the financial year beginning July 1) forecasts income and spending approximately equivalent, *in total*, to the pre-

vious year. Tax rates remain the same so you should still continue to receive some relief on property tax payments due to the reduced state assessments that went into effect last year.

Mayor Don Briggs budget still provides no public direction on how town square improvements totaling over \$500,000 might be implemented in upcoming years - no new projects are listed in the five year Capital Improvements Plan. Over the last nine months, the Board of Commissioners has allocated money to cover fifty percent of the cost to develop an improvement plan and create the engineering drawings necessary to implement that plan. The remaining fifty percent of these initial costs are to be covered by grant funding. Where we go from there still appears to be a mystery...

My motions to fund the design effort

and construction drawings required the Administration to obtain fifty percent grant support in order to undertake the project. So far they have been successful. I believe this is a good pattern to follow – especially when it comes to funding the \$500,000+ in additional improvements envisioned by the design consultant. To date, however, there has been no public discussion of how our goals can be achieved. As I said at the last town meeting, I'm here to help provide financial oversight – it's too easy to spend taxpayer money.

By the end of the current budget year on June 30, the LED light conversion will be fully implemented throughout town. The Mayor justified the \$70,000 upfront transition cost for this program by claiming substantial savings of over twenty percent in electricity usage and equipment replacement costs.

It is therefore surprising that little to no savings are forecast for those areas in the new budget! If we truly expect to see a savings, it should be reflected in the new budget. It's extremely disappointing that we are not even attempting to validate the salesman's claims...

On the not so good side, a water rate increase requested by the Administration was approved at the May 6 town meeting. System users will see a moderate increase beginning with your September 30 bill. The town is required to maintain sewer and water infrastructure (such as treatment facilities and storage tanks) on a much greater scale than its simple, residential footprint would demand. This is primarily due to a small number of very large customers.

While those large customers may not actually use services in accordance with their physical size, the town is still obli-

gated to have sufficient capacity to cover the 'possible' demand. This demand profile is based on the number of "fixtures" (toilets, sinks, showers, etc.) in those large facilities. When these large users actively economize and reduce their usage, it throws off the plan and leads to deficits. This requires the town to recalculate charges based on the new usage pattern and adjust rates accordingly. The main result is to transfer an additional portion of the cost for maintaining a 'supersized' system from the large users to the average users.

I'll continue to keep you updated on budget discussions as they move forward. And, as always, please keep an eye out for opportunities to contribute and don't hesitate to share your opinions with your elected officials by sending an e-mail to towncouncil@emmitsburgmd.gov.



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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

The awaited spring, stubborn or shy and slow to admit it, has some catching up to do with local events. The impatience and resolve you can hear and see in our parks with the cheers and exhortations of youth activities. The Lions Club BBQ (dinners sold out by 1pm) and yard sale off US 15 did its best to nudge it along. The Vigilant Hose Co. "Spring Fling" was terrific despite the reluctant season.

The Mason Dixon Welcome Center has been very busy. On May 8th was the first 1st (to be) annual Tourism Day open house. Many local businesses participated in the welcoming and networking event. On Friday, June 28th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate new exhibits and a full slate of events starting at 10am. For more information call Dave Yoder

301.447.3719 or email him, dyoder@visitmaryland.org. You have to catch the view across Emmitsburg and our clustered spires with the Catoctin Mountains backdrop.

Way to go Cougars on the impressive wins! In softball a 4-3 win over Middletown for the Class 2A West Region Championship. Now on to the Class 2A State semifinals to play Lansdowne on Tuesday May 21st. In baseball a 5-1 win over Williamsport 5-1 for the Class 2A West Region Championship. The next opponent in the Class 2A semifinals is Dundalk on Tuesday May 21st. Congratulations to the Cougar wrestlers and coaches for placing 2nd in the 2013 1A-2A West Regional and to state champions Tim Nordan and Charlie Perella.

Community Heritage Day, like

every year falls on the last Saturday, this year June 29th. This is a spectacular community driven activity. So many community groups have come together this year to join with the Lions Club. The parade will start at 6 pm and fireworks at 9:45 pm (dark).

Friday evening, July 5th through Monday, July 8th the Cal Ripken State 12 year old, (46 – 60) baseball tournament will be held at Memorial Park. Six to eight teams from across the state are expected to participate. Parking for the event will be directed to the Mother Seton campus on Creamery Road. Come on Coach Wantz, bring us a championship!

The pool opens Monday, June 17th. The new splash park is complete! Pool party dates: July 12 – 7-9 pm, July 26– 7-9 pm, Au-

gust 9 – 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. \$1.00 – fee includes music, food and refreshments.

Town Budget

The town budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 was submitted at the first Town meeting in May. This year the town cinched it up a notch or two, conserved and saved money while increasing capital improvements, so why not for the upcoming year? Granted we had no major snow events, but we are somewhere in the recession cycle where tax revenues have decreased by over 23% over the last 4 years. The General Fund for the second year is near \$1,600,000. The Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund budgets total \$1,292,699. The General Fund is up \$15,000 or less

than 1%. The generally accepted cost of living index rate for last year was 2.5-3%. Applying that rate to the town budget equates to \$45,000+/- . Effectively the proposed budget is \$30,000 +/- lower than last year. Because of the lower tax revenue base and that we are at the brim for user fees, we will again not set aside the appropriate funds for replacements in the water and sewer funds.

At the last town meeting I distributed copies of the recently passed "City of Brunswick - Code of Conduct" to the council. Its purpose, "to describe the manner in which all City elected officials should treat one another, citizens and others they come in contact with in representing the City of Brunswick." I will present it as an agenda item in July.

From the Desk of Taneytown Mayor James McCarron

Celebrate Summer! I know I am a few weeks early, but summer is my favorite season. The warm weather, the family get-togethers, time off from work time on vacation at the mountains or seashore, or just around the home it is time to look forward too..

Summer kicks off a series of patriotic holidays. Coming up soon is Flag Day, a special day set aside to honor the symbol for freedom and justice that is recognized throughout the world. It would be great to see all of Taneytown "covered" with American flag that day! Make yourself a note, and fly the flag on Friday, June 14th. Before I write again, it will be Independence Day, and the celebration of our country's birth. Take advantage of the close proximity and become part of history.

Taneytown's committees and Parks & Rec department have been busy creating a summer to remember. The first of June kicks off the Taneytown Farmer's Market. Again this year, on each Saturday morning throughout the summer months, in Memorial Park local farmers from the surrounding area will display the fruits of their labor. Come sample the freshest local produce! Eat healthy! Eat local!

On June 9th the Country Crusin' Car Show is back in Memorial Park and I am excited about awarding the Mayor's trophy to my favorite vintage vehicle. Admission is free, come down and check out all these "fine rides." The greatest carnival in three states begins on June 10 and runs through the 15th. The Taneytown Fireman's Carnival is back at the carnival grounds near Memorial Park. Lunch will be served during the day during carnival week.

The following weekend, Saturday June 22nd, holds more excitement. We are following last year's very successful Wine & Arts festival with another one day event that is bigger and better. Three Carroll County wineries will be present along with a host of vendors of every type. All proceeds go to local charities. June also begins

a family favorite, Movies in the Park, June 29th is our first feature. Its free and a great way to spend a Saturday evening. What great times ahead!

I want to thank everyone for their patience during the construction of the new water lines on York and Frederick Streets. I know there were times over the last month or so that traffic was a real problem during the day. I truly am sorry for the delays but by reconstructing the water lines after the Street Scape project was over, we were able to save a considerable amount of tax dollars. Speaking of tax dollars, the State has withheld funds traditionally given to local governments to repair roads (not Streetscape but City roads), and used these funds for other things. These tax dollars were our share of revenues arrived at buy set formula, from the gasoline and licensing taxes on vehicles. Slowly over the past several years, the State's municipalities have been able to restore a portion of these funds. This year, member municipalities of the Maryland Municipal League were able to have the traditional amount of fund restored to about 50% of former funding levels.

We held elections for three City Council positions on May 6th. Elected to four year terms were Councilman Angelo Zambetti, Councilwoman Diane Foster, both incumbents and newly elected Councilman Joe Vigliotti. I congratulate all and welcome Joe to the Council. Thanks also for the good turnout for this election. It was somewhat better than previous elections.

On a somewhat melancholy note, a longtime member of the City Council decided to retire. Jackie Bosivert, our Mayor Pro Tem and longtime council person and member of the Planning & Zoning Committee is stepping down. Jackie has been a great advocate for the citizens of Taneytown over her twenty plus years on the City Council and has been a supporter and friend. She will be missed. When you see Jackie around town, thank her for her service.

This year we continue our national remembrance of the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States (1861-1865). As you are most likely aware, Taneytown stood at the very crossroads of this conflict. Particularly, as it had to do with the Battle of Gettysburg. It was in Taneytown that the Yankee General George Meade made his headquarters and bivouacked his army. Our neighbor

to the north, Gettysburg, is expecting huge crowds to visit this summer to tour the battlefield and remember those who fought and died so gallantly. A true student of this war will want to investigate it each and every aspect. So we in Taneytown can expect visitors from all over the nation, to seek out the place where Meade had planned to fight the battle but by a twist of fate, our fair City was

spared the holocaust that was Gettysburg's. The look of our main street retains much of the look that Meade's soldiers would have seen in the summer of 1863. If you have an historic property do your best to spruce it up and show it off. I know I will.

Have a great summer, enjoy all the family activities we have planned, visit our Farmers Market each week and help your neighbor!

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

In June, we celebrate our national flag and honor our fathers. National Flag Day is June 14th. Flag Day was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Be proud! Fly the flag that day. This year Father's Day will be celebrated on June 16th. Father's Day originated in 1909 when a woman named Sonora Dodd came up with the idea to celebrate her father who was born in June. She encouraged others to honor their fathers in June. It didn't become an official holiday until 1972 when President Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. I did come across a bizarre holiday to celebrate in June, the National Chocolate Ice Cream Day on June 7th. Could not find the origin of the special day. However, who cares! Be sure to celebrate the day with some chocolate ice cream.

Is your house or mailbox number "up" properly so that the police, fire department or an ambulance can find you? In an emergency, seconds count. It is so important that the Borough of Carroll Valley Code of Ordinances states all improved property within the borough is required to post the official street address in

three (3) inch numbers which are luminous (reflective). The number shall be easily read from 20 feet day or night. If there is no mail box at a residence or if it does not clearly identify the house, the reflective street address numbers shall be placed on the front of the house. If the residence sits back off the road or is not visible due to trees or bushes, a sign shall be erected displaying the proper address. Does your house meet code? If not, you can buy a reflective mailbox sign for just \$8.00 from the Police Department. These signs are 6" x 18" aluminum and covered in green reflective vinyl with white reflective vinyl numbers attached on both signs. They have the same highly visible qualities of PennDot directional signs. If you are interested in one of these signs, visit the Borough Police Department and ask about ordering one. You can also contact the Police Department Administrative Assistant at pdadmin@carrollvalley.org.

On June 8th (Saturday) Community Media (formerly ACTV) will be hosting a 25-hour, live, on-air program to celebrate the TV station's 25 years serving 40,000 subscribers in Adams and York Counties. Community Media is our local Pennsylvania regional public, education, and government (PEG) programming station. It broadcasts on Comcast channel 12 in Adams County and

channel 240 in York County, the programs are also streamed on the internet and available in an archive at CommunityMedia.net. The Community Showcase will be host by me and Jim Krut. There will be interviews with personalities from Community Media's regular programs, including Community Focus, Race Night, You Gotta Have Art, Pet Talk, and Sports Chat. Clips from shows during the past 25 years of broadcasting will be introduced by Ray Gouker, the founder of ACTV. It show be a lot of fun. Someone has suggested that there should be an EMT on call with me trying to stay up for 25 hours. If you see something you like, call the station and make a pledge/donation. Hope to see on the 9th.

At 1:00 pm on June 21st summer began. It's a time to relax and enjoy our natural environment. We are surrounded by the aesthetics and natural beauty of Carroll Valley's country scenery and wildlife. But we need to be aware that the summer months represent a time period when the cases of Lyme disease increase. Why? The reason is that we spend more time outdoors enjoying where we live. Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is carried to people from a bite from a black-legged or deer tick. The disease affects different body systems, such as the ner-



vous system, joints, skin, and heart. Early symptoms may include headache, fever, fatigue and a characteristic circular skin rash. It is treatable. Some of things you should consider when you are out and about are: stay out of tall grass and un-cleared areas of the forest floor; don't roll in a pile of leaves, check daily for ticks; and if you plan to use insect repellent, be sure to review the safety information on the label. There are many websites that provide information on Lyme disease. One site you may want to visit www.lymemd.org.

Our Carroll Valley Police Department is seeking assistance from the residents regarding five burglaries. The robbers enter homes early in the morning when residents have left for work. Please if you notice any people walking the trails who you believe are not part of your neighborhood or who are exhibiting some strange behavior (looking into windows of a home), do not hesitate, call Adams County Control at (717) 334-8101. Adams County Crime Stoppers has offered a cash reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the solution of the crime. Adams County Crime Stoppers (ACCS) telephone number is 1-800-869-8057 or 334-8057. By the way, did you know that the Carroll Valley Police Department runs a "House Watch" program. If you are going on vacation and you would like the police to know that your house is going to be empty and want to provide information on who to contact in your absence if there is a problem, come down to the office and fill out a form.

I hope you are planning to attend our July 4th Celebration. It is being held on Thursday, July 4th. Click on www.cvjuly4th.com to see all that is going on that day. The train ride for the kids is back again this year as well as a number of new children rides. They are all free. Checkout the website. There is so much to do in such a short period of time. This year we have a special treat, the internationally famous United States Army Field Band of Washington, D.C. will be performing an evening concert ending with fireworks being launched from the top of Ski Liberty Mountain. This is once in a life time experience for our area. Make plans to be there. If you want to see pictures of past July 4th events, go to www.ronspictures.net. Please consider buying a raffle ticket to support the event and possibly win the \$1,000 cash prize.

On a personal note, winning the primary has truly humbled me. I thank you for your confidence in me. I thank you for allowing me to continue the journey to re-election as Mayor of Carroll Valley. This is a huge responsibility which I do not take lightly. Please come when called again to support me in November. Borough meetings to be held are: Planning Commission (June 3rd); Public Safety (June 10th); Borough Council (June 11th) and Parks & Recreation (June 26th). Please be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. Please slow down when driving. Questions, call me at (301) 606-2021 or email me at mayer@carrollvalley.org.



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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of County Commissioner Randy Phiel

If you live in Adams County or northern Maryland, and unless you have been in hibernation, you have been reading and hearing about the 150TH Gettysburg Battle Anniversary Commemoration for the past year. This is called by many an "Olympic Moment" for Gettysburg and Adams County. There is great anticipation, excitement and logistical concerns regarding the commemoration that spans the next six months.

Visitors, reenactors and media are coming from all over the world. There will be many different types of events both large and small. Just from June 27 thru July 14 there are over one hundred events on the 150th calendar. To name just a few - they range from two reenactments on June 27-30 and July 4, 5, 6, & 7, a Prelude event with skirmishes and living history at the Seminary on June 29 & 30, the opening of renovated Schmucker Hall as The Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum on July 1, a menu of National Park Service activities on the actual anniversary July 1, 2 & 3, a 150th community parade on July 3, Bike Week from July 10-13 and the 150th Gettysburg Country Music Tribute—Thunder In The Sky on July 12 & 13. The country music tribute concludes each night with a patriotic fireworks display by Zambelli Fireworks and a patriotic laser show.

There will be a virtual smorgasbord of things for our residents and visitors to do and experience. The week of September 16 – 21, our community has the honor of hosting the National Medal Of Honor Convention and living Medal of Honor recipients. The Medal Of Honor Week will conclude with a program and concert at the Pennsylvania Memorial; as well as a stunning patriotic fireworks display never before experienced in this area. The program and concert will be a ticketed event, but the fireworks may be viewed from many areas surrounding Gettysburg.

This November, Dedication Day & Remembrance Day will be especially significant events. One hundred fifty years ago, on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered those few appropriate remarks dedicating the Gettysburg National Cemetery. These remarks are now recognized as one of the most renowned and important dedication speeches in the history of the world. Even children in Asia recite the Gettysburg Address. In the trivia department, I

had the personal privilege of transporting an original copy of the Gettysburg Address six times back and forth between the Library of Congress and GNMP as a U.S. Law Enforcement Ranger for the National Park Service. It is an experience, honor and privilege I will never forget. The President has been invited and it is anticipated, barring any unforeseen crisis, he will attend and deliver the Gettysburg Address. The following weekend on November 23rd is Remembrance Day. Although Remembrance Day normally is held the prior weekend, it was shifted forward one weekend due to the 150 year significance of the Gettysburg Address this year. The large and popular Remembrance Day Saturday afternoon parade promises to be even larger this year. To see the entire menu of 150th Anniversary events go to www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com/events.aspx

Besides providing a wonderful and unique opportunity for Adams County residents to experience a multitude of interesting, entertaining and educational events, the 150th Anniversary Commemoration provides Adams County and the Commonwealth, with a one time opportunity for economic stimulus that may not occur again anytime soon. The residual economic impact will extend beyond Gettysburg to bed & breakfasts, restaurants, lodging and other retail outlets in municipalities like Fairfield, New Oxford, East Berlin, McSherrystown, Littlestown and Upper Adams. The increase to agri-tourism will provide a boost for our orchards, fruit stands and winery's. Increasing the lodging tax from 3 to 5% last year, combined with the anticipated increased visitation, should ease the tax burden on Adams County residents, funded mainly by out of county residents, by providing enhanced revenues for our municipalities, police departments, the County of Adams, and The Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau in their on-going efforts and charge to promote Adams County. The sales tax generated for the State will also be significant.

One group in particular has been working diligently for the past two years to plan and coordinate efforts between area organizations and entities. The 150th Steering Committee is represented by organizations such as Main Street Gettysburg, National Park Service, Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gettysburg College, The Lutheran Sem-

inary, Chamber Of Commerce, Cumberland Township, Gettysburg Borough, Straban Township, Pennsylvania State Police, Rabbit Transit and the County of Adams Planning & Emergency Services as well as several others. Planning and coordination of a commemoration of this scope and duration has not been an easy task and funding has been a major issue. Just the act of getting all the entities to sit at the table in pursuit of a common goal of effective management is quite a feat and deserves special recognition. In mid-May the Board of Commissioners dedicated one of our Adams County Commissioners Community Forums to the 150th Anniversary Commemoration. It was attended by over 100 residents. We will obviously get to evaluate the results of these efforts later, but the collaboration, cooperation and interaction by this group has already proven successful and beneficial to our community for this and future endeavors.

Unfortunately, I hear many Adams County residents proclaim they are getting out of town or not coming close to Gettysburg during the commemoration. To the contrary, I would urge all Adams County residents to take advantage of these many unique opportunities and events. Thursday evening at the Majestic Theater, I had the pleasure to give Adams County Commissioners Proclamations, to over 260 Gettysburg Middle School 7th Graders, who were involved

in a nine month project, creating six Gettysburg Civil War related videos, sponsored by The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Education Partnership. It was hands on for them from immersion into The Battle of Gettysburg, creation of the video subject theme, filming at the various sites, final editing and insertion of credits. The result was extraordinary, relevant and educational. It made those dusty old history books come alive for the students, as well as the large audience, and gave us all a greater sense of the historic community we are blessed to live in.

I also had the honor and privilege of attending two Adams County Memorial Day programs last weekend. It was my distinct pleasure on Saturday to attend the Wensville United Methodist Church Memorial Day Program. It is an Upper Adams community tradition that deserves that distinction. What a wonderful and scenic community program surrounded by blossoming orchards and Bear Mountain in the distance. Adams County resident and local veterans advocate Marine Stan Clark delivered outstanding program remarks. From my perspective the Wensville Memorial Day program is our community, our county and our nation at its best. On Monday, I attended the 146TH Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in the National Cemetery. It is one of the oldest Memo-

rial Day events in the country. Governor Tom Corbett was the Grand Marshall and speaker. I have been attending this event since I was a child, strewing flowers on the gravesites as part of the ceremony, as a Boy Scout committee member placing flags on each grave, and for 30 years working for the National Park Service. It is a slice of Americana, patriotism and recognition that never grows old.

As we prepare to engage in the blizzard of 150th events, along with the benefits of national and world-wide attention, there is no doubt there will also be some inconveniences like traffic and parking. Plan accordingly, utilize routes that you know and visitors do not, and please be patient and courteous. Please be ambassadors for Adams County and your community. When we travel it is so nice to get a smile, handshake, pleasant directions and a thank you. Tourism and agriculture are the mainstays of our Adams County economic engine. We now have the opportunity to support these industries and promote our community, while leaving a positive first impression so that our visitors will return and also tell all their family and friends that they need to visit and experience all the wonderful historical, natural, recreational and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer. I wish you a wonderful and safe summer!



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COMMENTARY

Words From Winterbilt

The Boston bombing

Shannon Bohrer

As everyone in America is aware, two bombs were detonated in Boston on April 15, 2013. This terrorist attack occurred during the Boston Marathon and the bombs were intentionally set near the finish line. The bombs killed three people and injured over 260 people. A large number of the injured have had amputations and many are still in the hospital. This event shocked our consciences, as it should have, and was reported on non-stop for several weeks.

While the bombings were horrific, the spectators, runners and people of Boston jumped in and aided the injured. According to many reports, without this immediate aid, the death toll would have been significantly higher. Even in tragedy, the American spirit of helping strangers and comforting victims was a very positive message. Similar positive messages occurred around the country, many at sporting events, including other marathons.

While the tragedy was horrific and shocked us all, the spirit of those directly and indirectly involved was emotionally uplifting— that is, until the second suspect was arrested and the talking head started influencing the conversations. Before the second suspect could speak, there were experts telling us that he should be tried as a terrorist, he should not be given his Miranda rights and if needed, and we should use enhanced interroga-

tion techniques. When the suspect was well enough to communicate, he was not given his rights for 16 hours and did communicate with the authorities. Then he was given his rights and charged with the crime. This of course only intensified the conversations. As stated by some, why should we not use the enhanced interrogation techniques to determine if there are other terrorists ready to strike?

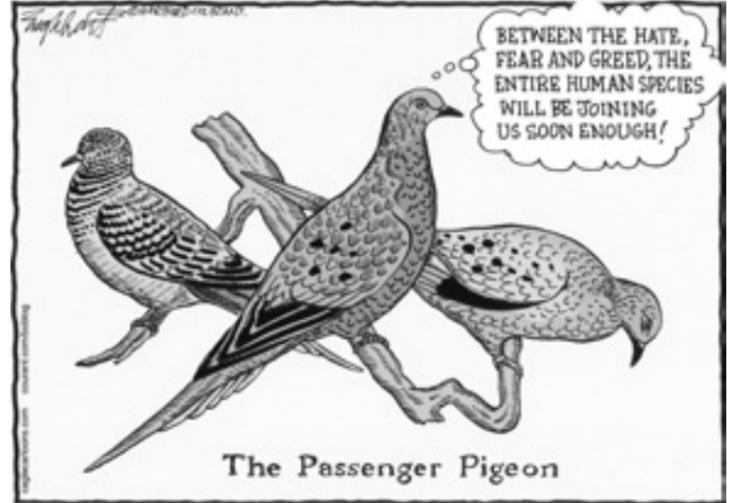
While we are a country of laws and our constitution gives us rights, we are also a divided country when it comes to dealing with individuals/groups that commit terrorist acts. Arguments can and have been made on both sides of this issue, including the U.S. Justice System, Military Tribunals, and enhanced interrogations (like torture, for example). The argument for the latter is we were attacked, we were at war and we needed to keep the country safe. According to a recent report by the Constitution Project, a non-partisan Washington think tank, the enhanced interrogation techniques used during the Afghanistan and Iraq wars did not work.

When I was a small child, I was taught that communist countries and countries with dictators had secret prisons and the citizens had no rights, no habeas corpus, and citizens could be tortured. It could not occur in the United States; we had a Constitution and a Bill of Rights and we were a country of laws. According to the Constitution Project, it is “indisputable” that we engaged in torture. The

Constitution Project “surveyed the ways in which prisoners were held and interrogated at Guantanamo Bay, in Afghanistan and Iraq” and secret CIA black prisons. Yes Virginia, the United States has secret black prisons. What was found was that the harsh interrogation techniques did not provide us with information. Of course this is refuted by former senior government officials, who state that the interrogation techniques worked – but, because of secrecy – they cannot go into details. It worked, but because it was secret, we can't tell you about it. Hmmm...?

Let's not forget that during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq our government offered rewards for “terrorists.” The rewards were very popular; you could turn in your neighbor, your competitor, or anyone you really did not like. After all, no evidence was needed and you were paid. As a result, over 700 individuals were arrested and they were transported to Guantanamo, where they were to be held, without the benefit of constitutional rights. After all, they were terrorists and prisoners of war.

Fast forward to 2013, and there are 166 prisoners left in Guantanamo! What happened to the other 500 plus prisoners, the worst of the worst, the ones that would chew the hydraulic lines on an airline to bring it down? Of the 166 left, 86 have been found innocent and were cleared for release – but we have no place to send them? Why would a country not want their citizen(s) back? It might have something to do with the repatriate looking for revenge? It could



also be that the congress has made it clear that if any released individuals would attack us, the President would be held responsible. Who has been held responsible for creating a reward system that created so many of the prisoners, the indefinite detention of individuals without evidence and the torture, I mean the enhanced interrogation system?

Some have said that as long as we hold them we know they won't be attacking us. However, the known terrorist internet web sites use Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib prison as recruiting tools. That's right; our policy of dealing with terrorist continues to recruit new ones. Have we become the kind of country that I was taught about in school? Now that is scary... What is strange about our situation is that torture does not work and we know this from a long line of experts, which includes our own previous prisoners of wars. Then why did we go down this path and why do we

even continue? This argument has divided us and continues to do so. For those on the side of side of the U.S. Justice System, what we have done has helped the terrorist group recruit new members and in doing so we have wasted valuable resources.

If, and it's a big if, the investigation of the recent fire and explosion in West Texas is found to be a criminal act, would the same talking heads and politicians want to charge the offender in a military tribunal? How far should we go to be safe? Are we letting the terrorist define us by giving up our freedoms? The terrorist did not change us – we did. How does the rest of the world see us, a country based on freedom that detains people without evidence, without trial, that has secret prisons and uses torture?

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Common Cents

Citizens or guests?

Ralph F. Murphy

An 844 page bill introduced by a Senate bi-partisan committee this April was considered the most comprehensive effort in 26 years to address the issue of illegal immigrants residing or working in the United States. The bill had three primary components: increased border security, extradition of illegals and the possibility of citizenship for those who had resided in the U.S. for over ten years.

It was hardly a panacea.

Who are these illegals? How have they flouted American law by their very presence? What do they want? And what can be done about them? Our answers to these questions, say much about our society and its relationship with the outside world.

There appears to be consensus on the sheer magnitude of the challenge. Some estimates put the number of illegals in the U.S. at about 20 million. In 2012, this number was reduced to about 11.5 million according to the Pew Hispanic Center and other media sources.

It is important to distinguish be-

tween legal workers who have obtained permission and the authorization to work via a “green card” and illegals who, by whatever means, entered the country and now reside here beyond their legal guest-period. The latter live and work here or are benefactors of those who do. But, they are legally subject to arrest and deportation if they break any Federal laws. The problem is the laws, until last year, were lightly enforced. Democrats seemed to want the aliens in a future, citizenship status as a power base. And Republicans seemed to want them because they helped keep wages down and profits up. The illegals have friends, and the U.S. populace according to recent, CBS news reports, has largely begun to accept them.

Most legal and illegal, non-citizen workers come from Mexico. 276,550 legal workers or 14.8% of the foreign workforce and idle residents are here with permission. Another 6,650,000 Mexicans or 61.9% of the total - is an undocumented, workforce that is here without permission. Legal foreigners, by nation- include India at 5.9%, China at 5.4% and a smattering of oth-

ers. The illegal visitors- following the deluge from Mexico, are predominantly Central Americans to include citizens from El Salvador (530,000), Guatemala (480,000), and Honduras (320,000).

Mexicans have suffered greatly from drug-related, violence and have brought much of it with them into the U.S. With the demise of Columbia's Cali and Medellin cartels in the 1990's- Mexican drug gangs now account for 90% of the cocaine traffic in the U.S. Earnings estimates for these gangs are hard to pin down, but could be as high as 49.4 billion dollars per year. The price of this bad habit has been high though. A December 2012, BBC report found that since 2006 there have been 60,000 killed in cartel-related drug trafficking.

Here in suburban Maryland where I live, one need not travel far to find long lines of despondent young men with work boots and gloves, and women holding symbolic mops in front of them at fast food outlets, or convenience stores. They are looking for work, and probably not finding it in the legal, market place. Recent killings in Prince George's County have become almost common place.

Mexican authorities claim “9 out of 10 victims” are gang or cartel members, but it's that innocent 10% that is causing concern both in Mexico and the U.S. “Non combatants” are caught in the middle and caught up in the drug violence.

Also, it is not just the drug violence that concerns many of us. Legal workers - those touted as role models with the green cards are eligible for Federal government, Social Services including Social Security, Medicare, and subsidized housing after just 5 years on the pay role. This represents an enormous tax burden for your average, working American. They are essentially helping pay a generous, retirement benefit to non-citizens who have contributed little for what they are getting. Also, these non citizens can qualify for additional services at the State and county levels. What they get depends on local politics and laws. This again, is for the “legals”. Incredibly, even the illegals are backed by the ACLU, which seeks to insure they are paid the minimum wage, enjoy the rights of all, other workers, and are comfortable during their employment.

The United States is, of course, a nation of immigrants - except for the American Indian. The foreign-

ers now crossing our borders could help build a stronger nation if the time and circumstances were right. Unemployment is, however, at around 8%, and everyone working feels the transfer payments. My current, paycheck shows a Social Security and Medicare contribution that is almost 400% greater than my Federal income tax payment! Much of that is a “free ride” for green card holders.

While Congress and the executive branch debate and procrastinate, every dependent born of illegal or legally-residing, parents in a United States territory is a legal, American citizen with associated rights and privileges. The debate as to who will stay and who will be deported will rage on, but ultimately comes down to uniformly applying existing laws across the nation. And- in modifying them - if a real need exists for this new, lower-wage, manpower.

Then again, considering the cost of supporting, low-wage, legal and illegal foreign workers to federal, state and local governments- would it not be easier to simply pay legal American workers a higher wage? Something to consider?

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Pure OnSense

Give transparency another try

Scott Zuke

May is the start of the summer Hollywood blockbuster season, but for political news junkies the best popcorn show in town was the endless stream of scandals erupting in Washington. First, the never-ending investigation of the September 2012 attack on a U.S. consulate in Benghazi somehow picked up steam again. Then the IRS clumsily broke the story that it had improperly targeted Tea Party groups seeking tax-exempt status for extra scrutiny. The kicker appeared to be the revelation that the Department of Justice secretly acquired phone records for over 100 Associated Press reporters as part of an investigation into a national security leak. But this seems to have given way to a drip, drip of fresh stories about federal investigations of even more journalists, sparking a fierce discussion in the press about the Administration's attitude toward the First Amendment.

The spectacle of outraged politicians and journalists, and Congressional oversight hearings that jumped between topics so quickly that they were sometimes hard to follow, was certainly entertaining to

watch (if that's your thing). But like any other summer blockbuster, the May scandals were mostly a barrage of deceptive special effects lacking a plot to string them all together.

What we had were not really White House scandals at all, and, contrary to what President Obama's critics on the right said, or wished, they did not uncover any pattern of abuse of power or come anywhere close to Watergate or the Iran-Contra affair. As Ezra Klein of the Washington Post put it, "...Absent more revelations, the scandals that could reach high don't seem to include any real wrongdoing, whereas the ones that include real wrongdoing don't reach high enough."

If anything, the hysterics of a handful of Republicans who started talking about impeachment before knowing the basic facts of the cases somehow managed to look worse than the President in what would have been a very challenging few weeks for him if they had shown more restraint.

The more reasonable critics argued that, even if Obama was not directly involved or knowledgeable of things like the IRS scandal, he shares responsibility for setting a tone that allowed the behavior to

continue without drawing the proper level of scrutiny. This is not an impeachable offense, but it may be a valid critique of his management style.

Where those detractors went wrong is in saying that the President set a hostile, offensive tone against his "enemies." Columnist Jonah Goldberg, for example, said of Obama that, "He's made it clear that people who disagree with him are fevered, illegitimate, weird, creepy, dangerous, stupid, confused, ignorant, or some other adjective you might assign to a revamped version of the Seven Dwarfs." I don't blame him for feeling this way, but I don't think that's the message coming from the President.

Instead I see a defensive stance from the Executive Branch, a vain attempt to control the flow of information in a political and media climate so volatile that--no joke--even the President requesting a Marine to hold an umbrella over him during a rainy outdoor press conference sparks a firestorm of angry tweets and blog posts.

The Obama Administration developed a reputation for being tight-lipped going all the way back to the 2008 Presidential Election, where the candidate earned the moniker, "No-Drama-Obama," for the disciplined, leak-devoid nature of his campaign. But some of this anti-leaking tone is also a result of the decade-old War on Terror.

With operations in Iraq finished and those in Afghanistan winding down, the War on Terror has evolved into the nebulous, borderless, mainly covert war that it always sounded like. Drones have replaced boots on the ground, and the lines between military and CIA operations often remain a blur. The counter-terrorism strategy employs a broad umbrella of secrecy over everything from drone policy to handling of detainees, and has long incurred criticism from the left.

At the same time, the Administration has earned the dubious distinction of having indicted twice as many individuals (six) for leaking classified information to the press than all previous administrations combined, and has alarmingly gone so far as to consider at least one journalist a co-conspirator in a criminal leak investigation.

Explanations for why this has happened are not all sinister in nature. Rather than any top-down policy, some experts argue that the investigations were pursued by separate prosecutors working independently. It has also become easier to track down the sources of leaks electronically. But the underlying reason there are so many leaks to begin with could have something to do with just how much information is classified these days.

The culture of secrecy in Washington is routinely justified on the grounds of national security, and

this is usually a legitimate explanation. But it may have also inadvertently set an example for other federal agencies that, when the public and the media cannot be trusted to correctly interpret certain information that could reflect poorly on the Administration, it is okay to keep it secret in order to avoid confusion. As the past month has shown, such thinking ends up causing more harm than good.

Contrary to claims made by President Obama, Eric Holder, and others, this administration has never impressed anyone with its efforts to promote transparency. Obama's May 24 speech at the National Defense University, covering a huge swath of foreign policy and beginning to define an endgame for the War on Terror, was an important step in the right direction, and one that felt a couple years overdue. With the bulk of the goals set forth at the War's outset now realized, it's time to refocus on fully restoring the open, democratic society that the 9/11 attack disrupted. The questions will be whether this administration has the right temperament to shift in that direction over the next three years, and whether the people are patient and trusting enough in their government at this point to allow it to do so.

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Down Under

Forging greatness

Submitted by Lindsay!
Melbourne, Australia

"America is great because America is good.

When America ceases being good, America ceases being great."

—Alexis de Tocqueville,
Democracy in America,
1835-40

Greatness is the product of a just and compassionate society, and the attainment of that is always forged through the fire of great and compassionate minds.

Is America great? At the time De Tocqueville wrote the words quoted above, American was not a military power - yet 150 years later we have come to equate greatness with military might, which is something he would have deplored. He knew only too well that such power is not part of a great society, merely part of one that puts self-interest and conquest above the lives of its citizens. He would, however, have been both distressed and heartened by the events which were to take place some quarter century later, which involved the worst kind of war, immense sacrifice of life, intense and unrelieved heartbreak, and

all for the cause of justness and compassion.

How can that be? When the cream of society's landed gentry wish to cling to their way of life unchallenged, to follow that which they have come to believe is the right and natural order, and refuse to admit that they are made of the same flesh and blood as all humans, indeed that it is normal to exploit, kill and treat humans as cattle - and then are prepared to scheme their way to laws and stratagems that will allow them to continue - why then they debase the land, the culture, and the good.

When they are challenged on these points, yet are still prepared to take up arms against their fellow citizens, it is the worst wrong of all. Slavery had been abolished in England and much of the world, a growing sway of anti-slavery endeavour had been established in the North, but conflict was the answer from the South. And it took a very great man to steer the resolution of this conflict toward a just and good conclusion.

On the first of July it will be the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the battle that is marked as the turning point in this conflict. It took place around Gettysburg, close to you in so many ways, and an event that will be marked by

re-enactments, remembrances and resolutions. You, the good citizens of Emmitsburg, are privileged as few are to be so close to this historic place. And the celebration of one of the great and most compassionate of minds in history is linked forever to this defining moments in history, for the world saw greatness and goodness springing from a country that had shed its colonial past, and the world was heartened and strengthened by that example.

Yet Alexis de Tocqueville used two words in the phrase above whose meaning has been lost in the rise of ignorance: Great and Good.

Today, America is seen by many as neither great nor good except as a trading partner, supplier of arms, home of non-restraint, ludicrous political squabbling, and savage reprisal. The words are still there, but have become good - as in times, and great - as in deals, but the meaning Lincoln brought to them has been lost. How could that happen, and does it matter?

De Tocqueville put his finger on the cause, because it was apparent to him even back then:

I know of no country in which there is so little independence of mind and real freedom of discussion as in America.

In America the majority raises formidable barriers around the liberty of opinion; within these barriers an author may write what he pleases, but woe to him if he goes beyond them.

In other words, the light of greatness has been capped and

the worth of goodness has been trivialised by a majority who corral opinion. This phenomenon is difficult to appreciate from within, because when you are in you cannot see out, and the fear of what might be out these makes the 'in' seem safe and solid - but this is exactly the same as the south 150 years ago - except that it is now a nation-wide occurrence. No one planned it that way, to be sure, but looking at the tangled mass of governance today, the loss of real goodness and greatness is painfully obvious from the outside and seemingly ignored from within. It is estimated that only 13% of the population have an appreciation of the problem, that 7% do not want change, and the rest are indifferent, ignorant, or both.

Yet the cry goes up: "Why are we not the great nation we once were?" And the answer, sad to say, is that you are not the good nation you once were. Goodness has nothing to do with religion, faith, hope, or good intentions. Indeed, these are the very enemies of goodness, because no amount of prayer or beseeching will bring it about, for they are in the end excuses for passing the buck. And another Lincoln will not arise without the cry and support, not of 13%, but of at least 50% of the population; in fact the cause of greatness is in the hands of the majority, the same who are indifferent and prepared to sacrifice nothing to achieve it.

So how may it be brought about? Why, as Lincoln would

have said, that is up to those who can see the problem, who are reviled by it, who will sacrifice and work towards the recharging the goodness so lacking today. This goodness comes not from indulgence, but from self-sacrifice, from causing others to be moved out of their comfort and to face the reality of their lassitude. Having a job is not enough - the southerners had jobs, and closed their eyes to the immorality around them, and saw it as normal. The economy may right itself, but greatness will continue to be the chimera it is.

Goodness is not easy. It requires passion, clear-headedness, a view of the past century and the one to come, and above all the unshakable belief that it is humanity that matters, not production, not enemies, armies or oil, not pets or polemic, but your neighbour - the one you despise as well as the one you regard - your willingness to be truly good, in other words.

This is the message of the battle of Gettysburg, which would not have even been fought had the president of the day given in to the wrongs he faced and which tore his heart. This must surely be the message that your representatives are getting - that the will of the people is for goodness. If your country espouses a government of the people by the people and for the people then work to let it be true again. It is not that at present.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

The wilderness

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"In the wilderness, where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled until you reached this place"
—(Deuteronomy 1:31)

The wilderness can be a frightening and dangerous place. Off the beaten path, it is beyond the reach of government protection or community support. The early Israelites stumbled through the wilderness for 40 years... hungry and thirsty, frightened and alone, they faced powerful temptations to turn away from the God who rescued them from slavery, seldom realizing that God carried them through the most difficult times.

The wilderness takes on many forms. Sometimes it is a desolate desert. The heat pounds down on us, mirages of water tempt us to go in the wrong direction. Sometimes it is a dark place, filled with shadows. Those shadows reach out, covering the light. Unseen dangers lurk hidden from sight, but never hidden from our imaginations.

For Noah, the wilderness was miles and miles of water. First there was the steady rain, day after day after day, ferociously rocking the boat filled with terrified creatures. No sign of sun, no sign of hope. And then, after 40 day and 40 nights, the watery wilderness became even more frightening. The rain finally ended and all he could see was clear blue skies and water... water as far as the eye could see.

John chose the wilderness to baptize and offer renewal. After he was baptized by John, Jesus retreated even deeper into the wilderness, surrounded by wild beasts. Tested by Satan, his wilderness experience prepared him for the hardships of his ministry.



Part of what makes the wilderness so frightening is that we have to face it alone. No matter what it looks like, in the wilderness, we are cut off from our community: no one to cheer us on; no one to hold us when we are scared; no one to reach out and touch our hand. In the wilderness, we are truly alone.

We all face the wilderness sometime in our lives... and many of us return to the wilderness over and over again. The wilderness can be dirty city streets, with threats of violence around every corner. The wilderness can be found in war zones, surrounded by enemy fire or in a small town swamped by fire that ravages homes and businesses. The wilderness can take the form of addiction, domestic violence, financial problems, bullies... the wilderness can be found anywhere - even in our homes. When we enter the wilderness, we face hidden fears that can strike us anywhere.

When you are in the wilderness, you can only take what you have. Noah and Jesus had the promises given to them from God. Noah was sent out with a clear mission, build

the boat, take the animals. No matter how terrifying those days on the water might have been, Noah could go back and remember the clear plan that God had laid before him (Genesis 6-8).

Jesus had the baptismal promises. A voice from heaven calling out: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11) No matter how many challenges Jesus faced, he had those words echoing around him, giving him strength.

Most of us don't have direct encounters with God before we find ourselves stranded in the wilderness. We don't have the memory of the seas or the skies parting for us, and we feel completely alone, even when we are surrounded by others.

But it is important to remember that we do have each other. Even though the wilderness can be very lonely... a place, by definition, isolated from our community. Yet, we do have our experiences with each other, and we carry those memories with us. In the wilderness, as shadows creep and the mirages fool us, we can remember. We can remember the touch of a hand when we

feel alone... we can remember the prayers spoken on our behalf... we can remember the touch of the bread on our lips and the taste of the wine on our tongue. All that we do for each other in the name of Christ is what we need to survive our time in the wilderness. And, when you finally emerge from the wilderness, you will be stronger and more prepared for the hard work that lies ahead. And, as we take our first tentative steps out of the darkness, we realize that we have never been truly alone. God's presence endures in even the darkest times.

And, you can find signs of God's presence all around us, just as meaningful as the dove or the rainbow. When the World Trade Center buildings collapsed on September 11, 2001, early responders found a miracle in their midst. In the debris was an intact cross beam jutting up towards the sky... the perfect shape of a cross in the midst of desolation. A grief-exhausted excavator named Frank Silechia found it just two days after the terrorist attacks. A few days later, he spoke to a Fran-

ciscan priest named Father Brian Jordan, who was blessing remains at Ground Zero.

"Father, you want to see God's House?" he asked. "Look over there."

"Oh my God," Father Brian said. "I see it."

That cross has been a source of healing and blessing for those who continued to work and pray at ground zero. Fr. Brian Jordan declared it to be a "symbol of hope... [a] symbol of faith... [a] symbol of healing" It is a symbol that stands today and will continue to stand at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. A visible of the hope found God's loving presence (Stephen McKinley, Irish Echo, August 28-September 03, 2002)

We can all emerge for our wilderness stronger than ever. When Noah leaves his watery wilderness, God makes a promise to all the generations. In the sign of the rainbow, we remember God's promise of faithfulness and love.

When Jesus leaves the wilderness, he proclaims the "good news". News that is good because it announces the beginning of God's new reign. In the sign of the cross, we receive God's eternal promise of salvation and new life.

Turn around and look at your life from a new perspective, from the shadow of the cross not the shadows of the wilderness. Turn around, so you can see the places that need renewal and change, and believe. Turn around and trust the God who will guide us on this journey and beyond.

Today we are on a common journey. It begins in the wilderness continues up a hill in Calgary and ends in the glorious light of resurrection. We carry with us the love of each other, the gospel message and the promises we make to God today. We are sent out to proclaim the good news of God's reign on earth: "Get up!" we should say. "Change your life around to be a reflection of God's good love." And why should we do this? Because as sure as we are that God's rainbow will stretch across the sky after a storm, God's Holy Reign is coming!



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Henry Hudson, the Navigator



This ill-fated mariner was one of the most remarkable of our great English navigators of Elizabethan age, yet his history previous to the year 1607, when he sailed on his first recorded voyage, is entirely unknown. The Dutch appear to have invented, in order to support their claim to New Netherlands, a history of his previous life, according to which he had passed a part of it in the service of Holland; but this is not believed by the best modern writers on the subject.

We first find Henry Hudson, in the year just mentioned, a captain in the service of the Muscovy Company, whose trade was carried on principally with the North, and who did not yet despair of increasing it by the discovery of a passage to China by the north-east or by the north-west. Hudson laboured with a rare energy to prove the truth or fallacy of their hopes, and he was at least successful in showing that some of them were delusive: and he would no doubt have done much more, had he not been cut off in the midst of his career. He acted first on a plan which had been proposed by an English navigator, named Robert Thorne, as early as the year 1527—that of sailing right across the north pole: and he left London for this voyage on the 23rd of April 1607.

Among his companions was his son, John Hudson, who is described in the log-book as 'a boy,' and who seems to have accompanied his father in all his expeditions. He sailed by way of Greenland towards Spitzbergen, and in his progress met with the now well-known ice-barrier between those localities, and he was the first modern navigator who sailed along it. He eventually reached the coast of Spitzbergen, but after many efforts to overcome the difficulties which presented themselves in his way, he was obliged to abandon the hope of reaching the pole; and, after convincing himself that that route was impracticable, he returned home, and on the 15th of September arrived at Tilbury, in the Thames. On the 22nd of April in the following year (1608) Hudson, still in the employment of the Muscovy Company, sailed from London with the design of ascertaining the possibility of reaching China by the north-east, and, as we may now suppose, was again unsuccessful: he reached Gra-

vesend on his return on the 26th of August.

After his return from this voyage, Hudson was invited to Holland by the Dutch East India Company, and it was in their service that he made his third voyage. Sailing from Amsterdam on the 6th of April 1609, with two ships, manned partly by Dutch and partly by English sailors, he on the 5th of May reached the North Cape. It was originally intended to renew the search for a north-east passage, but in consequence of a mutiny amongst his crew when near Nova Zembla, he abandoned this plan, and sailed west-ward to seek a passage through America in lat. 40°. He had received vague information of the existence of the great inland lakes, and imagined that they might indicate a passage by sea through the mainland of America. It was on this voyage that he discovered the great river, which has since borne his name: but his hopes were again disappointed, and he returned to England, and arrived at Dartmouth, in Devonshire, on the 7th of November.

Hudson was detained in England by orders of the government, on what grounds is not known, while the ship returned to Holland. The indefatigable navigator had now formed a design of seeking a passage by what has been named after him, Hudson's Straits: and on the 17th of April 1610 he started from London with this object, in a ship named the Discovery. During the period between the middle of July and the first days of August he passed through Hudson's Straits, and on the 4th of the latter month he entered the great bay which, from the name of its discoverer, has ever since been called Hudson's Bay. The months of August, September, and October were spent in exploring the southern coast of this bay, until, at the beginning of November, Hudson took up his winter quarters in what is supposed to have been the south-east corner of James's Bay, and the ship was soon frozen in. Hudson did not leave these winter quarters until the 18th of June following, and his departure was followed by the melancholy events which we have now to relate.

We have no reason for believing that Hudson was a harsh-tempered man: but his crew appears to have been composed partly of men of wild and desperate characters, who could only be kept in order by very severe discipline. Before leaving the Thames, he had felt it necessary to send away a man named Colburne, who appears to have been appointed as his second in command, probably because this man had shewn an inclination to dispute his plans and to disobey his orders: and while wandering about the southern coasts of Hudson's Bay, signs of insubordination had manifested themselves on more than one occasion, and had required all Hudson's energy

to suppress them.

But, as we learn from the rather full account left by Abacuk Prickett, one of the survivors of this voyage, the principal leader of the discontented was an individual who had experienced great personal kindnesses from Henry Hudson. This was a young man named Henry Green, of a respectable family of Kent, but who had been abandoned by his relatives for his extravagance and ill-conduct; during Hudson's last residence in London, Green seems to have been literally living on his charity. Finding that this Green could write well, and believing that he would be otherwise useful, Hudson took him out with him on his voyage as a sort of supernumerary, for he was not entered on the books of the company who sent out the ship, and had therefore no wages: but Hudson gave him provisions and lodgings in the ship as his personal attendant.

In the beginning of the voyage Green quarreled with several of the crew, and made himself otherwise disagreeable: but the favour of the captain (or master) saved him from the consequences, and he seems to have gradually gained the respect of the sailors for his reckless bravery. While the ship was locked up in the ice for the winter, the carpenter greatly provoked Hudson by refusing to obey his orders to build a timber hut on shore: and next day, when the carpenter chose to go on shore to shoot wild fowl, as it had been ordered that nobody should go away from the ship alone, Green, who had been industriously exciting the men against their captain, went with him.

Hudson, who had perhaps received some intimation of his treacherous behaviour, was angry at his acting in this contemptuous manner, and shewed his displeasure in a way which embittered Green's resentment. Under these circumstances, it was not difficult to excite discontent among the men, for it seems to have been the first time that any of them had passed a winter in the ice, and they were not very patient under its rigour, for some of them were entirely disabled by the frost. One day, at the close of the winter, when the greater part of the crew were to go out a-fishing in the shallop (a large two-masted boat), Green plotted with others to seize the shallop, sail away with it, and leave the captain and a few disabled men

in the ship: but this plot was defeated by a different arrangement made accidentally by Hudson.

The conspiracy against the latter was now ripe, and Prickett, who was evidently more consenting to it than he is willing to acknowledge, tells us that when night approached, on the eve of the 21st of June, Green and Wilson, the new boat-swain, came to him where he lay lame in his cabin, and told him 'that they and the rest and their associates would shift the company and turne the master and all the sicke men into the shallop, and let them shift for themselves.'

This was the last that was ever seen or heard of Henry Hudson and his companions in misfortune. Most of them cripples, in consequence of the severity of the winter, without provisions, or means of procuring them, they must soon have perished in this inhospitable climate.

The fate of the mutineers was not much better. For some time they wandered among coasts with which they were unacquainted, ran short of provisions, and failed in their attempts to gain a sufficient supply by fishing or shooting; and for some time seem to have lived upon little more than 'cockle-grass.'

On the 28th of July the mutineers came to the mouth of Hudson's Straits, and landed at the promontory which he had named Digges's Cape, in search of fowl. They there met with some of the natives, who showed so friendly a disposition, that Green—contrary, it seems, to the opinion of his companions—landed next day without arms to hold further intercourse

with them. But the Indians, perceiving that they were unarmed, suddenly attacked them, and in the first onset Green was killed, and the others with great difficulty got off their boat and reached the ship, where Green's three companions, who were all distinguished by their activity in the mutiny, died of their wounds. Prickett, sorely wounded, and another man, alone escaped.

Next year a captain named Batton was sent out in search of Hudson and his companions, and passed the winter of 1612 in Hudson's Bay, but returned without having obtained any intelligence of them. Thus perished this great but ill-fated navigator. Yet the name of the apparently obscure Englishman, of whose personal history we know so little, has survived not only in one of the most important rivers of the new continent, in the Strait through which he passed, and in the bay in which he wintered and perished, but in the vast extent of territory which lies between this bay and the Pacific Ocean, and which has so long been under the influence of the Hudson's Bay Company; and the results of his voyages have been still more remarkable, for, as it has been well observed, he not only bequeathed to his native country the fur-trade of the territory last mentioned, and the whale-fisheries of Spitzbergen, but he gave to the Dutch that North American colony which, having afterwards fallen into the hands of England, developed itself into the United States.

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Up the winding stair

Bill Meredith

*"Will you walk into my parlor?"
said the Spider to the Fly,
"Tis the prettiest little parlor that
ever you did spy;
The way into my parlor is up a
winding stair,
And I have many curious things to
show you when you are there."
"Oh no, no," said the Fly, "to ask me
is in vain;
For who goes up your winding stair
can ne'er come down again."
—Mary Howitt, 1829*

Being married has been a confusing experience for me. Actually, the confusion started some four years before the marriage occurred, because the first time I asked my future wife out on a date I didn't expect her to go... but she did. I was conspicuously lacking in looks, personality, social skills, athletic ability, and money... all of the things I assumed were attractive to girls... so although she continued to behave in a congenial matter, three years later when I proposed to her, I was surprised when she said "Yes." It was like rolling down a hill inside a snowball; I was not in control, and things kept happening faster and faster. Things that looked like obstacles as we approached either moved out of the way at the last second or got

run over and obliterated. And getting married didn't stop the snowball. Finding no other explanation for my good fortune, I hypothesized that maybe she had married me because she liked biology. We had raised a garden the summer before the wedding, and she seemed to enjoy seeing plants grow. When the wedding was past and I enrolled at WVU, someone gave us a hamster that had grown too old to participate in experiments any more, and she enjoyed helping it stuff chocolate chip cookies into its cheek pouches. But although the biology hypothesis looked promising for a while, it did not stand the test of time. When the hamster eventually died, old and gray and full of years and cookies, I found that her interest in animals did not extend to snakes, fruit flies or salamanders. Likewise, her interest in gardening turned out to be economic rather than analytic; she was not excited by symbiosis among lichens or the intricate biochemistry of photosynthesis. Nevertheless, although I could not explain it, we seemed to be compatible, and the snowball rolled on. We came to Emmitsburg, had children, graduate school was completed, the kids grew up and got married, grandchildren appeared... and one morning we woke up and realized that we had retired. The snow-

ball did not stop at that point, but it began to slow down. She developed a cataract in one eye, and began spending more time sitting in her rocking chair near the kitchen window; and one morning she noticed the morning sun had produced a miniature rainbow on a spider web under the china closet. She became fascinated by it. I was elated: I reasoned that after 50 years her latent interest in biology had reappeared, and I even wrote an article* about it. But reality intruded; the rainbow proved to be an artifact of the light being refracted by her cataract, and when the cataract was removed the rainbow went with it. The spider resumed its place with the snakes and mice in her system of values, the web disappeared into the inner workings of the vacuum cleaner, and my understanding of what makes a marriage last was back to square one. More years have passed, a cataract has developed in her other eye, and now a great-grand daughter of the original spider, 10 generations removed, has produced a new cobweb under the china closet. These events coincided with the arrival of a large black ant that wandered in from the garage and was prospecting for crumbs on the kitchen counter. I scooped it up in my hand, being careful not to squeeze it, and tossed it into the cobweb. The ant began struggling to free itself, and the spider darted down to it and immediately retreated. My wife concluded that the spider either did not like ants, or was afraid of them; but in a minute or so the struggles stopped. The spider walked daintily down the web again, wrapped the ant in strands of silk, and carried it back up out of sight. Later that day the carcass of the ant appeared on the floor under the web. To my wife, all of this was a mystery worthy of a TV soap opera, and she began by asking, "Why did he do that?" Rather than trying to determine who "he" was, I explained that, except for myself, all of the participants in the



drama were females... in most species of spiders, the females are the ones that build the webs, and the ants that go about foraging for food are worker females, like bees. It took a while for her to absorb this; she is a product of the culture of her youth, and finding that much power invested in her gender is still a novel idea, even when it is within the lower levels of the animal kingdom. Having established that fact, I went on to explain that the spider was not afraid of the ant; in their initial encounter, she had bitten it and injected a combination of poison and enzymes in a movement too fast for our eyes to see. She had then moved out of reach until the ant was immobilized. The body of the ant is encased in a shell of chitin, like the shells of the cicadas that soon will cover the trees in our yard; this shell makes a nice container in which the enzymes from the spider will digest all of the internal organs and muscles. The spider will sit in its parlor and wait until this process is completed, and then she will suck out the resulting fluid. All that is left of the ant will be the empty shell, and the spider, a good housekeeper, will toss it out of the parlor and onto the floor below. All this seemed to give my wife a new appreciation of biology. There was a moment of doubt the next day, when another ant invaded the kitchen; my wife tried to pick it up between

her thumb and fingers instead of brushing it into her hand, and it gave her a painful injection of formic acid. However, she solved that problem by swatting it with a newspaper and tossing it into the web, and the spider kept her entertained for the next hour as it went through its routine. This has now become a daily ritual; in fact, one day I found her out on the porch hunting for ants because none had volunteered to come into the kitchen. On the whole, she has grasped the situation very well, although occasionally she still refers to the spider as "he." So, after 58 years of mystery, it seems that biology has finally explained our marriage. There is just one cautionary note: I catch my wife staring at me now and then with a strange expression on her face, and last night, out of the blue, she suggested that we go upstairs to sleep. I remembered that in the last verse of Mary Howitt's poem, the spider did trick the fly into going up the winding staircase, so I found an excuse. In many cases, the spider's husband suffers the same fate as the fly. * See "Sunrise on a Tangled Web" in the archives of Emmitsburg.net To read past editions of The Retired Ecologist visit the Authors section of Emmitsburg.net.



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IN THE COUNTRY

The cicadas are coming

Tim Iverson
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“They’re coming to get you, Barbara! They’ve been (underground) a long time.” Although slightly paraphrased it’s still a fairly accurate description of the mood around the upcoming cicada swarm. Brood II cicadas only emerge every 17 years, which means an average person would only be able to experience the phenomenon about four or five times within their entire lives. While they may swarm into numbers of up to a million per acre in affected areas they pose little threat to the environment, and especially people – well except maybe our ears!

Cicadas are flighted insects that often get grouped in with locusts, but they’d like to let you know they don’t want anything to do with those bad guys of biblical proportions. Cicadas are actually more akin to leaf bugs or even aphids. They belong to a family of insect, Hemiptera, which have a piercing mouth used to suck the sap out of plants and trees. Their mouths have a sheath-like encasing that retracts between the legs when not in use. When they are using it the sheath extends and contains four needle type proboscises that pierce into plants. They’ll use these like a straw to slurp out the sap.

While they may have the physical ability to fly they are actually miserably poor at it. They also have six legs, but again they aren’t particularly well suited for jumping or running. It’s a wonder they get around anywhere at all really, but then again they don’t really need to. The sheer numbers they swarm in present

fairly good odds that much of the brood will survive predation from birds or other animals. Their impressive numbers aren’t the only thing that keeps away predators though! Their deafeningly loud songs do too! Some cicada species can belt out their ditties at 120 decibels, which is loud enough to permanently damage human hearing if you’re close enough. Some smaller species produces sounds in such high pitches that humans can’t even hear them. What’s really impressive is that when they are all crooning in unison it actually hurts birds’ ears and disrupts their ability to communicate with one another. By sticking together their chorus can actually reduce predation by birds.

These songs serve another purpose aside from the preservation of life. They also facilitate the procreation of it. What may sound like the shrill cacophony of swarming critters is actually the sweet serenade of love. After cicadas mate the female will lay the eggs into the stem of a plant. Once the eggs hatch they burrow into the ground and spend the next 17 years growing into maturity by feeding on the sap from plant roots. Once they reach full size the cicada nymphs will dig to the surface, shed their skin, and begin the process all over again.

There’s a lot of noise made over amount of noise cicadas make, and for good reason. I mentioned before that they can produce sounds up to 120 decibels. This is really impressive for such a small insect. However, the cicada produces these love lullabies in a really unique way. Many insects, like crickets, produce sounds by rubbing together different parts of the body. This is not the case for cicadas. The organ responsi-

ble is a ribbed membrane located at the base of the abdomen called a tymbal. These tymbals are contracted inward causing them to buckle and produce sound. Then the cicada relaxes the muscles and the tymbal pops back out and again produce a sound. The sound resonates within the abdomen, which is mostly hollow, to amplify the sound. Cicadas perform these contractions very rapidly and will alter their body positions to modify the song. Each cicada species have their own particular mating song that females with respond to, allowing for multiple species to coexist together.

Cicadas of this, or any brood for that matter, are also light-heartedly advocated as an appetizer or part of a meal. Just a simple Google search will yield many results for recipes. I’ve seen them described as a mixture of shrimp and asparagus. One blogger even commented, “Don’t think of them as pests, but as flying shrimp, self-delivered and free of charge.” National Geographic publicized that cicadas are low carb, fat free, and gluten free! I’m not planning on being adventurous this go round, but maybe in another 17 years, so I can’t give you any personal recipes or recommendations. It is worth mentioning that cicadas are closely related to lobsters and shellfish, so if you have shellfish allergies use caution.

So, what have we learned so far: Cicadas mating calls could make us deaf, scare away predators, and essentially works like ‘Cicada Mingle’. They live underground for about a 1/5 of our lives feasting on tree root sap only to rise up to the surface once, mate like rabbits, and then drop dead from exhaustion. They make those



deafening loud calls by rapidly sucking in and out hollow parts of their bodies. Finally, they may or may not be better or equal to shrimp cocktail. All in all, whether you like them or not they’re a remarkable little bug, and even if

you don’t think they’re very cool at least you have something to brood on.

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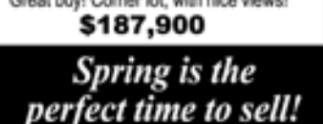


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Strawberry Hill's Summer Camp

Lizzy Ryan

Are you looking for a way that your kids can have a fun and educational summer? Are you looking for a way to keep them busy and not bored this summer? Then Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve camps are just the answer!

I was a camp counselor for the Strawberry Hill camps last summer and I have also been a counselor for

various 4-H camps for the past 3 years. When I was 5 and 6 years old I was a camper at Strawberry Hill. The Summer Nature Adventure camps have not only been a fun and educational way to spend the summer for the campers but also for me as a camp counselor. I learned new things just as the kids did!

I am sure that when the kids went home they told their families and friends all about what they did. I re-

member walking on one of the trails with the campers and finding a box turtle. They loved it and learned all about the animal. We also walked up to the quarry (which is obviously not in use anymore) and went to the pond with the kids. We caught frogs and the children got to hold them and learn about them.

Our days typically ended with a stroll in the creek to help us cool off! There the kids learned all about the

critters (macro-invertebrates) that lived there, like the crayfish. Catching minnows was very popular. At the end of every week the kids released two baby brook trout in the stream. They usually named them and then they watched the trout swim around in their new stream habitat.

Salamanders were always a big hit. Did you know the red-spotted newt species are found at Strawberry Hill? In fact, they are Strawberry Hill's mascot! The kids loved finding these newts and learning all about them.

We also had animal shows each week. Our counselors brought out a few animals for everyone to see; learn about; and sometimes hold or feel. These animals included a Tarantula named Rosie, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, a box turtle named Bob (who lost part of one of his legs in the wild and has a chipped shell) and snakes. The children really learned a lot and loved to see cool animal species. In fact some of the kids that came multiple weeks told others what they learned about the animals from past weeks.

Not only did we learn lots about creatures, but plants as well. Did you know that the native species Touch-Me-Not is good for relieving the itch of poison ivy? This little fact that I learned as a counselor I have since shared with my mother who is notorious for getting poison ivy frequently throughout the summer. So much so that we gathered seeds from the plants on our own property and planted them in pots so the plant will be readily available when mom gets poison ivy for the hundredth time.

Not only did the campers learn lots of interesting stuff, but it's been really fun to get to know the kids that attended the camps. Many came several weeks, making it really easy to get to know them. Others attended for just a week, but we still were able to become friends. Some of the campers I still see out and about with their parents and we always share a friendly "How are you doing?"

This year's camps will not disappoint. Each week we will focus on a different topic. Campers will learn a new "survival skill" and earn pins to mark their achievement. (For more information, visit www.StrawberryHill.org.) The first week is called "Camp Champ." Kids will get to build survival shelters and learn about navigation. The second week is called "Do You See What I See?" This week will focus on art. Kids will get to learn how to paint, sculpt and learn how to make music. That week will end with an art show for family and friends of the campers.

The third week is called "Mystery from History." This is a 3-day camp week and will be held at the Gettysburg Rec Park. This week will consist of team building challenges. The Fourth week is called "Junior Forest Steward." This week of camp is presented in cooperation



with Penn State Extension and has activities adapted from the Junior Forest Steward Program. Campers will get to learn about our forests and our gardens. They will even get to try to sprout a seedling and then become certified as a Junior Forest Steward. At the end of the week campers can invite their families and friends to help plant new trees at Strawberry Hill.

The fifth week is called the "Perfect Storm." In this week kids will learn about the science of nature. Campers will also be able to help build a weather station. The sixth week is called "Beetles and Bees and Bears, Oh My!" This week is in cooperation with 4-H. Kids will learn all about our local wildlife and insects. They will participate in a group project that will be entered in The Adams County 4-H fair in August at the South Mountain Fairgrounds.

The seventh week is called "The Wild Life." Campers will learn all about different habitats all over the world and how animals find food and water. We will also learn about modern and historical ways of finding and making food. The last week is called the "Chesapeake Challenge." This week is also in cooperation with 4-H. Kids will learn all about streams and they will have a group project in the 4-H fair also.

The nice thing about Strawberry Hill camps is that they are offered for a variety of ages. These ages range from four to five year olds all the way to twelve year olds. The four and five year olds have a half day of camp (from 9:00 am to 12 noon) and the six to twelve year olds have a full day of camp (from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm).

Strawberry Hill camps are a good way to keep your kids active for the summer instead of having them complain about being bored. Your kids will never be bored at the Preserve. The experiences they will encounter will be unmatched. So, if you want a way for your kids to have fun this summer while learning something new and being active, Strawberry Hill is for you. Hope to see you at camp!

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Jack Deathridge, Jr.

Therese, the oldest of the sisters, wanted to go into town for a job. She didn't want to go alone so I walked through the front door of "the factory" with her. I didn't want a factory job. Hell, there were 43 people in that little building, mostly scary female strangers. I was hired (Therese was not), forty years ago last March.

Had they placed me at a machine where I did the same thing for eight hours a day I'd have quit immediately. I was hired as a "roustabout", easily replaced by the next strong backed/weak minded monkey.)

The factory super in those early days was Maine Man; he talked funny. He tried to train me as a mechanic; thinking because Dad could tear an engine apart and rebuild it as easily as a bicycle, so could I. Maine Man's enthusiastic "Jack, you'll never make any money working here, but you'll learn enough to work as a mechanic in a shoe factory. That's where the money is." still rings in my memory. I never found Maine Man weeping in despair over my lack of mechanical ability, but I learned some interesting combinations of cuss words from him. Today, I'm still better at emptying trash barrels than I am at figuring out why a machine isn't functioning.

Maine Man was wrong about my moving on to the shoe factories. I was aware of several in 1973; Freeman Shoe in Emmitsburg, Hanover Shoe in Hanover, Gettysburg Shoe (with factories in Gettysburg, Dillsburg and East Berlin), and two factories I never knew the names of, in Fairfield and Thurmont. None remain.

I have a pay stub from the first check the factory cut me for a 40-hour week of work. I was told I'd start at minimum wage, which was \$1.30 an hour. I would eventually be taught to operate all the production machines, but would never be paid "piece rate" because I wasn't hired as an operator. That was fine by me, as I didn't know what the boss was talking about anyhow. The less than \$40 I took home that week allowed me to pay Mom some of what I owed her, covered a carton of smokes and a case of beer (after I found someone old enough to buy it for me.) I decided working in a factory wasn't as bad as I had thought it might be.

I learned to operate, maintain and sort of repair most machines the factory used in production. Sewing machines quickly became the bane of my existence. Maine Man told me there were thirty reasons why a sewing machine would drop a stitch. The problem was often caused by one of six things, or a combination of

them. Today, I can't name those six things.

The factory rarely bought a "new" machine. Most everything came from other factories that had closed. We had Singer machines so old the Singer reps claimed Singer hadn't made them. I learned to make springs and other simple parts to keep the antiques clunking away.

Over the years other factories tried to hire me as a mechanic. They offered as much as three times what I was making. Upon learning they ran between 100 and 300 sewing machines I'd laugh. I had six or eight to deal with at "the factory".

I'd like to claim trying to maintain sewing machines was my reason for getting drunk in those days. The truth is I endured those cast-iron junkyard rejects so I could get drunk at the end of a day.

Around the time I was perfecting my drinking techniques we got an order for a product that required the use of machines I hadn't much experience with. Those machines probably started me on smoking pot to calm the frustrated anger that steadily built as the production problems grew until all the people involved in the run were on the verge of violence. When the owner asked why the orders weren't getting filled on time, everyone pointed at me.

The boss finally asked me why I couldn't keep things running. I told him I simply couldn't figure out what was wrong with the machines. He asked if I would mind if he brought another mechanic in from Hanover Shoe. I begged, "Please?" (It didn't occur to me until years later that I was asked before an "expert" was brought in. Something had changed over the years.)

The expert spent half a day going over and adjusting the sewing machines. When he was done they were running as they were supposed to. I stopped the man as he was leaving and asked what he'd found, and corrected, that I'd missed.

"Nothing."
BULL! There had to have been something!

"Jack, I've been at this for more than 25 years. None of the machines were out of time, they were clean, everything where it should have been. I did the same things you've been doing to them. I honestly can't tell you why they are working now."

I still didn't believe him. We were in a part of the building where no one else could see or hear us. The expert looked around before he told me what he thought the real problem was.

"Never tell a machine operator that a problem is something they are doing. But that's what I think was happening in the sew-



ing room. I didn't do anything to those machines that you haven't done. But I'm not you, so when I made suggestions to the operators they didn't get riled. They are sewing differently now whether they know it or not. You weren't doing anything wrong. Don't let this get to you."

It didn't get to me, but several of the operators quit before the production run ended. That happened over the years, people letting things build up until they finally stormed out of the factory, often taking a few friends with them. That's how I ended up doing so many jobs I wasn't hired to do. The company was downsizing too, so I was told to take up the slack.

The factory employs five people today, four of us working part-time. I usually go home at lunch and nap until it's time to go back to the factory to shut it down at the end of the day. When

I'm not napping I sometimes try to order my thoughts via a keyboard. Sometimes I send those thoughts along to an editor and sometimes they end up in print.

While I'm still only making around minimum wage I get much else of value working at the factory. For example, one coworker asked me if I really thought anyone wanted to read the garbage I wrote under the heading "Pondering the Puzzlement". When I allowed it was unlikely and I was simply writing because the editor had asked me too, I was told the editor was a bigger idiot than I was.

Hmm. As the editor doesn't live in town and I do.... The Village Idiot column was born. 40 years at "the factory" and I'm still learning things!

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We called him Bam!

**Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley
Animal Shelter**

We called him Bam and I can't really tell you what the letters stood for or my parents will disown me.

He was a black cat and for some reason, we have trouble adopting out black cats. I don't know if it's the odd superstition associated with them (I would think that was something long gone from our collective consciousness by now) or if it's because people are looking for some "unique" markings in their prospective feline, but for whatever reason, Bam had been with us for a while.

He got his name (seriously, I can't tell you or my parents will be down to only two kids) because of the story that unfolded when we met him. He was dropped off in our outside dog run some time in early morning hours of September 4, 2012. It still boggles my mind that people will leave a cat in a dog run. You know I actually had to explain to a woman once that cats can climb and that's why she shouldn't just dump the calico she had into the dog run?

Sigh.

At any rate, we had no idea he was even there. We have cages on the porch for cats, so we didn't even think to check the dog run for a cat. When we pull up to the shelter and don't see a dog running around in the big outside run, we figure we're having a good day.

Little did we know.

He was discovered when one of our volunteers took Blueberry for a walk. Blueberry was a purebred,

cropped ears and all, pitbull. She was a sweetheart of a dog, but amazingly strong. She got adopted a while back and is having a marvelous life.

But at the time of Bam's discovery, she was still looking for her forever home and out on a jaunt with a volunteer.

Well, the volunteer brought Blueberry into the outside dog run and set out on her typical spree. It took her probably all of .03 seconds to discover she wasn't the only four-legged creature in that dog run.

She found that cat really fast.

And the battle was on.

Do you know who came out the victor? The cat. No joke. This cat had to be probably an eighth of Blueberry's size, but he apparently came out of that dog box fighting and didn't let up once.

Blueberry was a mess. We had to medicate her scratches -- some of which were really deep and included her face, mouth and chest-- and put her on an antibiotic, just to be safe.

The cat didn't have a mark on him. I'm not even kidding. We named him Bam.

Bam was a dear soul. He had those vivid green eyes that seem to stand out with black cats -- and coming from someone who lives with four all-black cats, I never understood why these babies tend to get overlooked. Mine have incredibly expressive faces.

He was just the nicest cat.

He was neutered and put up for adoption and caught the eye of a lot of helpful folks, including those at the Emmitsburg Journal. When we used Bam's pic-



ture in our Christmas edition, it was amazing what that one little photo did. He had a special story to begin with, but something about this guy caught the hearts of a lot of staff at the Journal and many inquiries were made about his status.

I'm sure they're going to be thrilled to get to the end of this column (spoiler alert!).

Bam's story isn't finished yet, though. After taking on a pitbull and winning -- I'm telling you when they got Bam out of that dog run (he was petrified, but didn't go after any of the humans trying to help him) I swear I could hear the Rocky theme song playing -- his saga wasn't over.

Bam started excessively grooming himself. It sounds bizarre, but dogs sometimes, and cats especially, can develop this tenden-

cy. Sometimes it's a flea allergy, sometimes it's a food allergy and sometimes it's just an obsessive disorder.

Yes, our animals can suffer from OCD. We had a cat years ago at the shelter who thought her tail was some kind of enemy. She attacked it to the point of drawing her own blood, if you can believe it. Once we put her on medications to calm her (the kitty equivalent of prozac) she stopped bothering the tail.

With Bam, we weren't sure what was going on, so we started by checking him for fleas.

Nope.

We gave him a shot of a steroid to help with the inflammation and put him in our isolation area with one of those dreaded e-collars, or "the cone of shame," as some pet owners call it.

He didn't look too thrilled with his latest fashion accessory, but we had to keep him from licking his back and give the skin irritation time to clear up.

We also switched his food to chicken-and-rice and applied ointment to the scabs he'd created. Despite his situation, which really didn't look all that comfortable, he never gave us any trouble. I mean, yeah, he wasn't too terribly happy -- he had that not-too-thrilled cat look in those expressive green eyes whenever I went back to check on him -- but never once did he take it out on the people who were helping him.

I truly can't say the same about other animals we've helped.

After all that, it was most definitely time for Bam's happy ending.

And it came eight months to the day of his arrival.

On May 4, 2013, a family came in looking to add some felines to their household. For some reason, they were drawn to Bam.

I always wonder what it is that makes people choose the animals that they do. Something tells me there was more at work here than maybe we'll ever know. It can't be a complete coincidence that he went home eight months to the very day that he was found.

Well, they adopted not only Bam, but another one of our felines named Gus. The day they did the adoption, they sent us an update via Facebook to let us know how well the boys were doing together and how happy they are to have them.

Bam's story truly is one that reminds me why animal shelters and rescue groups across the world do what they do.

Here was a cat who had been discarded by humans who didn't even care enough to make sure he was safe in a cage instead of a huge outside dog run. He met a giant pitbull the very next day and didn't let the dog intimidate him. He came through what we suspect was a food allergy with flying colors and found his forever home.

Bam could have been a sad statistic at any time in his story.

But he wasn't. Because people cared enough to help this guy.

And now as the credits roll on his tale, picture a relatively round, all black cat with remarkable green eyes settling into his new place with a contented sigh.

Technically for Bam, it shouldn't say "the end."

For him, this is just the beginning.

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Breeding season

Dr. Kimberly Brokaw, DVM
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When most people think of foals they think of cute babies out in the field running about with their moms. As a horse owner I frequently get asked if I am going to breed any of my horses. The answer is no. I purposefully select geldings so that I won't be tempted to breed. Having been called out in the middle of the night for serious birthing complications resulting in death of the foal and the mare on more than one occasion, as well as the numerous malformities, and other complexities, it makes me hesitant to want to undertake that myself.

Most people are unaware of the large amount of work that goes into getting a mare pregnant much less successfully getting the cute foal. While sometimes field breeding results in a nice foal, the majority of valuable horses are conceived through artificial insemination. Once the mare is pregnant, the number of sleepless nights for the owner only increases. Due to the risks associated with foaling, owners should be present to assist the mare or call the vet should the need arise. Mares frequently foal a couple weeks early or several weeks late, resulting in the possibility of over a month of sleepless nights for

the owner.

Artificial insemination has numerous benefits. First it eliminates the risk of injury due to fighting between the mare and the stallion. Risk of disease transmission also decreases. AI permits both mare and stallion to be on opposite ends of the country as well as for them to continue to compete during breeding season. The downside to AI is trying to coordinate getting the semen delivered when the mare is ovulating.

One of my clients has two draft horse mares. She had gone through the arduous process of selecting a stallion for each mare. The selection had been based both on desirable temperament as well as ability for both in-hand showing and cart driving potential. The stallions are located at the same farm, so for ease and the convenience of having both stallion's semen sent in the same shipment, the mares were given medications so that they would ovulate at the same time.

I ultrasounded the mares on a Monday and verified that they should be ready to inseminate on Wednesday. The mare's owner contacted the stallion owner and told him to collect and ship the semen for a Wednesday morning delivery. The owner also called Fed-Ex to make sure they knew the importance of shipment and

that it needed to arrive in the morning. Fed-Ex told her that wouldn't be a problem.

I called the mares' owner Wednesday morning. She told me she had just been on the phone with Fed-Ex and the semen would arrive about 9:30 that morning. I told her I'd be there between 11 and 12. When I arrived at the farm the semen was not there. The farm assistant called the owner and we were informed the semen would be there between 1 and two. I left for another farm and came back about 1:30 and waited at the farm until 2. Still no semen. I told the owner that I was sorry but I needed to leave and would not have time to come back. When the semen arrived she was welcome to drive the mares and the semen to me if she wanted them bred.

The semen was finally tracked down. Apparently it had been delivered to the wrong house. The semen was finally in the mare owner's custody and the mares and semen were driven to me and inseminated.

As part of routine breeding protocol, I check the semen under a microscope. I inspect it for quality including motility and concentration. Unfortunately when I checked this semen it was almost entirely dead. I was not looking forward to calling the mare owner. I was going to tell her that not only did she waste her money on fed-ex shipment, purchase of the semen, vet call charges, and her time driving all over, but we were going to have to try again as it was highly unlikely that either of the mares would be pregnant based on the quality of the semen. While it couldn't be determined if dead semen was sent, or if it died in transport (Fed-Ex not only delivered to the wrong address but also left it out in the sun.) She was given the option to abandon hope that the mares might be pregnant and just short cycle them, or wait and see if by some



miracle they took. Needless to say I have added this entire experience to my list of reason why I won't be planning on breeding one of my own horses.

I am always delighted when I see a healthy, well bred, foal playing in a field on a summer day.

Not only do I admire the beautiful foal, but I also appreciate the great efforts of the owner who bred that foal.

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Black Walnut trees

Mary Ann Ryan
Adams County Master Gardener

Black walnut trees have been a part of our natural landscapes forever. This native tree grows naturally along streams in moist, rich soils, and sunny locations. They do not tolerate dry sites, often dropping leaves at the first sign of drought. They have a nice canopy, potentially reaching 100' in height. They provide light shade and yellow fall color. These trees are very valuable, not only for the lumber it provides – often coveted by woodworkers – but also for the necessary food

source it provides for our wildlife. There are problems that threaten our native black walnut. A disease – three canker disease – has been introduced to Pennsylvania in Bucks County (southeast PA, near Philadelphia). As a result, a quarantine was directed that no firewood, lumber, nursery stock, or scions can be transported outside county lines. This has been a disease thought to be limited to the western part of the country, but is now here as well. “The disease poses a significant threat to the state’s \$25 billion hardwoods industry. Black walnut trees, which make up less than half of one percent of hardwood trees in Pennsylvania, produce high-valued lumber used in woodworking and furniture-making. The nuts of the trees are consumed by humans and wildlife.” <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/>

Symptoms of this disease include yellowing leaves, reduced leaf cover, and flagging of branches and eventually death.

Other issues with the black walnut include tent caterpillar, fall webworm, powdery mildew as well as other diseases that cause black spots and yellowing of leaves. These problems happen throughout the growing season. However, these issues alone do not typically cause death to the tree – weakening, likely; death, not.

Transportation of lumber and firewood seem to be our biggest problem when it comes to distribution of any invasive problems, which is how Thousand Canker Disease is classified. Getting your firewood from a local place to where you are burning it is nec-



Black walnut trees make up less than half of one percent of hardwood trees in Pennsylvania.

essary when trying to control invasive diseases and pests in our landscapes and forests.

However beneficial the walnut tree is, in the home landscape, they not only are messy due to the nuts falling and the large leaves that fall, but because of the toxin that the tree produces, this plant does not allow other sensitive plants to compete with it.

“The Source of Toxicity”

“Plants adversely affected by being grown near black walnut trees exhibit symptoms such as fo-

liar yellowing, wilting, and eventually death. The causal agent is a chemical called “juglone” (5 hydroxy-1,4naphthoquinone), which occurs naturally in all parts of the black walnut. Juglone has experimentally been shown to be a respiration inhibitor which deprives sensitive plants of needed energy for metabolic activity.

The largest concentrations of juglone and hydrojuglone (converted to juglone by sensitive plants) occur in the walnut’s buds, nut hulls, and roots. However, leaves and stems do contain a smaller quantity. Juglone is only poorly soluble in water and thus does not move very far in the soil.

Since small amounts of juglone are released by live roots, particularly juglone-sensitive plants may show toxicity symptoms anywhere within the area of root growth of a black walnut tree. However, greater quantities of juglone are generally present in the area immediately under the canopy of a black walnut tree, due to greater root density and the accumulation of juglone from decaying leaves and nut hulls. This distribution of juglone means that some sensitive plants may tolerate the amount of juglone present in the soil near a black walnut tree, but may not survive directly under its canopy. Alternatively, highly sensitive plants may not tolerate even the small concentration of juglone beyond the canopy spread. Because decaying roots still release juglone, toxicity can persist for some years after a tree is removed.” <http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/hortcult/fruits/blkwalnt.htm>

What does this mean for us? Typically, homeowners are not searching out black walnut trees to grow in their yard as a shade tree. Because of their messy habit alone, we avoid this plant. However, many homes may have been built where an existing hedgerow lives, or near a stream where walnuts are flourishing. If that’s the case, we need to be cautious as to what plants we place near those trees.

As you can imagine, the more sensitive a plant is to juglone, the

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Small Town Gardener It's more complicated than that

Marianne Willburn

worse it does closer to the tree. Very sensitive vegetable plants include tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, asparagus, sweet potatoes and others. Some shrubs that are sensitive include blueberries, chokeberries, cotoneaster, hydrangeas, lilacs, just to name a few. Many herbaceous plants are also considered sensitive. To see a complete list, go to <http://www.mortonarb.org/tree-plant-advice/article/887/plants-tolerant-of-black-walnut-toxicity.html>

The best choice is to plant things that are tolerant of the toxin. Some of these plants are serviceberry, birch, and hornbeam. Vegetables include onions, beets, squash, melons, beans and corn. For a complete list of tolerant plants visit <http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/FreePubs/pdfs/xj0039.pdf>

In addition to the black walnut, other trees have shown to be alleopathic as well. A tree that is just as much of a problem as the black walnut is Butternut. Other trees that are not quite as much of a problem, but still have juglone, are English walnut and hickories. Most of these trees are not readily available on the retail market, but could be growing naturally in the landscape. Research is always the best choice when planting trees, shrubs and herbaceous material around nut trees, so check out the lists from the websites above to make good decisions about what to grow.

In addition to being wary of plant types growing around walnuts, we also need to be diligent when raking up the leaves and nuts that have fallen. Many of us compost and like to put as much "stuff" in our compost piles that we can. From kitchen scraps to grass clippings and dead plants/leaves, we can utilize this waste to our benefit, making a wonderful soil amendment for all of our gardening needs.

However, when dealing with the remains of the walnut, whether it's the leaves, nuts, roots or dead branches, we do not want to throw them in the compost. Since the juglone is still present in the plant material many years after the plant is dead, this action can only cause problems for all plants that are sensitive, even if they are growing away from the nut tree. Although, when the juglone is exposed to air, water and bacteria, the toxin can be degraded in 4-6 weeks, and bark in 6 months. (<http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1148.html>) However, I'm not willing to take that chance in my garden, so the walnut debris goes someplace other than the compost pile.

In nature, we need black walnut trees. The benefits they provide are far reaching, from lumber to wildlife. But in our home landscapes, plant with care. As with all trees, we want to do our homework prior to planting any species. But when choosing the black walnut, be sure you understand the needs of the tree as well as your purpose for planting it and what the results may be when enhancing the landscape around it.

To read other gardening articles visit the Gardening section of Emmitsburg.net.

The dream of a garden must sometimes remain a dream for many. Faced with a distinct lack of resources in the cash department, or by obligations of family, debt or employment, many people find themselves aching for a square foot in which to plant a simple tomato, and unable to do anything more than put a pretty pot on a doorstep.

There are still others who might be a bit further along on the 'property ladder,' those who have a garden, albeit a small one, and think constantly of the freedoms a bit more land could offer them.

These dreams may be as simple as having the ability to place a front bench in one's front yard without clearing it with a higher authority, or as controversial as the ability to house a few hens in a coop the same way neighbors keep dogs in kennels. Constricted by space considerations, the homeowner may dream of the ability to plant an oak tree for the sheer joy of it, without caring two figs that its root system will someday occupy eight-tenths of his arable land.

Where ever you are on this journey – be it within the confines of an apartment, condo, or small town garden – the last thing you wish to be told when you occasionally come face to face with the limits of your outside life is, "If you don't like it, you should move."

Many times these words are delivered with the best of intentions by land-owning friends who know how much you ache for more space, freedom, or privacy, but don't know

how you also ache for the financial means to achieve it. However, more often than not they are uttered by those who would oppose you ideologically – those for whom a small town garden is not so much about the garden as it is about the town. Those who wish for your vegetables to stay neatly in the back (after you have completed the necessary paperwork), your hens to stay in the freezer and your compost pile never to have existed in the first place.

"If you don't like it, move." The arrogance of this statement boils my very blood. As if home-ownership...land-ownership, were just a matter of signing a few papers, packing a few boxes and moving to the home of one's dreams. While I do realize that living with-in one's means has become an antiquated concept, there are still some families out there doing just that, even if it means that their child will grow up without a back garden, or the luxury of small animals, or even a front porch.

We find ourselves in a heartbreaking reality now, where houses are worth much less than what was paid for them – even for families who acted cautiously during the buying ecstasy of the last decade. Many responsible citizens are still paying for their college educations, and will continue to pay for them whilst trying to scrape together funds to send their own children to college.

Still others have health issues that require ever-increasing sums. And some simply don't want

a mortgage that would have made their parents' generation turn seven shades of purple. Add to this the ever-looming threat of retirement and investments gone haywire, and you have a very harried homeowner carrying the world upon his or her shoulders. In such days of economic recession and employment uncertainty, it is a brave and well-heeled optimist who says, "That's it, call the realtor, we're moving."

Instead, how wonderful it would be for the homeowner who finds him or herself trapped by life circumstances to be given more freedom on the property they already inhabit – as long as it does not trespass on the physical freedoms of their neighbors. How tremendous for the apartment-dweller to be given an opportunity to garden through community efforts given priority in city planning that fully supports the idea of a sustainable, connected future.

How lovely to feel a little less panicked that the life you intended to live is not unreachable due to the vagaries of world markets in far-off cities; or indeed, the machinations of bankers over dinners where heirloom tomatoes are symbols of affluence, not sustenance.

It's just more complicated than picking up and moving shop. So the next time you might feel called upon to say the words, "If you don't like it, move.", consider your words carefully and hope that karma is just something that happens in foreign lands.

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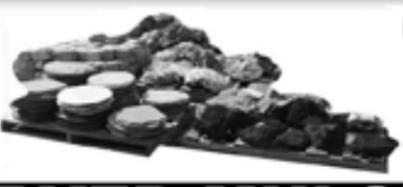
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The Gettysburg Experience

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From the last weekend in June to the first weekend in July, thousands upon thousands of people will descend into the town of Gettysburg. Between the two reenactments and the National Park Service's programs for the battle, the "Gettysburg Experience" will be one of the most sought out events for tourists from all around the world. In order to get around Gettysburg and have a good experience, one will need to plan ahead and have lots of patience. And the same goes for the town itself. The Gettysburg economy is going to get a huge boost from the tourism that is coming for those ten days. It is estimated that over four million people, a million more than normal, will flock to Gettysburg for 2013.

For the average person, I can not stress enough for you to do your research and plan ahead. There are some very good tools on the internet that you can access, and many of these tools have apps that you can download for free on your phone. The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is a great source for Civil War 150th events. This site can

be accessed at www.heartofthecivilwar.org.

Civil War Traveler is another great source. They have maps that you can download. These maps will allow you to follow in the footsteps of the armies as they advanced onto Gettysburg. Their web site address is www.civilwartraveler.com.

Another source for all things related to Gettysburg is the Gettysburg 150th website. This site has everything that is planned for the 150th. With Gettysburg being the high water mark of the 150th, you should plan ahead, and www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com is a great place to start your Gettysburg Experience. The National Park Service is planning some really good events that will break down the three days of fighting. Be sure to log onto their website at www.nps.gov/gett. With parking and traffic being a huge concern, shuttle busses will be the main mode of transportation with parking being offsite, and located at various points in Gettysburg.

Be sure to see the websites of the local tourism agencies in Frederick and Washington Counties in Maryland, and Adams and Franklin Counties in Pennsylvania. These four websites offer a wide selection of

amenities from lodging, food and other events taking place throughout the area. Again, plan ahead and do your research now.

While, the majority of people are tourists, there will be thousands of reenactors and living historians that will participate in the reenactments and programs sponsored by the National Park Service. In "Part Two of a 150 Years in the Making," I left off with 1988. Since those days during the 1980's, clothing, equipment and interpretation have improved dramatically. With those authentic campaigners comes a wealth of knowledge and first hand experience. They research many aspects of the period from culture to historical events and they narrow all that research down for each event that they participate in. This goes for the uniform, equipment and camp life.

Each year, these living histories that are sponsored by the National Park Service take place upon the battlefield and they recreate life of the average Civil War soldier solely based upon research. In return, the public is seeing the whole picture and learning while they talk with those living historians. But what goes into these interpretive programs? A great deal of time re-



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searching, investments into the time period of that event being portrayed, and the love of the history.

Living historians don't just buy things and expect it to work

for each program they choose to do. For an example, your early war appearance of a Confederate soldier will not work for a mid war event. So a lot of time is invested into the research for each



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specific event based on the time period, location, and unit. Reading up on the unit that is being portrayed and obtaining as much first hand accounts as possible is very important. These accounts help with interpretation. Many soldiers would write home about their experiences marching, camping, and what they witnessed. This helps to set uniform, clothing, and equipment standards for what is going to be portrayed and interpreted.

This year at Gettysburg there are several living histories taking place. The Union portion of the living history will focus on the Iron Brigade. Tons of research is going into this event. Another great living history aspect is the

recreation of an authentic Confederate battery at Pitzer's Woods, where living historians are recreating the famous Washington Artillery. These events are being conducted on July 1st-3rd. The best part of these living histories, is that they are designed for the average tourist to Gettysburg and they are free and open to the public. Whereas the Gettysburg reenactments that are taking place, you will pay top dollar at the gate.

If you don't want to fight the traffic at Gettysburg, there are other options out there. Several communities including Emmitsburg, are holding their own 150th signature events. At Emmitsburg on June 28th-30th, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Se-

ton is hosting Emmitsburg Heritage Days, 150th Commemoration of Civil War. Living histories and tours are being planned throughout the weekend.

In the neighboring community of Blue Ridge Summit there is another 150th event taking place. This event will be held on July 4th-7th and will commemorate the Battle of Monterey Pass, a battle that took place along both sides of the Mason Dixon Line. This event will feature two dedications, one for the battlefield and another for the Michigan state sponsored marker. Tours of the battlefield are being conducted. Related Civil War organizations will be there with displays relating to their site. Also

taking place that weekend will be a free seminar featuring Ted Alexander, Historian of Antietam NPS, Dr. Tom Clemens, Rev. John Schildt, Steve French, Wayne Hutzell and myself.

During the Monterey Pass 150th event, there is going to be a membership drive for the Friends of the Monterey Pass Battlefield, Inc. All memberships help to preserve this battlefield. Also being unveiled that weekend are plans for the new interpretive center, and fundraising for the preservation of 110 acres of battlefield land.

Again, plan ahead and be prepared for anything. If there is a program that you want to see, be sure to get there at least a half

an hour early. Also, remember that during all tours and events bring plenty of bottled water, bug spray, and wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes.

For up to date information, please check out the Gettysburg National Park Service Facebook page. Social media has gone to the forefront with the NPS. They will keep everyone up to date on any changes. This was a huge help during the 150th of the Maryland Campaign and even I was surprised how quickly things were posted onto the internet via Twitter and Facebook.

To read past Civil War articles by John Miller visit the Historical Society section of Emmitsburg.net.

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Today in Gettysburg, shops are polishing their signs and restaurants are bringing out their finest wares because in a couple weeks, the full impact of the 150 anniversary of the American Civil War will be upon us! From 1861-1865, war raged up and down the east coast and into the midwest. Civil War within any country is brutal, but with a young nation being torn apart, the United State's Civil War was not only brutal but pivotal. With knowledge of this momentous occasion, tourist will stream into Gettysburg to remember and commemorate.

Like everywhere else in the area, we at Hauser Estate Winery, have been

getting ready to celebrate and remember the Battle of Gettysburg. We do have one thing in common with the Civil War soldier that other places may not. We have both enjoyed a Hard Cider! While the popularity of Hard Cider, in the middle 19th century was gradually replaced by beer due to many reasons including an influx of German immigrant (and beer) to the United States, and the temperance movement, Hard Cider was still consumed by the American soldier.

Hard Cider is so versatile. In the Civil War it was consumed as well as used as an antiseptic. Fortunately today, we don't need to use it to clean wounds, we can just enjoy drinking or

cooking with it. Hard Cider can make a great match with all kinds of food or can be sipped on a hot afternoon. With so many people expected to visit Gettysburg this summer, watching and sipping on a Jack's Hard Cider at our location on the Square in Gettysburg seems like the perfect afternoon activity. But if you want something to eat with your Jack's this summer, pair it with a juicy cheeseburger or pulled pork sandwich. Corn on the cob with melted butter would taste great with a Jack's Hard Cider as would a summer fruit salad with berries and stone fruits. The possibilities are endless! The slight sweetness of a cider can be a great match with spicy foods and the

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The 1863 Great Fire of Emmitsburg



This photograph of Emmitsburg was taken from the South shortly after the Great Fire of 1863. The two churches visible in the photo are Elias Lutheran Church on the left and St. Joseph's on the right. In between the churches are the remains of the three-story Maryland Hotel.

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Ask all horse owners what their three biggest fears are and nine out of ten times a barn fire will make the list if not outright top it. Predominantly constructed of wood and filled with dry hay and straw, barns are torches just waiting to be lit. So, it's not surprising the extent horse owners take to keep potential ignition sources out of their stables.

The first thing I did after purchasing my farm was to install an old fashioned mechanical fire bell in the stable which was activated by heat. It can be heard as clear as day in the house even with the windows closed. For once a barn fire gets started, you only have minutes before it's out of control and an alarm may mean the difference between losing both your horses and barn or just your barn.

In 1863 horses were the primary mode of transportation in Emmitsburg. The first run of the Emmitsburg railroad was still twelve years away and automobiles and planes were thoughts of idle dreamers. As such, if you wanted or needed to travel you did it on horseback or in a carriage. The half hour trip to Frederick today took two days which

necessitated an overnight stay. And, a round trip to Gettysburg or Thurmont occupied almost a full day.

Instead of parking meters, the streets of Emmitsburg were lined with hitching posts. Instead of garages everyone had stables, and for those that couldn't afford their own stable, the town had at least five public stables. Each and every one was a potential torch just waiting to be lit.

The stable for the guests of the Western Maryland Hotel on the south-east corner of the square was located behind the hotel. The stable for the Emmitt House Hotel was located at the end of West Main Street. Emmitsburg residents who didn't have their own stable stabled their horses at one of three stables run by the Patterson brothers and a Messrs. Gunther and Bean. The Patterson brothers had two public stables in town. The larger one, which housed horses most frequently used, was located on West Main and Patterson Street and their 'turn out' stable was located on the south side of East Main Street opposite modern day Jubilee grocery store. Gunther and Bean's stable was located just east of the Elias Lutheran Church in what is now the church's upper parking lot.

It was in the latter stable that something went horribly wrong on the night of June 15, 1863. What happened that night we may never know for sure. Did someone carelessly throw a cigar away? Did a kerosene lantern fall and break? Did improperly dried hay spontaneously ignite? History only records that at 11 PM that night the alarm of fire was sounded.

While water was plentiful because almost all homes had their own wells or pumps, there was no organized and formal fire company to fight fires. Instead, the community would turn out en masse with buckets to form bucket brigades. While a bucket brigade would normally be sufficient for small fires, it was no match for a barn fire. A firefighting hose cart built in town in 1851 by the Emmitsburg Fire brigade (the predecessor to today's Vigilant Hose Company) was used at the great fire. (The old hose cart is on display in the museum area of the Vigilant Hose Company station.)

The fire quickly spread with the prevailing winds. It first burned the homes and businesses to the south of the stable - the North West corner of the square. Because of the height of the buildings on the square, which were the largest in town, the fire was easily able to jump to the North East Corner of the square and began to burn down East Main Street.

Folklore has it that the fire traveled

east for two blocks burning everything in its wake, at which time, its eastward progression was stopped by the citizens of the town. The fire then jumped to the southern side of East Main Street and burned west back to the square.

However, a review of maps of the town at the time suggests a more probable progression of the fire. The eastern progression of the fire was not stopped at the end of the two blocks by the efforts of the citizens but by the lack of fuel. In 1863 the majority of homes and business in Emmitsburg were located on West Main Street and not East Main Street. The end of the second block of East Main Street contained only a few widely spaced houses providing too great a distance for the fire to jump.

As for the jumping of the fire to the southern side of East Main Street, the most probable location was near the square which contained the largest buildings as well as the greatest concentration of buildings. One only needs to draw a straight line from the Lutheran Church's parking lot to the North East corner of the square - the direction of the prevailing wind to see that the line intersects the middle of the first block on the south side of East Main Street. From there, the fire on the southern side of East Main Street would have progressed eastward until it too ran out of homes to burn.

Because of the prevailing winds, the fire on the south side of East Main Street would have progressed more slowly to the west, which accounts for the fact that the last building to be destroyed was the Western Maryland Hotel located on the south east corner of the square. The fire was not brought under control until 7 AM the next morning. All of the homes and business in the western part of the town, save those on the North West corner of the square, were spared. John O'Donoghue's house, which sat opposite the Western Maryland Hotel on the South-West corner, was saved by the placing of wet blankets on the roof which prevented cinders from nearby flames from igniting its roof.

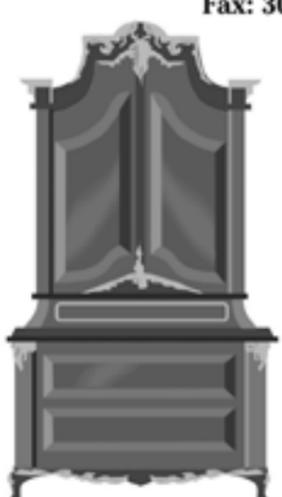
Unfortunately, at the time Emmitsburg did not have a newspaper, so we have to depend upon reports from the papers of surrounding communities as to the events of that evening. According to the Gettysburg Sentinel and General Advisor:

"On Monday night just about 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in our neighboring town of Emmitsburg, ten miles from this place, which was truly awful in its ravages. It commenced in the livery stables of Messrs. Beam & Gunther with such rapidity that it defied all attempts to stay it. The glow of the fire could be seen by the residents of Gettysburg. The fire consumed the

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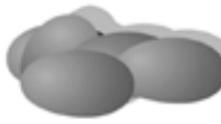


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properties of the following persons:

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According to the June 27, 1863 Gettysburg Star and Sentinel:

"On Monday night last, at about 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in our neighboring town of Emmitsburg, ten miles from this place, which was truly awful in its ravages. It commenced in the livery establishment of Messrs. Beams & Guthrie, and spread with such rapidity as to defy all efforts to stay it. Twenty-eight dwellings were destroyed, rendering homeless fifty-four families, numbering in the aggregate one hundred and eighty-nine persons. These have been cared for in various ways. A large portion have been accommodated at the Sisterhood; the Hall in town is full, whilst all having spare rooms have freely given it to the homeless. A ruffian named Eli Smith has been arrested and confined in Frederick jail, on suspicion of having been the incendiary."

According to uncited newspaper articles collected by Zourie Hyder Wentz (1852-1940):

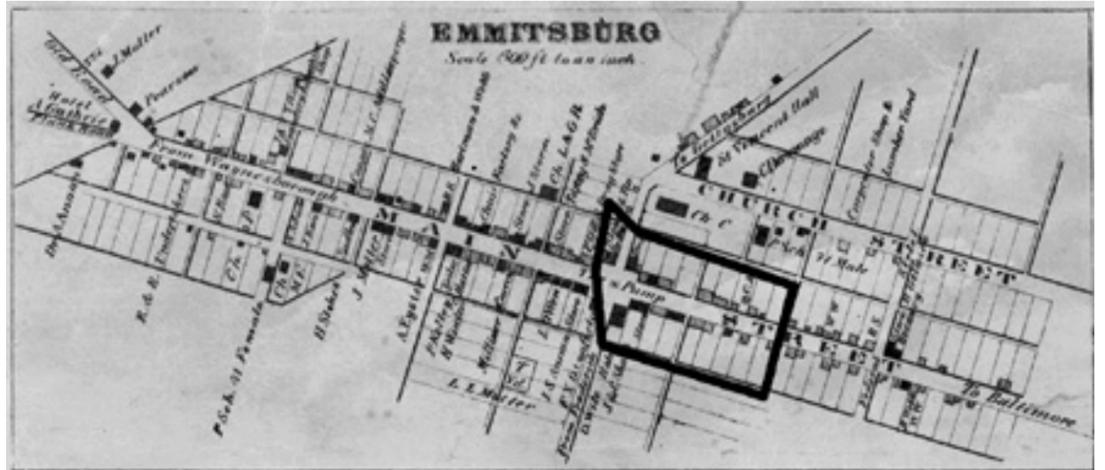
"When the sun arose upon the burnt district, it revealed the horrors of the night, and the people realized they

were homeless, many penniless, blackened walls or only foundation to tell where eight hours before comfortable habitations stood. Houses were opened to shelter the thirty families who were so suddenly made homeless, some repaired to friend's houses in the country. The fields and roads close by were strewn with furniture and bedding. Some of this was damaged by the sparks, one piano on the pike as far down as the Warehouse was greatly damaged, while beds were being carried away they took fire upon the men's shoulders. While the fire was raging, the church bells were rung to call the people from the country. A few came, quite a number came up the road within sight of the town, seeing the great light, they concluded the Rebels had fired the town, and they returned to their homes, fearing they knew not what, for these were perilous times. The army under Lee was moving up the valley of Virginia, the Army of the Potomac was moving toward Washington. Sixteen days later these two armies met at Gettysburg with results well known to all. The excitement of the army passing helped to divert the people of our town, the battle, the return of the army passing, kept up the excitement, thus the people were kept excited the whole summer, later families or individuals left for other fields."

"Between midnight and morning, Rev. Dr. John McCloskey brought the boys from the college to assist at the fire. No doubt some of these boys have often thought of this fire and the jolly time they had."

"Many amusing incidents occurred, such as carrying feather beds down stairs and throwing a mirror after it. An old lady came to the writer with a basin of water and insisted upon his throwing it on a burning house. Some carried their furniture into houses where it fared the same fate it would if it had been left at home. The excitement was so great, many were not responsible for their acts. It was no uncommon thing to see groups crying and bewailing together. It was a piteous sight to behold."

"For weeks the town was the attraction, not only for people near, for they came long distances to view the ruins, many letters from friends away came urging these sufferers to come to them, others came to see and do for their friends. The citizens held a meeting and appointed a committee to go to Baltimore and solicit aid. They collected quite a sum which, added to contributions sent from towns, gave great relief. Forty-five houses and stables in all were destroyed, besides the household effects by the hand of some malicious person applying a match to the stable of Guthrie and Beam, their loss was eleven horses, carriages, buggies, harness,



This 1858 map of Emmitsburg shows an outline of the area destroyed during the Great Fire of 1863.

&c. When the Union Army came through on the road to Gettysburg, almost the first question asked, was 'did the Reb's burn this town.' A few persons built the same summer, but the burnt district was not wholly rebuilt for many years. Prior to 1870 only nineteen houses had been rebuilt."

The question of how the fire started occupied the minds of many. A week after the fire, Eli Smith, a resident of Emmitsburg and Union sympathizer, was arrested on suspicion of starting the fire to prevent advancing Confederates from taking supplies from the town. In July of 1863, Smith was formally arraigned in Frederick and charged with arson.

On June 15, 1863, Confederate General Robert E. Lee began his Pennsylvania Campaign as the advance of the Confederate Army crossed into Maryland. During the night the citizens of Gettysburg looked southward and saw an orange glow in the sky coming from the direction of Emmitsburg. Rumors began to spread throughout the countryside about the Confederate invasion. It wasn't until June 29th that the first Union soldiers saw the damage that the fire had caused. Tired from a day's march from Frederick and Middletown, the Union soldiers set camp in Saint Joseph's Valley. The town's residents welcomed the Union troops. After seeing the damage done by the fire on June 15th, the troop thought that the Confederate army had torched the town.

For many years, that's where the story of the great fire of Emmitsburg ends. However, recent research by the Greater Emmitsburg Historical Society has uncovered that in April of 1864 Smith was found innocent of the charges and set free. The Historical Society is in the process of obtaining the actual court records and with them can hopefully cast more light on the events leading up to and during the Great Fire of 1863. Stay tuned, there may yet be unexpected twists and turns to this long underreported story.

Lieutenant William Ballentine of the 82nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment recalled:

"The town is a very nice one, hardly as large as Urbana, but all fine buildings. About one half of the

town was burnt about two weeks ago. The people think it was done by a resident of the town whom they now have in jail. He is said to be a Union man although the town is one of the worst secessionist towns in Maryland. But that was not the reason it was burnt. It was in revenge for some private wrong done by some individual of the town; his store was set on fire and burnt the rest with it."

As after any fire, many of the homes and business were rebuilt over time. Bean and Gunther were no exception. They rebuilt their livery stable on land now occupied by the antique mall. Their decision to relocate to this spot resulted in confusion in the minds of many as to the exact location of the start of fire. Many old timers only knew of Bean and Gunther being located at this second location and equated the location of the start of the fire with the new stable and not their original stable located next to the Elias Lutheran Church.

Contrary to popular folklore, the conditions that eventually led to the decision to form the Vigilant Hose Company lay not so much in the fire of 1863, but a 1881 cholera pandemic that had broke out in India. Public health officials, eager to prevent its spread to America, began to demand that unsanitary conditions in densely

populated areas be addressed. In May 1881 the Frederick County Board of Public Health directed Emmitsburg to correct concerns over the purity of drinking water." In May of 1883 a town meeting was held to determine if sufficient funds could be raised for an Emmitsburg Water Company whose purpose would be to supply the citizens of Emmitsburg with pure mountain water. With a resounding "yes" the town elected John Donoghue, whose home on the square was saved during the fire of 1863, as the first president and authorized him to begin selling stock, the proceeds of which would be used to fund the construction for the company.

In 1884, one hundred and twenty five years ago, following the building of the water company's reservoir in the hills west of town and the subsequent installation of fire hydrants on the streets of Emmitsburg, the Vigilant Hose Company was founded. While a massive "conflagration" fire is most unlikely nowadays, the men and women of our local fire company continue to remind us that everyone must always remain vigilant to the ever-present menace of fire where we live, work, learn, and relax.

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Cold War Sons

Editor's note: In honor of Father's Day, we asked the sons of two of our Cold War Warrior authors, Captain William Hicks and Commander John Murphy, to reflect on what it was like growing up with dads who were on the front line of the Cold War. We hope you enjoy their insight on the benefits of growing up as "Navy Brats."

SONS OF A SUBMARINER

Fr. Boniface Hicks

My name is Father Boniface Patrick Hicks and I am a Benedictine priest and monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA. I am the younger of Captain William Hicks' two sons. Benedictines are known for peace and one might wonder if, in my decision to become a Benedictine, there would be a contradiction or a rebellion against my father, who was a naval submarine captain—an occupation tied up in the potential for war. To the contrary, I like to point out that being a submariner is one of the closest things to monastic life in the secular world. For large stretches of his life, when he was deployed in submarines, my Dad lived like I do—in a close-knit community, vowed to poverty, chastity and obedience, dedicated to a life of service and trying to promote peace. I believe that the complementarity I see between my current life and my career is not an accident but, rather, a direct result of the values he instilled in me through his fatherhood.

Two unique aspects of my life as the son of a submarine commander, which at first might seem to be detrimental, were the frequent moves and the lengthy absences of my father while he was out at sea or working long hours on critical projects. Because of how my father handled these challenging dimensions of our family life, however, these turned out to be formative advantages and occasions for him to teach me three crucial values—

—the joy of discovery, the importance of integrity and a dedication to family.

To this day I can never give people a straight answer when they ask me, "Where are you from?" I generally respond, "All over—my Dad was in the Navy." Sometimes they insist, "Where were you born?" "Connecticut...but I moved away when I was two and I have never been back." Although it complicates small talk, growing up on both coasts of the United States was a very enriching experience for me. One of the most enriching parts of it, though, I owe to my Dad. When we traveled across country, we made it a family adventure. We drove from east coast to west coast 3 times and each time took a few weeks to make the journey. Those trips left me with a significant percentage of the memories I have from childhood. My father turned the challenge of our military transience into an opportunity to learn the joy of discovery. The national parks, the museums and the monuments, not to mention the thousands of miles of roadside, that I saw at such an early age have given me a love for our beautiful country and a rich sense of our history and culture.

Objectively, I know that my Dad was away from home more than most Dads. Subjectively, however, I have the feeling that he was always there. I have a hard time remembering him missing. Even when he was not at sea, my Dad worked long hours. At the same time, when my Dad was not working, he was home with the family. He devoted all of his free time to us. He was actively and deeply involved in our lives and it was always a joy to share the latest projects and adventures with him, in school or in sports.

I give my mother a lot of credit for this too, because she had a way of making him present even when he was away at work. He was very



The Hicks Family: Bill and Mary Hicks with Patrick and Michael ~ 1980

loved and we felt very loved by him, and love has a way of reducing the distance. From my Dad's absences, I learned two important values—integrity and family. My father's work ethic was passed on wordlessly to my brother and me and that was formative for the kind of perseverance and dedication required in my life now as a monk and priest. My father's dedication to my mom and my brother and me also formed me deeply and facilitated the innumerable subsequent relationships I have developed in my monastic community and through my priestly ministry.

Being a Navy brat presented unique challenges as I was growing up, but my Dad turned these to positive benefits. I will never be able to thank my father enough for the formative gifts he has given me and the man he has made me by his love and example.

Dr. Michael Hicks

My name is Dr. Michael William Hicks and I am a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, College Park. I am

four years older than my brother Patrick (who changed his name to Boniface when entering the priesthood), and I am married with three school-age children.

Having a Dad who was a submariner was pretty cool, and others thought so too. When I was in high school, I worked for a local comic book publisher. My boss, Shel Dorf, would often introduce me by saying "This is my assistant, Mike Hicks, whose father is a submarine commander." It was a great pleasure for me when my Dad agreed to host Shel on a tour of one of his subs. Around that same time, the film the Hunt for Red October was in production and some of the filming was done at Ballast Point, the submarine base in San Diego where we lived. It was cool to take my girlfriend to the dry dock where it was filmed and point down to Alec Baldwin and Jeff Jones on the "set." It was even cooler to watch the film and point to things I had seen in person.

A couple of years back I took my kids to the submarine museum near Groton, Connecticut, where

we toured the Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered sub. The tour was very similar to the dozen tours I'd taken on my Dad's various boats, so I could share with my kids the same neat things I used to see when I was their age. It was also rewarding to know that they could better imagine what their grandfather was doing when he was my age, chasing around Soviet ships and protecting our country. It was also fun to see my old house (like Pat, I was born in Groton). I knew it would look small (I hadn't been there since I was 6), but it looked really small! I still have a hard time reconciling the two sets of memories.

To be a nuclear submariner, my Dad had to learn some very sophisticated physics and engineering. My Dad's high regard for education was expressed to me in word and deed. Whenever we moved, my parents would scout the area in advance and figure out where the best schools were. My Dad often made his commute substantially longer in order to live near the best schools. When we drove across country three times, we visited educational sites: national parks, historic places, and museums (and some theme parks too!). I absorbed the idea you could always learn more, and that at the end of the day, what you had to say depended on how informed you were and how well you could articulate your position. We regularly had "discussions" at the dinner table about wide-ranging topics. When I was dating my wife, she mistook these for arguments (as anyone would!). But I came to learn that if you believed something, you needed to argue for it and defend it. If it didn't hold up to scrutiny, you should rethink your position. Having internalized this attitude is probably a big part of why I'm now a professor, since it is precisely what the scientific process is about: convincing your peers you are right by the weight of your argument and the evidence.

Though my Dad was away for long stretches, like Pat I never felt neglected. I have really fond memories of playing sports with

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my Dad, just the two of us. From a young age through high school I could go up to and say "let's play X" and we would. We'd kick the soccer ball, throw the baseball, play tennis, throw the frisbee, play wiffle ball. My Dad also made it a priority to come and support us at our organized sporting events, and other events. I enjoy doing the same things now with my kids.

Like Pat, I cherish my childhood as a Navy brat, and as William Hicks' son in particular. I have learned so many important lessons through amazing experiences, and I have been nurtured by the meaningful and steady love of my parents. I have endeavored to raise my own kids the same way. My Dad and I are close friends, and it's great to see my parents regularly as they live close by. I cherish our relationship and I am very thankful for the opportunities my parents gave me. It's a pleasure to write this small reflection and expression of thanks.

IN FROM THE COLD

Ralph Murphy

I was born in Istanbul, Turkey on New Years Day in 1961. My American parents were based there while my father worked in a U.S. facility as a Naval Intelligence officer keeping an eye on the Soviets to the North. The United States military demanded much of my parents and family, but in return provided a comfortable middle class life, fraught with intrigue and adventure. We eventually settled in Washington, DC, the capital of the free world.

My earliest memories of Dad and Mom were in Norfolk, VA, where my father was based after our four years in Turkey. I learned years later that he was involved in high level defense undertakings at the unlikely Virginia Beach base. The BBC recently did a documentary report which credited him, Lieutenant John Murphy, with questioning the validity of an order to invade Cuba during the missile crisis in 1962. Had it not been for my father, the order would have been carried out without further questioning and, per the TV show and expert accounts, would have probably led to a nuclear exchange. The BBC said he saved humanity when the invasion order was quickly determined a mistake. For Dad, the Cold War was on and it was necessary for the intelligence world to be a "rolling stone" to compete with the Communist internationals.

I lived with my mother, an older sister born at Andrews Air Force base, and younger sister and brother born in Norfolk. Among my earliest memories were my mother telling me that Dad was going to Vietnam for a year and giving me a picture of him in uniform which she said I should keep safe. John Murphy was a Sovietologist and Russian linguist, but somehow got sent to that simmering backwater to serve with WESTPAC in 1964-65 to help thwart Southeast Asian dominoes. He was based on the Jamestown, a destroyer, and per-

formed a classified role. He spent extensive time ashore, witnessed by pictures of the era, but the war was in its infancy and the 1965 Tonkin Gulf impetus for action was still looming.

Dad returned to Norfolk, where his older brother, Ralph Murphy (eventually Admiral Ralph Murphy) was also based. I recall visiting his destroyer docked in the harbor, and taking a skiff along with my family and some sailors to another sight on the water, then returning to his ship. It was all quite placid for the family, and dad gave few indications as to the real stresses he was facing in performing his intelligence duties. Family time was fun time for him, with birthday parties witness to party hats and laughter. He was in charge of the family and we knew it, but wasn't nasty like the parents of some other Naval officers living near base.

In 1966 President Johnson was increasing the U.S. presence in Vietnam, and John Murphy was sent to the Pentagon as a base of operations. I remember moving to Bethesda, MD from sunny Norfolk on a dreary, rainy day, and hating it. But I was five, and would adjust.

About a year after our move, Dad, then a Lt. Cdr., got a late night phone call, quickly dressed, and went to work. The USS Pueblo had been seized by the North Koreans, and my father had assigned the crew and was integral in its attempt at repatriation. Dad swears to this day the ship was in international waters when seized, and I being six years old thought it part of the Vietnam conflict and a natural extension of hostilities.

I told my first grade teacher of my father's involvement in the deployment and rescue efforts of the event, and she told my class as an item of interest, which led to a deluge of phone calls to my house from concerned parents who had somehow been given the impression my father was one of the POWs. My mother fielded them well, and denied any family involvement in the event.

Sports were an infectious passion of my father, and he would take me, my brother, and friends to the playing fields of the Bethesda Naval Hospital each weekend to work out. We did that until we were old enough to play organized ball, including football, track, and soccer. About a year after the Pueblo in-

cident, Dad told me he was being sent back to Vietnam for another year of duty, this time on an air craft carrier, The USS Kitty Hawk. He was there just in time for the Tet Offensive and he directed much of the fighter bombing. He spent considerable time on Vietnamese turf, getting shot at and returning fire while successfully delivering and picking up mail, and was left at an undisclosed drop off point where he spent the night, as the U.S. military in the area considered a pick up too dangerous in the VC controlled area.

Dad was vague about his Vietnam dealings, but did play a role in missions such as "Rolling Thunder" and "Linebacker Two" which were largely successful in instilling casualties on the enemy, but steeled the opposition who took the seven million dead and injured in stride. The smart money saw a populace willing to wait out the American military in Vietnam and either fighting for, or tacitly approving a Northern win in that shattered nation.

John Murphy returned from the war in 1969 as affable as when he left, and judging by personal photos taken on the mainland, he had played a more extensive role in the event than he had let on to us at home. His drinking increased as the domestic counter culture springing from the conflict claimed its toll on morality and American values. He told me he even considered moving to Ireland upon retirement in his disgust at the Hippies' victory. I was right there with him, and grew up in a drug oriented and promiscuous culture which I hated, as did the CIA where I eventually found kindred souls.

The Navy paid for Dad's graduate degree in Russian studies, and my exposure to the Soviet exiles and others at book stores while visiting down town led me to believe at that very young age that Russian was the official language in Washington and English was spoken as a secondary one. During the early 1970's, Dad would also take me to the Pentagon, where I absorbed the military hardware on display, like shoulder held anti aircraft weapons, military issue small arms, and other paraphernalia. I also met senior military leaders who appeared to enjoy my presence as a youngster in that otherwise austere setting.

I lived in the same Bethesda house for ten years, when in 1976 my father was offered a job in the



John and Joan Murphy & kids (l-r) Ralph, Pat, Katie & Kerry.

private sector which would triple his income, for pretty much the same type of work duties. He accepted the job, and our "middle" middle-class family became an upper middle-class one with a new house in a loftier area of the suburb, and a wealth of contacts ranging from the State Department, children of Congressmen and Senators, CIA, and many private sector workers.

We were officially out of the military, and living quite well, but never forgot from where we'd come. In my later dealings with the govern-

ment, I was sent to the Pentagon on rare occasion, and would think back to my childhood relationship with the building and its personnel. The military had sustained and formed me and my family, looking back, provided ideals and challenges no other organization likely could. It was a long life journey which for me never really left the area, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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MOM'S TIME OUT

June already?

Mary Angel

There is no way it is already June, but wait it must be June. We had too many birthdays last month to count, the weather can't make up its mind; I nurtured my plants in the garage until the fear of frost was gone, and most likely planted my dahlias upside down again. All of that can only mean one thing, May is gone and June is here. With June

comes a whole new month of excitement.

June means Father's Day, surgery for my son (again), a dance recital, a concert, figuring out what is wrong with the almost empty pool (something new every year), and most importantly (according to the kids) school is out. I can't even believe that school is almost out; the kids already have a serious case of spring fever. After school I send them outside to run

off some of their steam. June is definitely a month of mixed emotions.

On one hand I can't wait for the dance recital. To see my youngest in an adorable red costume (with feathers) and her little black tap shoes is going to be worth a thousand pictures and a thousand words. I am serious; my theory on picture taking is the more I take the less likely I am to miss the important ones. The chorus concert at the end of the month is something I am already charging my camera for. The fact that my oldest son has found that hobby that he really enjoys and is really good at totally make my heart smile! But June isn't all fun and singing.

As for the pool, we have owned the house for three years and every year something has gone wrong. So we obviously have a hole somewhere in the liner and can't find it. Every year we contemplate not fixing the pool and then we remember (with the help of the thousands of pool pictures I have taken) what a huge blast it is for the kids, their friends, and us. So a headache yes, but totally worth fixing. I just hope one year we open the pool in an extremely uneventful manner.

The surgery is a whole other story. My son had surgery in December which didn't go as planned. Actually it didn't work at all, a total fluke! So here we are getting ready to do it all over again. Thank God though; he is totally alright with it. To quote him, "Mom, don't worry. It's really OK because the doctor and nurses were so nice to me, I really don't mind." He is a bit OCD and quirky at times, but what a heart he has. So for me June

is a roller coaster of emotions ranging from joy to fear.

For the kids though, it is the fact that school is soon ending that makes it June. Even though there are so many other things going on this month, the only one that matters is that school is out. June signals, for them, the start of summer, the end of homework (besides our annual summer math workbook), summer camps, time in the pool, campfires, cook outs, time with friends, going to the beach, visiting their Meme and Poppo, leisure time, and everything that makes the school year worthwhile.

The kids are already quizzing me on which camp they can each take and when they will be held. Molly is busily planning her birthday party. While the boys are planning there video game chats with friends. Apparently chatting while you are playing video games is the new "texting", which is the new "talking on the phone", which was the new "sending a letter". The boys don't even have to be playing the same games as their friends, but they are still chatting on their headsets. It actually cracked me up the first time I realized one of them wasn't even playing at all, just sitting in his room chatting with his headset on.

We have started this year's "summer fun" list. This is a list we make every year of things to do over the summer. It can include things to do at home, like pool time, smores, or

play dates; it can include field trips, like The Land of Little Horses in Gettysburg or the zoo in Thurmont; or it can be things like getting a manicure or going to the mall or out for ice cream. Every year my husband and I try to add some unexpected ideas to the list. Then we try and see how many of the things we can do before the summer is out. Some years we do pretty good and others not so well. It usually depends on when the camps are and how often we go and visit the grandparents whether there is time for much else. No matter how much we accomplish or don't accomplish on the list, we have a blast making it and even more fun with the things we do get to.

I guess the bottom line is that I love how much the kids are able to be kids and just worry about the fun they are going to have over the summer. I love that they don't worry about the hole in the pool or how to pay for summer camps, or scheduling trip to their grandparents, or even having to repeat a surgery. I love that they just get to be kids. It doesn't mean that they don't have bad days and don't worry about things, but it does mean that the magic of summer makes the bad days not mean as much when you are a kid. So, to every mom who is reading this article I wish you a fun and carefree summer with your kids!

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BEDTIME STORIES

The brave boy color bearer of Gettysburg

Editor's Note: We found the following "Daddy's Bedtime Story" in the June 27, 1913 edition of the Emmitsburg Chronicle and thought it fitting to reprint it.

Memorial Day was at hand. Jack and Evelyn understood what it meant, for grandfather always took them out to the cemetery and show them the graves of which little flags fluttering and told them stories of the blue and gray.

"Can't you tell us a soldier's story, daddy?" The little children ask. Daddy nodded; he was thinking.

"50 years ago was fought a great bat-

tle of Gettysburg, he began. Gettysburg is a little town that lies just over the border from Emmitsburg.

"In the old days, 50 years ago, when North and South were fighting each other, General Lee, who was in command of the Southern, or Confederate Army, wished to send his soldiers to Harrisburg, the capital Pennsylvania, to fight the Northern, or Union, soldiers there. The battle lasted for three days, when the southern army was defeated.

"Among the soldiers in the Union army on that day when the fighting began was a young boy, a color bear-

er. It was his duty to carry our flag and very proud he was of his post.

"When the fighting became fast and furious he pushed his way to the front of the line facing the Confederates.

"The little color bearer new that if the men of his army saw him, a boy bravely facing the guns of the enemy, they would be ashamed to fall back.

"But it happened that in that part of the field there were many more Confederate troops than Union ones, and the boy saw his comrades falling back around him by the scores as the guns of the enemy roared and whistled.

"It was the hope of the little color bearer that the regiment, whose general he knew was hurrying to their aid, would reach them before the enemy drove them back.

"At last, as he saw how few of his companions still lived and were able to fight, the boy stepped out beyond the front of the line and carried his flag further forward. But the Union soldiers knew that they lost that part of the field and began to fall back in spite of his example.

"Carried away by grief, the little color bearer turned to wave his flag defiantly and shake his clenched fist at the enemy.

"All day the shots had been whistling around him. Sometimes they chipped the flag's staff,

but it never touched him. But as he turned to follow his retreating comrades a shot from the enemy lines killed him. He fell dead still clutching his beloved stars and stripes.

But he is not forgotten. In the great cemetery that the nation keeps for the brave dead who fell at Gettysburg you will see the white marble figure of a boy holding a flag in his hands with his clenched fist upraised.



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SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

What's new at the library

Erin Dingle
Emmitsburg Library

The Emmitsburg Branch Library plays an important role in the life of the community and your support through using the library, using our computers, checking out materials and attending programs is much appreciated. We continue to seek new ways to connect with Emmitsburg community organizations to provide support through various library services or provide you the opportunity to use our Community Room for meetings and gatherings.

Many thanks to everyone who helped support the annual Emmitsburg Plant Sale and Exchange. All funds from the event and the raffle will support library activities, particularly the Summer Reading Program and other programs for teens and children.

The Friends of the Library Emmitsburg Branch continue to seek new members and invite you to save the date for their next two meetings that will be held in the library's Community Room on September 17th at 6:30 pm. Meetings are only held five times

per year so the time commitment is kept to a minimum. Please call the library and talk to Sue Cardella at 301-447-6329 for more information about the Friends.

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June Events

Summer is here so let the fun begin. The Emmitsburg library is hosting some fantastically family-friendly drop-in programs all summer, including:

Ed Russe Magic show - June 8 at 10:30 am

K'Nex Mania - June 11 at 3 pm. An afternoon with K'Nex construction sets. Build tall buildings, racecars and more.

Reading Early Literacy Fair - June 12 at 10:30 am. Special activities geared towards children ages 0-3 to help develop the five early learning practic-

es that are the building blocks to reading. Participate in baby yoga, sign language, finger painting, dancing, and singing, which are all fun activities to help your child get a head start

How Does Your Garden Grow - June 15 at 11:00 am. Dig into garden fun by making vegetable print paintings and planting beans in a bag. Take home your special plants and watch them grow.

Leaf and Flower Pounding for Teens - June 25 at 2 pm. Make your own leaf or flower print t-shirt. You bring a plain white t-shirt and hammer and we will supply the leaves and flowers.

Go Bananas with Curious George - June 20 at 10:30 am.

Revised elementary report cards

Katie Groth
Frederick County
Board of Education

All of us have memories of the days when reports cards would go home. Some of us carried them with pride while others of us might have dreaded the response of our parents. Report cards, however, are a standard form which gives estimation of a student's school achievement and effort in both academic and non-academic subjects. It is a way in

which the school communicates to the parents. The report card is also a way we as a school system can measure our own success in providing a "free, appropriate, public education" to our citizen students.

As explained in an earlier column, Maryland public schools are switching to the Common Core State Standards, and in doing that, county school systems must make significant curriculum revisions. When curriculum is revised, student progress reporting must also

be revised to reflect the new curriculum standards. This fall, Frederick County Public Schools is rolling out a new report card for elementary school students.

Last fall, a committee was formed to work on the report card revision. The committee consisted of parents, teachers and teacher specialists and school administrators. They gathered feedback from the community on the current report card, and they drafted a new report card based on the information gathered.

The new report card will include teacher comments, an instructional summary and a guide to understanding the new format. Members of the committee evaluated feedback trends and agreed that the format should be easy to read and not cluttered. Reports will be grade level specific - PreK-1, and grades 2-5, and there will be an assessment of

student effort. Further, they agreed that the whole report should be on one side. In all, much work has gone into making the document "user friendly," so that indeed the information will be helpful.

You can look for the new report card in October when it will be used to report on student progress after the first nine weeks of school.

Fairfield School Board Primary Results

Six candidates for School Director of the Fairfield Area School District squared off in the May 21, Primary Election. The candidates were vying for one of four openings on the Fairfield Area School Board. Each of the candidates cross-filed in order to be listed on both the Republican and Democratic Primary ballots.

The top four Democrats and top four Republicans will each be listed on the ballot in the General Election.

When the dust cleared, the field of six had been narrowed to five. Based on the primary results, the November ballot will feature: Brad Rigler (R/D), Marcy Van Metre (R/D), Lionel Whitcomb (R/D), Rhonda S. Myers (D) and Walter M. Barlow (R).

On the Republican side the results were: Brad Rigler, 362. Walter M. Barlow, 312. Marcy Kepner Van Metre, 295. Lionel Whitcomb, 293. Rhonda S. Myers, 282. Megan Adamson-Sijapati, 211.

The results from Democratic ballot were: Marcy Kepner Van Metre, 198. Rhonda S. Myers, 190. Brad Rigler, 185. Lionel Whitcomb, 175. Megan Adamson-Sijapati, 158. Walter M. Barlow, 145.

While voter turn-out for this municipal primary was considered low, the Fairfield School Board race received more votes & attention than in recent years. Interest in the Fairfield Area School District race may be attributed to the fact that there are three openings on the

board. Only one incumbent, Marcy Kepner Van Metre is seeking reelection. The outcome of this race could change the complexion of the board at a time when tax increases and curriculum issues are growing concerns for many voters.

Brad Rigler of Liberty Township received the most combined votes (547). Rigler and his wife, Vanessa joined supporters in Fairfield after the polls closed. Upon learning the outcome of the primary, Rigler said, "Vanessa and I are so grateful to everyone who came out to vote today. I'm humbled by your support and I promise to keep working hard in this campaign and beyond."

Rigler said, "I especially want to thank my wife, Vanessa. Who's five months pregnant, and she worked the polls all day, in the heat, on her feet. For us this week is extra special; she and I found out yesterday that we're having a little girl. My campaign is to improve upon and preserve our School District for my future Fairfield Knight and our entire community. Today, with your help, we're one step closer. Thank you."

The Fairfield Area School District features the only contested school board race in Adams County (barring a write-in campaign in one of the other districts). The District is made up of the boroughs of Carroll Valley and Fairfield along with the Townships of Hamiltonban and Liberty. The race will be decided in the municipal General Election on November, 5.

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SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

Mother Seton School Class of 2013

Lynn Tayler

We're close to the end of school. I can tell by the piles of artwork and papers coming home, signifying the cleaning out of desks and backpacks. Spring sports are winding down and the calendar pages are slowly but surely emptying of games and music lessons and appointments. It's time for summer break, a perfect chance to regroup and re-energize. No daily math worksheets or reading assignments, no getting up at the crack of dawn to get ready for school, no scrounging around for change for lunch money at the last minute because someone forgot to mention we were out of bread. Our obligations lessen and the load lightens. A much needed break indeed!

It's not all sunshine and sleeping-in, though. Because we live a good thirty minutes from Mother Seton School, arranging playdates with schoolmates can be challenging. Factor in family vacations and summer camps, and we end up being fortunate to see one or two of our school friends even once during the summer. Seeing their friends again is one of the reasons that beginning the school year is so welcome in my house. Those first few weeks of school are so important to the kids to be able to reconnect with one another.

But I realized something as I was looking over the list of various high schools graduating 8th-graders would be attending next year. For many of these students, the first few weeks of Freshmen year won't be spent reconnecting, but rather trying to navigate a whole new world. One of the best things about attending a small school like ours is that friendships forged in Kindergarten grow and strengthen by the time 8th grade rolls around. But since we have a diverse population that comes from all over, it means that those friendships may be tested when students go off to different schools.

My childhood best friends were girls I had known since the fourth grade. When we graduated, we made promises that we would always be friends. Except for Stephanie, the one person I'd been friends with the longest. She was quite matter-of-fact when she said to us, "It's inevitable we'll grow apart. We're all moving on to different places. I'll still love you guys, but it's never going to be the same." I didn't believe her, and for a few years, she was wrong. But then life got in the way, and before I knew it, I was hearing about her engagement from my sister, who had heard it from Steph's mother when she ran into her at a gas station. Thanks to the power of Facebook, it's now easier to reconnect, but like Steph said, it's just not the same.

If I could go back, I would make more of an effort to maintain the friendships. These women were an important part of my life, knowing and understanding things about me that no new friend, no matter how close we may become, could ever



know. These types of relationships are worth the effort to keep. They are priceless.

So while I can't go back and change things, maybe I can impart some of my wisdom to our graduating students. I would tell them that even the closest friendships are as delicate as roses. You can't neglect to nurture them and expect them to continue to blossom. You have to make an effort to feed them, and you have to make time to take care of them no matter how busy you get. Once a friendship

withers, it's hard to get it to bloom again.

With all the digital tools at our disposal—texting, Facebook, Twitter, Email, etc.—there is really no excuse not to maintain contact. And I don't mean forwarding lame jokes to a mass distribution list. Send something of substance, even if it's as simple as, "What's up?" (I'm sure you could come up with something cooler, but you get my drift.) Reply to messages you get. Don't set them aside and think you'll get to them

later, because chances are you won't. Respond immediately, even if it's only to acknowledge you got the message. But remember, Facebook and texts are poor substitutes for actual human contact, so make plans in real life and make them often.

Don't underestimate the value of your friends or take them for granted. It might be hard to imagine now, but trust me—someday you will want someone by your side who knew you when you were obsessed with Justin Bieber or Pokémon, who

commiserated about unfair parents and teachers, and who was as excited about the Science Fair as you were. Because these friends are the ones who become family. Julia Novak, who graduated in 2009, told Sister Joanne at the carnival that she really missed Mother Seton. "It was home," she said. And that's where you find your family.

Good luck to the MSS Class of 2013! Never forget your time at Mother Seton School, and always remember you will have a home here.

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

Freshman Year

Environmental influences

Lydia Olsen
MSM Class of 2016

The environments we live in influence who we are and what we stand for. The locations we call home and our journeys to new areas shape the path of our lives. In many ways, the environments we become accustomed to also become accustomed to us. We mold the land as it molds us. Together, we each are reborn, reflecting the impact of the other as we pass through in stages.

Often it takes the removal of something in your life to reveal how much it truly meant to you. This was the case with my hometown. You see, I often took Annapolis for granted. I admired its beauty but I overlooked its individuality. I simply thought the landscape I saw every day existed everywhere. When asked, I say I am from Annapolis. This is the truth but at the same time, Annapolis is so much more than simply my origin. Annapolis is where my life began, literally and figuratively. It is where my schools,

jobs, friends, and family have been and it is still where my heart is. I love Annapolis but I never took the time to reflect on the influence it has had on the young woman I am becoming.

Now, looking back on my life growing up in Annapolis, I see myself as a piece of sea glass. The most common type of sea glass comes from broken glass bottles discarded into the bay. The glass starts off in worthless, shattered pieces. After being tossed, tumbled, and turned on the waves created by local boats, all the sharp edges of the glass are removed. The bay spits the sea glass out onto the shorelines when it is satisfied that it has produced a valuable treasure. This is how my stage of finding myself was. I was tossed, tumbled, and turned by everything around me. The bay wrapped me in its arms and guided me on my path. It helped polish me and removed my jagged edges until it placed me back onto the shore with the insight I had needed. It didn't take long before I was ready to venture from those shores and start the next stage

of my life.

I didn't expect that the east and west sides of Maryland would be so different from each other. I guess the uniting force is the extremely unpredictable weather, but that aside, the areas juxtapose each other. On one side, the major aspects of life revolve around the water whereas on the other side, life functions around the mountains and the land. I knew I was staying in Maryland for college so I didn't anticipate that my environment was going to change so drastically. After all, it is still the same state. Of course, I was wrong.

As I traveled northwest to the Mount on move-in day, I was alarmed by the lack of bridges and boat trailers in front yards. As I acknowledged the number of trucks without fishing pole racks I began to realize that my environment would not be the same one I was used to. Soon enough, mountains and acres of land filled every inch of the horizon. It then hit me that the bay wasn't coming with me to college. Truthfully, I hadn't even thought about it. I naively assumed that the bay would always surround me like it does on my peninsula. I suppose on a broader perspective it still did, but it definitely wasn't what

I was used to. Nonetheless, I was anxious to see what this new setting would have in store for me.

The bay had started to teach me who I was, but I still didn't know what I stood for. Once again my environment became my greatest teacher. Where better to learn what you stand for than at the base of a mountain that has never moved? "Clearly," I thought to myself as I looked up at the mountain from our campus, "I have come to the right place."

As my life was repositioned below that mountain, I did begin to discover what I stand for. Firm and tough like the mountain, I learned to stand tall for what I consider to be right and for the validity in my thoughts. In fact, it seems that it is only in believing that we have a reason to stand at all. Our mountain itself stands for belief in faith.

Like a seed, I was planted at the base of our mountain. New knowledge, experiences, and opportunities as well as the wonderful people I have met have all nourished me. I have learned to continue to climb when I begin to slip. I have discovered that different paths often take you to the same place. It is through a greater understanding of all of this that I have begun to grow. Of

course, this journey does not happen quickly. It takes time. Just like it takes time for a seed to grow into a plant. But, I have finally sprouted.

I think we often go through life without acknowledging the influence our environments have on shaping the way we live, learn, and grow. It seems to me that our environments have the power to make all the difference on how we go through the stages of our lives. As summer approaches and the promise of warm weather arises, marvel in nature's beauty all around you. Identify those elements of previous stages of life that have shaped you into the person you are. Maybe at times you too have been a broken piece of glass or merely a seed. But what are you now? If you are unsure, maybe you are still being tumbled with those waves or being nourished until you are as tough as a mountain. I believe that something can be taken away from every environment. Whether it is a lesson, a new way of living, or a deeper appreciation, our environments have a lot to teach us. But are we always willing to learn? Beauty surrounds us all. Is there something you have overlooked?

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Sophomore Year

A college life crisis

Kyle Ott
MSM Class of 2015

At 20 years old, I can't help but think I'm having a mid (college)-life crisis. It's bizarre to think that just two years ago I left high school to attend Mount St. Mary's University, and that now I am officially a junior. Looking back, I don't know where the time has gone or how two years could slip through my fingers so very quickly. However, it's with an odd feeling of pride that I reflect back on the past two years here on campus. I always vowed that when I went to college, nothing would be wasted. Every moment, memory, friend, and place would be cherished. No matter what happened, I would soak up everything I could so that when I looked back on my years at the Mount I would be satisfied that I lived the adventure to the fullest. What follows are some of my favorite memories from my

brief two years here; it is partly a collegiate highlight reel and partly a meditation on the good that has been and the good that is yet to come.

The first weekend at the Mount was my initial step forward into the crazy world that I now live in. It was those first few days that tore away my shell and made me think that anything was possible. I had never been particularly shy before I came to college, but there was something holding me back from taking that final step and plunging into the water. My first three days in Pangborn Hall were less of a gentle nudge to make that step and more of a strong push straight over the precipice. I slept a grand total of nine hours in three days. I roamed my brand new domain until three in the morning with people whose last names I didn't know. I sat out under the stars talking about life, relationships, and just how awesome it was to have a total sense of freedom. Every time I crawled into my room, exhausted

both mentally and physically, I had to force myself to close my eyes and sleep. Even at four in the morning I felt like some new experience was out there waiting for me to come grab it. That attitude, the idea that there was a whole world of new experiences out there, has colored my every action. No matter what happens, I know that the next two years hold a wealth of knowledge and memories for me to claim.

After the first weekend, things settled in and the tumultuous maelstrom of new experiences settled into a steady series of unbroken quests, jaunt, and activities with my friends. However, one of the things that punctuated these adventures was the chance to write columns for the Emmitsburg News-Journal. While this is something that I've mentioned before (I swear I'm not getting paid to write nice things about the paper), it's amazing to know that I have the chance to not only get paid to write, but also to reach a larger audience that is interested in what I have to say. Starting college and knowing that I was going to pursue a career as a writer was a daunting prospect already, let alone add-

ing the numerous horror stories of the English majors working at Starbucks until they've forgotten what a pen looks like. Every time someone comes up to me and says something about the column I've written, or a point that I brought up in my work, it does my heart good. It is an immense compliment not just to the paper, but for me as young writer that people can be concerned, curious, or inspired by the things they have read in the paper. It's an honor every time someone says something about the work that I, and the other staff members do, and it's an honor that I plan on continuing my role with the paper through the next two years.

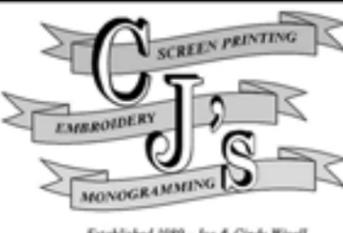
Being a member of the Residence Life staff gave me even more adventures than I could have dreamed of, except now I am the one guiding young students on the same path that I once took and smiling as I see their experiences reflect my own. I'll never forget the first week of this year. I was sitting in the lounge surrounded by my residents, who didn't know what to do or where to go because they were new. One of them complained that he just didn't know where to

find something cool to do. I just smiled at him and said, "Adventure finds a way, my friend." Not even five minutes later, three girls from Sheridan Hall meandered up to the fourth floor where we sat and asked if my boys (as I so lovingly dubbed them) wanted to go outside and hang out. I slapped my resident on the shoulder and said, "Adventure finds a way!" while giving him a knowing wink. I couldn't help but laugh as the lounge went from a crowded hotspot to a ghost town in the span of a few seconds. As I sat on my laptop getting some initial classwork done, I felt an odd sense of pride; I had helped my peers find some new and exciting opportunities.

I suppose the final experience of these past two years that had a major impact on me was when I was able to see some of the seniors who I had grown close to, both in class and through Residence Life, graduate. The Residence Life staff graduated so many staff members that have served as reminders of who and what an RA is supposed to be. These people have shown me the way. It is both exciting and daunting now that they are gone, and I am left to help teach future members. In fact, speaking of teaching, a special thank you to the seniors leaving the Emmitsburg News-Journal staff this year and moving on to other things. These people have helped me to grow both as a person and as a man of words. I cannot thank them enough.

As I look back on the last two years and eagerly look forward to the next two years, I cannot wait to see what challenges the new horizons hold. Until then, I'm Kyle Ott. Won't you sit and read for a while?

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REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST YEAR

Junior Year

How to gain the most from college

Nicole Jones
MSM Class of 2014

Looking back on my junior year, I'm overwhelmed by everything that has changed in my life. I am becoming certified as a therapeutic horseback-riding instructor and am taking over the large shoes of Four Years at the Mount senior writer Samantha Strub. I have discovered my life's work in speech pathology and have befriended incredible people, only to see them scattered throughout the States after graduation. The rollercoaster of change is never-ending, but it has provided me with a handful of college (and life) insights that I would like to share with you.

First, take some time every day for others. Though the advice is often given to take time for yourself, I find the reverse equally important. This does not have to be a complicated act. I've done everything from taking out the trash for my mom to staying up all night for a friend in need. It could be the smallest act of kindness, even an anonymous one, but if you are not performing daily in a way that helps others, then your existence is incomplete. It helps you gain appreciation for your own abilities and respect for the limitations of the hu-

man condition. If you seek out those who are best served by your individual talents and abilities, I can guarantee you that giving back to them will fulfill you in a way entirely unique to the act of giving.

Second, say no. Does your boss want you to take on an extra project when you aren't finished the current one? Say no. Does a friend want you to attend a party scene that makes you very uncomfortable? Say no. If an activity is going to stress you out or overextend you, it's alright to say no. The first is a scenario I actually faced this semester. I was offered a tutoring position for my German class. A wonderful opportunity, but I was already working three jobs, studying as a full-time student, and volunteering on a weekly basis. It was simply asking too much of myself to add another activity to my list. I said no. My professor was slightly disappointed, but understood and was able to find someone else who was available. It's important to remember that, while you may be capable of something, it does not make you the sole proprietor of that talent. There are others available who will be able to pick up where you left off should the need arise, so take a deep breath and say it with me: No.

Third, prioritize. A couple weeks ago I had the pleasure of walking one of the Gettysburg battlefields with some friends. Since I've lived at the Mount, I had never had the chance to visit. Observing my fascination with my historical surroundings, my friend reminded me, "Don't let school get in the way of your education." I'd heard the saying before, but this time it meant something. There is so much to be learned outside of the classroom, but I was too busy hiding behind a pile of books to realize it. I don't just mean more "academic" things to learn, either. You'll miss out on learning new things, like how to fly-fish, or the name of your best friend's favorite movie, or the softness of a Cypress tree's bark, or the smell of the local bakery. All of the senses must be used to complete the human experience. Every time you prioritize your work over your life, chances are you've missed out on learning something remarkable. Take a break today. Go for a walk. Talk to a friend. Just because you can do that last report today, doesn't mean it can't wait until tomorrow. Some things are more important.

Fourth, get out of your comfort zone and try new things. Few things are more terrifying than the unknown, and as creatures of habit, we tend to turn to the familiar before trying anything new. Break that cycle. Now I'm not saying you need to go out this weekend and bungee jump from a bridge, but that

karaoke bar your friend keeps trying to drag you to? Go, and try it. The worst that can happen is you'll make a fool out of yourself and have a good laugh about it later – isn't that the point?

Fifth, hang out with new people. All of my life I've been pretty introverted. I never went out much in high school and had a minimal social life. The same was true at the beginning of this school year. I talked to the same people I made friends with in freshmen year, and there's nothing wrong with that, unless they are the only people you're talking to. Within the past three months, I decided I was bored with it. I loved my friends and still spoke with them often, but instead of hanging out with only them, I reached out to new people. These people were mostly other resident assistants who I hadn't seen since training. They were names and faces I already knew, but I didn't know the personalities that went with them. I ended up spending all night stargazing with four people I had never hung out with before. Now we're making plans to hang out this summer. Involving new people in your life will not only provide you with new, fresh perspectives, but it will also help you explore yourself. I'm not saying to abandon your old friends, but try adding some new ones. You may be surprised by the result.

Finally, be open to change and God's hand in your life. When I returned home this summer and start-

ed unpacking piles of books from my suitcase, I realized just how prepared I was to go into the field of journalism. I've collected countless extracurricular texts on how to be a better writer, how to interview, and even how to write shorthand. I was so blinded by my own goals that I almost didn't see God guiding me down a completely different road toward speech pathology. Even if you do not believe in God, there is something to be said for changing your life's course if it is what will make you happy. Though I was fully submerged in the idea of journalism as a career, I knew I was not always going to be happy doing it. If that's how you feel about something in your life right now, it's up to you to change it. I'm not saying you will be happy all the time, but if there's something that will make you happier, why not do that instead?

I realize some of these tips probably seem a little idealized, but I don't think they are impractical. You will get out of life what you put into it, but if you put in this much effort on a daily basis, just imagine the daily rewards. I am not promising you it will always be easy. Life never is, but if you can apply even one of these principles, I promise that you'll find your college career (or life) more enjoyable. Who knows, you may even learn something along the way.

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Senior Year

Master your life

Samantha Strub
MSM Class of 2013

It happened. It actually happened. I graduated from college. I'm now a college graduate. I completed four years of college and attained a Bachelor's degree. I did it! I achieved my goal of completing my undergraduate studies.

It was nerve-wracking and exhilarating to walk across the stage, get my diploma and shake the President's hand. I was so concerned with falling or making a fool out of myself that I believe I did not enjoy the moment as much as I should of. I do remember feeling on top of the world, like nothing could hold me back. I had accomplished the goal I at one time thought was impossible. I had mastered the impossible. I made it possible.

I was thinking of mastering the impossible because that was what Archbishop Lori, the Archbishop of Baltimore, told us in his Commencement speech. His words to the graduating Class of 2013 were, "Mastering the moment is mastering one's life." He told us that the key to mastering your life is to live it. If we live in the moment, the moment becomes ours. That is truly living and living with a purpose. Archbishop Lori wants us to have our "thoughts become actions, and actions become habits." The thoughts and actions we make become our habits. These habits are made into our identity. That identity has been formed by the experiences, studies, and people we have en-

countered that have made an impact on our lives.

If we master our lives we will be changing the lives of others. We will be helping others and making the world around us a better place. The Class of 2013 will be following through with our vocations if we are utilizing our talents to make the world a better place. That is the vision that President Powell has in mind for each member of the Class of 2013. Ironically, that is the vision that I had for myself.

The Class of 2013 came with the goal of attaining our degrees, making memories, and leaving our mark on the Mount. The main goal for each one of us was to attain a degree; some of us were not quite sure what that would be and some of us couldn't wait to get started. We came to be a part of Mount St. Mary's University that was grounded in faith, discovery, leadership and community. We came to be college students and figure out what we wanted to do with our lives. We came to change the Mount and the world. We came to make memories.

The Class of 2013 has achieved all of our goals. We have seen our beloved university grow so much over the past four years. We have developed from strangers to members of a group with their own individual talents. We have improved ourselves and the Mount community through our time at the Mount. The Class of 2013 has made lasting impressions on and changes to the Mount. We have risen to the challenge that our

class president, Alexandria Proffitt, saw on a note posted on a bulletin board saying, "Leave the Mount better than you found it." This note inspired her to make a lasting difference on the Mount community. Though I had never seen this note, I too made it my goal to leave my mark on the Mount. Maybe my mark wouldn't be a building named after me, but instead, it would be the opportunities presented to me and the people I encountered.

I have tried to make the Mount a better place through the opportunities that have been presented to me. Right from the start of freshmen year I became involved with the Mount community through work study in the Education Department, Freshman Ambassador, Club Field Hockey, and the Emmitsburg News-Journal. I jumped at the chance to share my love of the Mount with future students and to the Emmitsburg community at-large. I was particularly excited to write for the Emmitsburg News-Journal because I had always dreamed of becoming published. I would be sharing the development of my college years with the world. Needless to say, I was beyond excited to share my story for the next four years.

I continued to stay involved in field hockey through my years at the Mount. It was wonderful to create a bond with those girls, play the sport I love, and release stress. Staying with the team throughout all four years has been a wonderful blessing to me. Sophomore year I joined the Presidential Mount Ambassadors. I loved sharing my experiences with prospective families. My goal was to make each one of them feel at home and see my passion for my beloved universi-

ty. I wanted to get them the real experience of the welcoming community the Mount has to offer. I wanted to make a difference in their lives, no matter how small it may be.

Junior year activities continued with my work study, field hockey, Mount Ambassadors and the Emmitsburg News-Journal, but I wanted to make more of a difference. I was able to do that through my internships with my students and by working with The Arc of Frederick. I worked as a skills educator and job coach for people with learning and cognitive disabilities. I was able to make a lasting difference in their lives by assisting them in their needs. Teaching and working with the Arc was very rewarding and uplifting for me. I was making a difference!

All of my activities continued into senior year. I was making a difference in the lives of my students that I encountered in teaching, my clients with The Arc, and my readers with the newspaper. My efforts were affecting people's lives; this was all I really wanted to accomplish. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of the people I encountered at the Mount and the community at-large.

It is still hard to believe that the events in my life that I was writing about (often centered around teaching) would interest the community. I had wonderful comments on my articles throughout my years of writing for the Emmitsburg News-Journal. It is a great treasure for me to have my college years documented from my viewpoint at the time. I will treasure the articles themselves and the responses that I got from them.

The reality of graduation has set in now that I'm back home in Wis-

consin. I cannot help but think about Dr. Seuss' famous words, "Don't smile because it's over; smile because it happened." The past four years of college have flown by. They have been the time of my life, filled with countless memories. It is time to smile fondly at the memories and move on to the next chapter of my life. As college graduates, we are now looking to change the world, to make a difference in the lives of the people we encounter. The Mount has given us wonderful lessons in assisting the people we have encountered. Now it is time for us to take those lessons and master our lives!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Catoctin Baseball Club brings recognition to the region

Founded in 2011, the Catoctin Baseball Club (CBC) has expanded from two to four teams in 2013 giving the youth in the Catoctin region additional opportunities to play competitive baseball.

The mission of the club is to provide a talent focused organization designed to develop and positively showcase the talents of the ball players that

represent the program. In addition, the club seeks to represent our community through demonstrated character, dedication and sportsmanship. CBC aims to provide competitive baseball to supplement the recreational baseball season for those athletes participating in the program. The objective of the program is to strengthen player development, and improve the lev-

el of play in local recreational leagues. "We have a solid representation of over six local leagues that play in our organization", stated General Manager Ed Lowry. "Our goal is not to be a full time travel program, but to combine the talents of all the regional programs to show how exceptional this area is in baseball. We want to provide a showcase program that brings rec-

ognition to our kids to provide longer term baseball opportunities- high school, college etc.", Lowry stated. Along with Lowry, both Les Fisher (15 year assistant baseball coach at Catoctin High School) founded and manage the club with the goal of developing a first class baseball program. The objective is to have the Catoctin Baseball Club represented by the elite ball players from all of the different baseball programs in the region. "We want to show the state of Maryland just how rich the talent in this region is" stated Lowry. "When you look across the state you have programs such as Olney who have a recipe for repetitive success.

Our goal is to compete with them through the structure and delivery of our system", Lowry said. Fisher commented, "The CBC program provides a great opportunity to begin acclimating players to the high school "system"...the intricacies, strategy and the small details of the game that mean the difference between a win or a loss, developing solid sound fundamentals and a deep knowledge of the game. Thus allow-

ing the high school to be ahead of the curve with players that are prepared and understand what it takes to play in a high school environment. Many of our drills and teachings are derived from the high school program and as we continue to instill these upon our CBC players the quicker they can grasp the high school concept and system". CBC also partners with Gold Glove Academy in York, PA (owned by Orioles great Chris Holies and long time York County Coach Matt Spangler) in the off season to provide facilities and team instruction. Between the collective four teams (8U, 9U, 10U, and 12U) the program will be represented in close to twenty state and regional tournaments this year in addition to league play. For information about the program and game schedules, please visit them at: catoctinbaseballclub.com or follow them on Facebook: Catoctin Cougars Baseball Club. Email: catoctinbaseballclub@hotmail.com.

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THE GRADUATE

Thanks for everything, Dr. Powell!

Kelly Conroy
MSM Class of 2012

Editor's Note: Without the blessing and support from Dr. Powell, Mount students, who have been so integral to the Emmitsburg News-Journals' evolution into the exceptional community paper it is today, wouldn't be able to play such a significant role in the paper's creation each month. The Mount staff of the ENJ is extremely grateful to Dr. Powell for giving us the opportunity to be an important part of the local community and develop our communication skills. The staff of the ENJ sends well wishes and much thanks to the Powells!

Mount St. Mary's University President Thomas H. Powell announced that he is stepping down, effective with the conclusion of the 2013-14 academic year.

In a letter to the Mount community, President Powell said, "As I finish 10 years as the President of Mount St. Mary's University, I have spent considerable time reflecting on my work with you and the future of our University. Like any position, the presidency of a university goes through seasons of beginning, developing, and ending, and then beginning again. It is clear to me that the season of change is here. As a university, we are in a good place to welcome a new President to take the helm and continue moving our beloved Mount forward."

President Powell was appointed the Mount's 24th President in 2003. During his tenure, Mount St. Mary's University experienced unprecedented growth and success. In recent years, the University achieved record-breaking student enrollment, an extensive renovation of the historic Terrace Residence Halls and the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center, along with the construction of the new Bicentennial Residence Hall. In 2008, the University celebrated its Bicentennial and recently completed the Generations capital campaign, the largest campaign in its history.

President Powell led the institution's designation change from college to university status, as well as an academic re-organization. The Mount continues to grow its undergraduate and graduate programs, and the Veritas Program common curriculum and Institute for Leadership are recognized as national models in liberal arts education.

"The Board of Trustees is unanimous in its support and admiration of President Powell and all he has accomplished," said Board of Trustees Chairman Eugene M. Waldron, Jr. "His leadership, and the momentum we have achieved in our effort to strengthen the Mount, have set a great trajectory for future success. I know I speak on behalf of the entire Mount community in thanking he and his wife, Irene, for their years of service."

A comprehensive national search will begin in June for the Mount's 25th President, led by Trustee Scott Wilfong and a search committee made up of trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni.

"The 2013-14 academic year promises to be busy and productive as we continue several critical campus projects, prepare for University and Seminary national accreditations, and continue the many objectives outlined in our new strategic plan," said President Powell. "Our next President will see a campus actively engaged in developing and implementing programs to enhance the national reputation of the Mount."

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It was the summer of 2009. I had committed to the Mount and was driving from Florida to Maryland with my siblings in a packed minivan to attend Freshmen Orientation. I couldn't wait.

Dr. Powell was one of the first people I met at Orientation. I was walking into the ARCC to attend an opening session at which Dr. Powell addressed our class. He introduced himself to my family and me. Then, he unpinned a "Mount St. Mary's President's Medal" pin from his coat jacket and handed it to my little sister. She thought it was so cool. The President of a University had given attention to her and had even given her a special memento.

That's just how Dr. Powell and his wife, Irene, are. They are some of the nicest, personable, faith-filled, intelligent, self-giving and fun people I have ever met.

When I started attending the Mount that fall, I ran into Dr. Powell on campus in the first week or two of classes. Again, he was so welcoming and friendly. He even told me to come work in his office if I ever needed a job. I took him up on that offer very quickly! I became one of a number of students who serve as Presidential Interns in Dr. Powell's office during their time at the Mount. Dr. Powell would always take time to talk to the students working in his office and those on campus to ask us what we like and what we think needs to be improved

at the Mount. He was always excited about new ideas and plans for the Mount!

A man named Willie is one of the workers in Dr. Powell's office. Willie has a great work ethic and a positive attitude. He also has special needs. Dr. Powell and Willie are best friends. If Dr. Powell wasn't in the office, Willie would always ask when he was getting back. Willie would run to greet Dr. Powell and the two of them would always joke with each other.

"How about those Ravens?" Dr. Powell would ask Willie, knowing that Willie is a passionate Pittsburgh Steeler's fan.

"Not the Ravens!" Willie would state in protest with a huge smile.

"What about the Browns?" Dr. Powell would ask.

"No...No!" Willie would laugh, "I love the Steelers."

Dr. Powell received his Bachelor of Science and his Masters of Science in Special Education from Montana State University in Billings, Montana in 1976 and 1979. He earned his Ed.D. in Special Education from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1981. His academic concentrations included teacher education, family intervention, severe disabilities and educational technology. His research has focused on social interaction between children with disabilities and their siblings. Dr. Powell's love for and talent with those with special disabilities is evident in his studies and his actions.

At Orientation, Dr. and Mrs. Powell gave out their home phone number to the students and their parents. Since that time, I've been over to the Powell's house for dinner on many occasions. They often invite students and student groups on campus to visit—and Mrs. Powell really goes out of her way to make everyone feel comfortable. There are multiple dinners for honors students to hold academic debates at the Powell's home. At every dinner, Dr. and Mrs. Powell are sure

to share at least one or two short stories about the history of the Mount. I've learned about the founder of the Mount, Father John Dubois, who fled France to escape religious persecution, and about how Mother Teresa visited the Grotto. I've also had friends go fly-fishing with Dr. Powell in the pond behind his house. There are also photos of the Powell's soaring over campus on the new zipline!

Mrs. Powell is the Mount Family Association Coordinator, and I know my Mom is grateful for the newsletters and prayer memos that Mrs. Powell sends. They definitely help the Mount family across the country stay connected, and they make everyone feel welcome on campus.

One of the qualities that I most admire about the Powell's is their commitment to Catholicism. They have revitalized the faith on the Mount campus. The number of students attending daily Mass doubled over the last four years. A faith in athletics program was developed. Student-athletes are able to participate in weekly Bible studies and other programs together and discuss how their sports and faith lives are connected. FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries are on campus and hundreds of Mount students attend weekly Bible studies. The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College recommends the Mount. The Grotto Visitor Center was opened, increasing awareness of one of the most sacred spaces in the country.



The Powells live out the four pillars of the Mount – faith, discovery, leadership, and community—and offer an example for others to follow.

The Powells plan on going to East Timor and Montana after Dr. Powell steps down. East Timor is a place close to the Powell's hearts. They tried adopting children from an orphanage there, but the government wouldn't allow it. In Montana, the Powells will work with Support and Techniques Empowering People, which provides services to those with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Powell may be leaving the presidency, but we are glad he and his wife aren't leaving for good! After the sabbatical year, Dr. Powell will return to the Mount as a President Emeritus. He plans on teaching special education courses. I know that if I were still a student, I would sign up early for his classes!

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Taneytown celebrates its role in the Battle of Gettysburg with a concert

As the town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania prepares for the sesquicentennial celebration of the Battle of Gettysburg, it should be noted that the town of Taneytown, Maryland played an important role in the events leading

up to that momentous turning point in the American Civil War.

On June 29th Gen. George G. Meade had moved his Army of the Potomac and made his headquarters in Taneytown in anticipation of Gen.

Robert E. Lee's movement northward.

Gen. Meade remained in the area through June 30th. However, because Gen. Lee's Army had moved west of this area, behind the South Mountain, by the afternoon of July 1st the Confederates were well entrenched in Gettysburg. So, by approximately 6:00 PM on July 1st Gen. Meade issued new orders for a general advance on Gettysburg.

As part of celebrating this historical event, members and friends of the Taneytown community are invited to a Community Patriotic Concert on Sunday afternoon, June 30, 2013 at 3:00 PM – the actual date on which Gen. Meade and the Army of the Potomac were in this area 150 years ago at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown.

The Trinity sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of American patriotic music presented by the soloists and



Union troops rest outside of Taneytown on their way to Gettysburg

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Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2013. Early applications are strongly urged. Booth space is 8-ft wide x6-ft deep. Further details are on the application form.

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ARTS AT THE MOUNT

Wednesdays at “The Fountain”

Caroline King
MSM Class of 2015

Summer is one of the best times of the year. Ask any child and they'll tell you that summer ranks right behind Christmas; to be out of school and home all day, the summer gets kids through the school year. The dreams of long warm nights and lack of responsibility, and the promise of freedom from homework, quizzes, and tests make any student jump with joy...at first.

A few weeks in, however, those children and teens who were delighted to be off of school and singing summers praises will start singing a very different tune as they experience the dreaded side effects of summer break: extreme boredom. They'll find that they can only stay at home so many days in a row before they go stir-crazy.

Instead of sitting there listening to, “Mom, Dad...I'm boooored,” and trying to frantically think of new ways to entertain the kids, why not bring the family down to Mount Saint Mary's University for the upcoming Jazz Festival? This upcoming series of concerts on summer nights is a great way to distract the kids and get out of the house to spend the summer nights under the stars with family, friends, and music. There's nothing better to break the summer monotony than great company and live bands, not to mention great food!

The Mount Café will be open for refreshments and to provide cover for rainy nights. It sure beats having the kids stay in on the computer or mope around watching television, and it's a great way to introduce a little culture into your and your family and friends' summer. This festival will be an opportunity to not only mix up the tedious summer routine, but also watch amazing artists perform in various spin-off genres of jazz.

Starting June 5th, the Mount will be hosting a collection of musicians every Wednesday night (excluding July 3rd) from 8-10 p.m. on Founders Plaza, which is a different location than concerts in previous years, hence the new event name, “Wednesday at the Fountain.” These concerts will be giving residents in the surrounding area and Mount Saint Mary's summer students the opportunity to enjoy new types of music and see many talented musicians perform, all for free!

This tradition of weekly summer concerts is entering its fourth year in a row and the lineup for this summer is the best yet. The first concert will encompass musical acts from The Mount Music Society Showcase, which will include student artists as well as professors. Genres will range from classical to contemporary. This showcase is led by Mount Saint Mary's student CJ Eller, a member of the Class of 2014. It features Mount students from the Classes of 2013 and 2014 as well as Mount Saint Mary's own Dr. Mark Carlson, the Assistant Professor of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.

No matter what your personal preference for music is, the quality of the

musicians and the atmosphere will be sure to end any night on a good note. Not to mention, where else can you go and listen to Tango and Alternative/Punk in the same night? You might be surprised with what genres you discover after being exposed to them in these concerts!

The rest of the concerts include several jazz performers, including The Bruce Swaim Quartet, Elijah Jamal Balbed, and Minas Brazilian Jazz Group. The Bruce Swaim Quartet is widely regarded as one of DC's premier jazz groups and has even received the 2010 Washington Area Music Associate award for jazz group of the year, and the other artists are just as impressive. Elijah Jamal Balbed was named the Best New Jazz Musician by the Washington City Paper, and he performed with several orchestras, including the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. Minas Brazilian Jazz Group has been composing Brazilian musical idioms since 1974 and has only improved with time.

But, it's not all jazz! Other performances range from pop quartets and Rock, to R&B musicians and Blues. One unique headliner is Chris Reynolds and his Fantastic Steam Powered Orchestra, a band known for its heavy influence by classical American R&B soul and Rock and Roll. This performance will offer not only an interesting glance at the role America's musical history has had in modern music, but it will also bring a night of enjoyment and an introduction to different musical blending.

An equally interesting and no less unique musical performance will be given by the band AlyCat, a pop quartet that uses a Funk Rock and electrofusion to create a very interesting genre. AlyCat came on the scene in 2011 and has been building a new hybrid of sound in Philadelphia ever since. Its gospel-like vocals and electronic dance beats create an experience completely unique to the band by creating a new type of genre, one that can

only be heard while in attendance of one of AlyCat's performances.

These are only a few of the headliners booked; Mount Saint Mary's has catered the lineup to include something for everyone, while incorporating many blending genres and new frontiers of music. With the performers ranging from the Mount's own students to international composers, no matter what your taste in music is, you will be sure to enjoy the vast medley these free concerts will offer. The quality of the performances will be entertaining for all ages and anyone who attends.

A summer class will be offered that can be tied to the concerts to help further the festival experience. Mount Saint Mary's Professor Tim Wolfe will be offering a course entitled “From Bebop to Hip Hop.” This sociology professor blends his area of expertise with his passion in a unique course, classified as the “Sociology of Modern American Music.” He prompts his students to examine several genres from the sociological perspective, taking them off the course of the “average” music class. He doesn't find this blending strange at all; instead, he looks at it as logical.

“Sociologists are really interested in differences- different groups, different backgrounds,” Dr. Wolfe said when being interviewed about this course. “Jazz is really about blending different elements: European elements, West African rhythms, influences from all over the world, so there's that kind of overlap and connection. Music is a great window into a culture's way of life, and the lyrics reveal a lot about what's important to us.” The Jazz Festival is a major part of this course and the class attends every performance, getting firsthand experience with the blending of genres and music types. So, you could not only beat the summer boredom by experiencing a fun concert or two, but you could also learn to listen and view music in completely new and educational ways.

But Professor Wolfe's class doesn't



end there; it also contributes to those less fortunate in a musical way. That's right, as if the free concert attending and interesting topics were not enough to get people excited, his class offers a service-learning component on top of all that, a project that provides band instruments to children who can't afford them. Last year his class collected two dozen musical instruments that were donated to a nearby public elementary school. According to Professor Wolfe, his past students really enjoyed the class and service. He said, “A number of them commented on how much they loved music but were unaware of its power, and how it could be a really useful way to get kids to do better academically.”

If you find yourself with some spare time, or with your hands full of bored kids, or simply a desire to learn more about music, the Mount Saint Mary's summer jazz concert series and summer Sociological Music class might be the way to go! A simple, warm night under the stars, laying on a blanket or sitting in a chair near the fountain, enjoying a cool

drink from the Mount Café while listening to new and exciting blends of music and genres is a great way to spend a summer evening! Whether you want to take the slightly more serious academic route and attend the concerts for the class, or show up to Founders Plaza with a blanket and friends to enjoy a simple summer night full of music, these concerts offer opportunities to see the finest of Mount Saint Mary's performers and many other skilled musicians. So round up the family, friends, significant others, etc. and head on down to Mount Saint Mary's on Wednesday nights in June and July. Nothing beats a free night of music under the stars with loved ones and refreshments by the fountain, and who knows? You might just find a new favorite band or artist and learn something about new genres in the musical world.

For more information on the concerts, the line-ups, and the background of the artists performing, visit msmary.edu/Summermusic. To find out more information on Dr. Wolfe's course, visit msmary.edu/academics/mount_summer/.



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CREATIVE WRITING

Rain boots or a nap?

Alexandra Tyminski
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I put my car keys down on the counter, and I took one glance at the kitchen sink. The dirty dishes were piled up from this morning's breakfast and last night's dinner...maybe even yesterday's breakfast. No one told me that after I graduated college, the real world didn't just include paying bills or getting a job, but also cooking and cleaning. My mom always said, "Son, you are going to go far in life." But, she never said, "Son, you should probably get started on your cooking skills before you graduate college." I sat down at the kitchen table that I brought with me when I moved into my new apartment. My parents just moved me into my apartment, located just outside of Portland, Maine. It's a small apartment with a few nice neighbors in my building, although we haven't really spoken much since I just moved in.

I looked over at my dog, Charlie, and he glanced back at me with a look that said, "What now?" I do not know, Charlie, I thought. Charlie was the five-year-old black lab my parents found at a shelter

for me to keep me company in Maine while I was adjusting to my new job. Making friends was harder than I imagined, and it suddenly felt like freshmen year again.

"Well, I guess I should make some dinner, huh?" I asked Charlie as if he understood anything I was saying. He barked at me, and trotted over to his own food bowl.

"Are you hungry boy? I'm starving," I said. I gave him his dinner and as I headed towards my fridge, the bright yellow pamphlet with green cursive writing on it caught my eye. Ah! That's what I will do tonight: order Chinese for dinner. Who is motivated to cook on a rainy night after a long day at work anyways? But then again, who would want to deliver me my dinner on a rainy night? No one can ever win when it rains.

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"Beep beep beep beeeeeeeeeeeeeeep," my alarm sounded. Is it that time already? I didn't have to get to work relatively early, but I knew that there was no way it was already 7am.

"Shhhhhh," said the rain tapping on my roof. Instantly, my positive "ready for another workday" mindset quickly switched

into a negative "I do not want to go to work today" mood. It felt like such a long week, yet it was only Tuesday, and Charlie was lying on the floor next to my bed. He did not even make one sign of movement. Man, what a life being a dog must be. How come he never has any trouble getting up when he hears the rain outside?

It is not that I don't like the rain; it is just that everything seems to go wrong when it rains. I checked my watch. Oh no, I was running late, and I still had to get gas. I knew I should have done that last night. Note to self: my mom is not here to remind me if I'm staying organized. As I rummaged around looking for some khaki pants and my favorite tie, I decided that maybe now was not the time to dwell on the fact that I'm an independent person, alone in a strange city, without my mom to remind me to take care of myself.

"Go, go, go," I chant to myself, racing around the kitchen and grabbing the essentials.

"Phone, wallet, keys, lunch, okay I'm ready to go," I said. I wasn't even fifteen minutes down the road before I was stuck in traffic, and my gas light came on. Awesome, I thought to myself sarcastically.

"40% chance of rain today, Paul," Dave said on the radio.

"Ha-Ha-Ha," Paul's big laugh echoed through the speakers in my car.

"Yeah, well I don't think we are getting much sunshine until tomorrow afternoon," he said.

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"Yes mom, I'm doing fine. It is just different living alone and working all the time. It is definitely an adjustment. No, you don't have to worry about me."

"You sound very exhausted. What's wrong?" my mom asked me.

"I think it's just the weather. The radio said it was supposed to stop raining on Tuesday, but here it is Thursday night, and it is still going," I said... "Okay Mom, I understand. Yes, I will call you more often."

After I hung up the phone, I turned around and BAM. The dishes stared right back at me. Again, there they were.

"I'll do them tomorrow. Stop giving me that look, Charlie!"

As I climbed into bed, I noticed a brown box on my desk that was packed with some books and a few other things in it. I was almost positive that my mom placed these books in here specifically for me. It was probably her incentive to keep my education up by pushing me to read more now that I was out of college.

"Alright, Mom, let's see what you have for me to laugh about now," I said to myself.

I started to go through one of them thinking that maybe I will



humor my mom and read for fun. I just won't tell her. I went through a few with titles like, "How to Create Balanced Relationships" and "I'm Not Sure Why, But I Think I Have Hit Puberty." I think my mom meant to pack this for my fourteen-year-old sister. I finally reached the last book and the cover read, "WEATHER: Are you feeling under the weather? Well, why don't you use it to your advantage!" My mom had to be kidding me, and how ironic this was since the last thing I wanted to talk about was the weather outside.

I sat in bed and opened to the first chapter. It read, "Weather: most of the time it isn't predicted accurately, but most of the time, it doesn't really matter. It shouldn't be the weather that determines our good days and bad days, but rather our attitude. I've learned though, that we can use the weather to our advantage. If you want to sleep better at night or turn a rainy day into a bright one, keep reading."

I looked up and stared outside, noticing that it was only lightly drizzling now. I could not decide if this book was going to be absolutely ridiculous or shockingly helpful. I continued to read and started to doze off. I was already on page 95 out of 150. I glanced at my clock, and it was already 12:30am. Time flies when you are having fun, my mom always said. Was I really having fun though? I guess so. As I turned to the 96th page, I found a note inside of it.

"Hey there- if you are this far, that must mean you were having a bad day and wanted to find out how to make it better. Or, you fell for a book that your mom wanted you to read one day! I'm glad you found it at the bottom of the box. Check out tip 56 at the bottom of this page. Love you-Mom."

My eyes ran over the many words on the page until I hit tip number 56. "#56 How to defeat the rain: rain boots or a nap?" Before I continued to read, I thought to myself, "Mom, I'm a recent graduate working over 40 hours a week at a law firm. I do not have time for a nap." I thought that maybe I should stop reading right there and go to sleep, but I continued in hopes that maybe if I read it, tomorrow would be a sunny day.

"Sometimes in life we need to take a break from the daily pulls and stresses that come with our working lives. Think about the rain, and you will fall right asleep. On the weekends, take a nap, and if it is raining then that's even better! Curl up with your cat or dog, and rest your eyes. But, most importantly, don't feel like you have to overcome the rain. Relax with the rain. Rain sometimes isn't convenient, but it is needed. Naps are not really convenient either, but they are also necessary. Take some time to relax when it rains and choose to make it a good day."

Have you ever had a time in life when something you thought you didn't need was actually what you needed the most? Well, that was me in that exact moment. I put the book down, shut my light off, and felt my eyes slowly drift off to sleep.

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"Beeeeeep," the alarm went off again. My eyes opened and I felt the brightness shine on my face. The sunshine peeked through the white blinds and I couldn't help but think that last night was a dream. How relevant was that book that I read? I sat up in bed looking for the book, but I couldn't find it. There is no way that was a dream. I went to stand up, and as my cold foot went to touch the carpet flooring, a book came in between us. Aha! I knew it wasn't a dream. I reached down to pick it up, and out fell a piece of paper. It must be the same note I read last night. I reached down for it quickly before Charlie came over to sniff it out. It was the same note, but on the back it read, "Good advice? Mama knows best!"

I knelt down to Charlie as he came over to greet me, and I looked into his big brown eyes. "Mom knows best, doesn't she? Rain or shine, today's going to be a good day. What's a world without rain anyways? I never thought I'd say this, but even as a college graduate, my mom is always going to know best."

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Poetry & Newspapers

L. Claire Cantwell

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, newspapers devoted several pages to poetry, verse and short stories. Writers of distinction from those days sought out the newspaper as a viable venue for their literary art. Writers like Washington Irving, Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson, Clement Moore, Walt Whitman and Herman Melville had sever-

al works published in newspapers. My great grandmother's scrapbook, begun in 1885, is filled with newspaper page after page of poetry and stories. The fragile pages are now ochre-stained with crumbling edges, but much of the five columns of newsprint poetry that span page after page of her book, are still readable. This family treasure contains some rich reading from over a century ago. It causes me to wonder exactly when and

why did newspapers cease being a publisher of such prolific verse? Today, one would be hard-pressed to find poetry in any major daily newspaper. The New York Times, to its credit, does give some space to poetry and runs an annual student poetry contest. This monthly newspaper, the *Emmitsburg News-Journal*, is resurrecting a lost tradition that readers once held dear: pages graced with poetry, story and verse.



The author's great grandmother's scrapbook, dated 1885, is filled with newspaper clippings of poems. Poetry was a staple in the newspaper during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Four Thousand Suppers

Sr. Anne Higgins

At the kitchen table
at six o'clock.
Dark winter evenings
with my father in his winter under-
wear,
quilted like an astronaut.
Blue summer evenings
after my mother called my name
on the lilting breeze
which reached me
at far corners of the neighborhood,
her voice known
among all the others.

We ate four thousand suppers
in that small room together.
What did we discuss?
Linoleum and carpet, casement
windows,
the wild McElroys,
the loud Mrs. Supportas,
scenes from the fifth grade,
my problems with bushels and
pecks.

Four thousand suppers –
oceans of tea.
The man and woman at the table
grow grey.
I grow up-
feet finally
reach the floor.

(Sr. Anne Higgins teaches at Mount Saint Mary's University. She is the author of five volumes of poetry)

Garbage Man

2/26/1963
Bernadette W Warrenfeltz
(b. 1907)

If we turn our nose up at him
Who hauls our garbage off
Or if we feel the least inclined
To ridicule or scoff
We ought to stop and ask ourselves
How would we live today
If no one even gathered it
And carted it away
The odor would be bad enough
But there would also be
A dire menace to our health
Of our community
We ought to be more conscious of
His most important deed
Because in doing what he does
He fills a vital need
He helps promote the cleanliness
Of houses and cafes
And for his service he deserves
Our gratitude and praise.

(Sara Gernand of Emmitsburg, MD submitted her late mother's poem dedicated to "June" Benchoff, the local garbage man. Mrs. Warren-

feltz was a flapper in Manhattan in the 1920's. She donned many roles throughout her life to include poet, farmer's wife and teacher)

To The Little House

Christopher Morley
(1890 – 1957)

Dear little house, dear shabby
street,
Dear books and beds and food to
eat!
How feeble words are to express
The facets of your tenderness.

How white the sun comes through
the pane!
In tinkling music drips the rain!
How burning bright the furnace
glows!
What paths to shovel when it
snows!
[continued]

O dearly loved Long Island trains!
O well remembered joys and pains.
How near the housetops Beauty
leans
Along that little street in Queens!

Let these poor rhymes abide for
proof
Joy dwells beneath a humble roof;

Heaven is not built of country seats
But little queer suburban streets!

(Christopher Morley was an American novelist, journalist, essayist and poet. He is probably best known for his 1939 novel, *Kitty Foyle*, which was made into an Academy Award-winning movie. The chosen poem is from *The World's One Thousand Best Poems, Vol. VII, Funk & Wagnalls, c. 1929*)

Does It Matter?

Seigfried Sasson
(1886-1967)

Does it matter? – losing your leg. . .
For people will always be kind,
And you need not show that you
mind
When the others come in after
hunting
To gobble their muffins and eggs.

Does it matter? – losing your
sight? . . .
there's such splendid work for the
blind;
And people will always be kind,
As you sit on the terrace remem-
bering
And turning your face to the
light.

Do they matter? – those dreams
from the pit?

You and drink and forget and be
glad,
And people won't say that you're
mad;
For they'll know that you've fought
for your country
And no one will worry a bit.

(Seigfried Sasson was one of the Great War Poets of WWI. A decorated British soldier, he wrote poetry that confronted the horrific reality of war. He won two major awards for his autobiographical trilogy, *The Complete Memoirs of George Sherston*)

Readers and poets are invited to submit their original verse, whether it be rhymed, metered or free, to "Catoctin Voices." The poetry chosen will always be "family friendly," even if the subject is serious. Also, at least one poem will be suitable to read to the children at bedtime, or whenever it is that they slow down. Please email your poetry by the 15th of each month for publication in the succeeding month's issue to poetry@emmitsburg.com. Submissions will be acknowledged, however there is limited space, so not all will be published.

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It's a dessert kind of month!

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I scream you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! June is always a great month to think about the delicious mouthwatering Desserts (including ice cream) of the summer! But let's face it, who really wants to spend hours in a hot kitchen baking when you could be outside enjoying the gorgeous weather? This month we will focus on easy and semi-homemade Desserts; Desserts that are sure to please a crowd of any size all the while keeping you out of the

kitchen! These Desserts will also run the gamut from healthy to not so healthy, with portion sizes that are controlled by YOU!

First up is a Dessert that is taken directly from last month's South Beach Diet Day Menu. This one is sure to please the melon lover in all of us. Please note that you can substitute just about any melon, or even pineapple for the cantaloupe.

Dessert #1

Melon Slush

- 5 ice cubes
- 4 cups cubed cantaloupe
- 1 ½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice

- 1 ½ teaspoons granulated sugar substitute

Place ice cubes in a blender and blend until just crushed. Add cantaloupe, lemon juice and sugar substitute. Blend until combined, about 10 seconds and serve immediately. This recipe serves four.

Dessert #2

Ice Cream Sandwich (our first semi-homemade choice)

- Brownies (box mix of your favorite brand – cooked according to package directions)
- Ice cream (your flavor choice – we love Breyer's All Natural Vanilla)

Remove ice cream from freezer and slightly soften. Cool brownies completely and cut to desired size (rectangles add to the authenticity, mini ones offer more yield). Slice horizontally making to "sandwich" pieces. Spread slightly softened ice cream on one brownie to desired thickness and top with remaining brownie. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap and store in freezer for up to one week.

These are a great treat for children of all ages. If you take them on a picnic be sure to pack them in their own cooler with plenty of ice and keep them in a plastic container so the moisture from the ice does not make them soggy.

Dessert #3

This recipe is by Michelle Arndt of Stoney Point Farm Market in Littlestown, Pa. We purchase our beef products from them (remember to shop local) and they also do catering (as does Gunner's). Michelle was kind enough to share the super easy treat. Check out their website at www.stoneypointfarmmarket.com

Fruit Kebabs –super easy to eat on skewer and clean-up is a cinch!

- Various cubed fruit pieces (we like pineapple, strawberries and honeydew)
- Bamboo Skewers
- Melting Chocolate (choose your favorite; milk, dark or white)



- Double Boiler (one large pot with a smaller one that fits inside but does not submerge)
- Wax or Parchment paper and a flat sheet pan or cutting board

Using a double boiler fill the bottom with enough water to have the top section submerged about 2 inches (remember, do not let the water touch the chocolate). Place melting chocolate in top section and bring water to a boil. Meanwhile, cut fruit into cubes and place on skewers. As water begins to boil and the chocolate starts the melting process be sure to "fold" together with a heat resistant spatula. Place skewers on parchment paper and sheet pan. Once chocolate is melted, using a spoon drizzle across skewers in a wave motion. Place in refrigerator for a minimum 30 minutes or until chocolate hardens. Serve as desired. Again, another great picnic Dessert!

Dessert #4 – A little more work than the other recipes but definitely worth the added effort!

Sandra Thomas, who works with us at the restaurant and does most of our baking came up with this fantastic Dessert which is absolutely delicious! The next time you are at the restaurant be sure to ask your server what kind of fabulous treats Sandra has made!

Ingredients

- 1 flavored cake mix with pudding (we love lemon and strawberry)
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Directions

- Mix together dry cake mix, 1 egg and the oil, until crumbly.
- Set aside 1 cup of this mixture.
- Pat remaining mixture into bottom of ungreased 9x13 pan.
- Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.
- Remove from oven.
- In bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice and remaining egg until smooth.
- Spread over baked crumb mixture.
- Sprinkle remaining crumb mixture over that.
- Return to oven for 15 minutes.
- Cool in fridge and cut into bars.

So there you have it folks, some great Desserts to savor all summer long! Enjoy, enjoy!

If ever you have questions regarding any recipes or articles please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share or have a request for an article or I would love to hear from you! HAPPY EATING!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Emmitsburg Heritage Days

Friday June 28, 2013

TBA Movie: Maryland Heart of Heritage Area (hourly) at Seton Shrine
 10:30 - 11:30am
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Exhibits at the Mason/Dixon Welcome Center
 Noon - 3 pm
 Miracles Amid Firestorm Tour at Seton Shrine
 3 - 7 pm
 Emmitsburg Farmers Market (S. Seton Avenue)
 8 - 10 pm
 Back From the Dead: Soldiers & Angels at Seton Shrine
 6 - 8 pm
 Emmitsburg Community Chorus sings "Peace & Patriotism" at Emmitsburg Community Park Bandstand

Saturday, June 29, 2013

6:30 - 10 am
 Annual Vigilant Hose Auxiliary Breakfast (Adults \$8 / Kids (age 6 - 10) \$4) at Main Street Fire Hall
 8 am - 2 pm
 Emmitsburg Community Yard and Sidewalk Sale
 10 am - 4 pm
 Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Co. Free Blood Pressure Screening at First Aid Tent
 10 am - 12:30 pm
 Old-time Field Games at Elementary School Field

10 am - 4 pm
 Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum Exhibits Open
 10 am - 5 pm
 Craftsmen Market and Civil War Encounters at Seton Shrine
 10 am - 5 pm
 Emmitsburg Community Vendor and Crafter Show at Farmers Market (S. Seton Ave) & Community Park
 10 am - 7:30pm
 Lions Club opens for BBQ, drinks, and ice cream

50/50 Raffle Begins

10 am - 4 pm
 Registration for Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show: Entry fee \$10/Public Judging at Community Park
 11 am - 1 pm
 Home Comfort Band (Bluegrass/Folk) at Community Bandstand
 1 and 3 pm
 The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes Tour Shuttles leave from Seton Shrine Parking Lot
 11 am - 1 pm
 Deputies Bicycle Ride (Helmet Required) (Must have pre-registered by June 4, check-in at 11 am)
 Noon - 4 pm
 Miracles Amid Firestorm tour at Seton Shrine

Noon - 7 pm POOL Open Free to Public Community Pool
 12:15 - 12:45 pm
 Horseshoes Registration: Entry Fee \$5 Community Park
 12:30 - 2 pm
 Face Painting at Community Park
 1 & 2:30 pm
 The Great Fire of Emmitsburg, 1863 1 hour walking tour
 1 - 3 pm
 Fallen Firefighters Memorial & To Lift A Nation OPEN for public viewing at NETC Campus (ID Required)
 1 - 3 pm
 All Star Little League Baseball Game Community Park Baseball Field
 1 & 3 pm
 Walking Path Workout w/ MD SportsCare & Rehab
 1 - 4 pm
 Let there Be Rock School Frederick (Rock & Contemporary Music) at Community Bandstand
 1:30, 2:15, 3:45 pm
 1821 "Old Lady" hand pump-er Activity at Frederick Fire & Rescue Museum
 4 pm
 Car, Motorcycle and Truck Awards at Community Park
 4 - 6 pm
 Silver Lining Band (Christian & Contemporary) at Community Bandstand

6 pm
 Parade
 7 - 7:30 pm
 Memorial Program & Historic Presentation on the Great Emmitsburg Fire of 1863 at Community Bandstand
 7:30 - 9 pm
 The Bubonics (Rock) at Community Bandstand
 8 - 9 pm
 Twilight Tour of Old Emmitsburg
 8 - 10 pm
 Back From the Dead: Soldiers & Angels at Seton Shrine
 9:30 pm
 FIREWORKS at Community Park

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Noon - 3 pm
 Miracles Amid Firestorm Tour Guided tours hourly at Seton Shrine
 4 pm
 150th Commemoration Concert With Williamsport Maryland Community Band & Metropolitan of Detroit Choral At the Basilica of Seton Shrine

Tuesday, July 2 - Sunday, July 7, 2013

Noon - 3 pm DAILY
 Miracles Amid the Storm Guided tours hourly at Seton Shrine
 6 pm Saturday July 6
 150th Commemorative Candlelight Vigil at Seton Shrine
 5 pm Sunday, July 7
 Songs from the Camps: A Picnic Concert at Seton Shrine

COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

Battlefield acupuncture

Renee Lehman

Next month is the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and this has me thinking... No, not about the influx of visitors! I have been thinking about the oldest continuously practiced medical system in the world: the healing art of acupuncture that originated over 3,000 years ago in Asia, and what if acupuncture would have been used to treat soldiers during the Civil War. Well, it is documented that acupuncture was used prior to and during the civil war!

Our American interest in acupuncture had its beginnings prior to the American Civil War. In 1826, the Philadelphia physician and chemist, Franklin Bache, grandson of Benjamin Franklin, published a report on his experiments using acupuncture on prisoners at the Pennsylvania penitentiary in Philadelphia for successfully treating the painful conditions of rheumatism and neuralgia. Then acupuncture was briefly referenced in an American Civil War field surgeon's manual (Acupuncture Energetics: A Clinical Approach for Physicians by Joseph M. Helms, MD, 2007).

I don't know if we'll ever know ex-

actly how acupuncture was used during the Civil War, but I bet it was nowhere near how it is being used for today's modern military. Since 2009, the military has been using acupuncture for post-traumatic stress disorder and pain control. In 2010, I completed the Battlefield Acupuncture and Advanced Battlefield Acupuncture training by John Howard, LAc, and his mentor, Dr. Richard Niemtow.

Battlefield Acupuncture is an acupuncture treatment developed by Dr. Richard C. Niemtow, MD, PhD, MPH (Colonel (Ret.) USAF, MC, FS) in 2001 to achieve rapid pain relief. "The whole idea of the battlefield concept was trying to develop an acupuncture technique that would be generic for all pain and that would be very rapid in terms of its effectiveness," said Dr. Richard Niemtow, (Military turns to acupuncture as alternative to prescription painkillers, by Jennifer Swan in Stars and Stripes, August 27, 2010).

Battlefield Acupuncture is a form of auricular (ear) acupuncture. Auricular acupuncture is a form of acupuncture that dates back to 500 B.C. in China. In the 1950s, French physician, Dr. Paul Nogier, classified and standardized its current use for pain control. Most

of the auricular acupuncture research has been focused on the area of pain control, even though it is used to treat many conditions.

The name Battlefield Acupuncture was chosen by Dr. Niemtow because of his 30 years in the military, and the assumption that this system could eventually be used on the military battlefield. After Dr. Niemtow practiced medical acupuncture for five years, he discovered that when certain auricular acupuncture points were used together, many ailments could be successfully addressed. Particularly, many pain symptoms were alleviated very quickly. Dr. Niemtow then travelled to France to learn about the French Auricular Semi-Permanent (ASP®) needles. He met with internationally known auriculotherapy author, Terry Oleson, Ph.D., and with the inventor of the PET scan, former University of California Irvine professor and physicist Zang-Hee Cho, Ph.D. Their discussions and research together led to the final version of the acupuncture protocol that would become known as Battlefield Acupuncture.

The most likely way that the Battlefield Acupuncture protocol decreases pain can be explained by the way that pain is modulated by the central nervous system, which includes the hypothalamus, thalamus, cingulate gyrus, and other cerebral cortex structures. Research studies conducted by Dr. Cho using fMRI (functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging), suggest that these brain structures are involved during the Battlefield Acupuncture protocol (Cho, et al, Neuro-Acupuncture, Los Angeles,



USA; Q-puncture, Inc., 2001).

The ASP needles are very short needles (about 1mm in length) that are made of gold, titanium or stainless steel. The needles are applied to five points on the outer ear. Because the needles are so small, they allow for a better fit under combat helmets so soldiers can continue their missions with the needles inserted to relieve pain. They can remain in the ear acupuncture points for up to 3-4 days or longer. Pain levels are reduced for anywhere from minutes, hours, days, weeks, or months depending on the condition being treated. The Battlefield Acupuncture protocol can be administered repeatedly. I have had clients who have had healing and have longlasting pain-free periods of time. I have had clients who have had more complicated conditions, and have not had complete healing, and needed repeated treatments. These clients use the Battlefield Acupuncture treatment to decrease their need for pain medications.

Finally, the Battlefield Acupuncture protocol can be used for many pain related conditions:

1. Any type of pain
2. Acute joint sprains and muscle strains
3. Other musculoskeletal pains
4. Multiple sites of pain
5. Migraine headaches
6. Post operative pain (if done within the first 2 days)
7. Injuries when narcotics would be contraindicated

If you are more interested in seeing how the military has been using the Battlefield Acupuncture protocol, along with other acupuncture and complementary medicine practices such as meditation and yoga, watch the movie *Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare*. To watch the trailer for the movie involving an Army soldier that received Battlefield Acupuncture, go to <http://www.escapefire-movie.com/trailer>.

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Believe it or not summer is almost here. The kids will be out of school soon and while we all like to think about a lazy summer day we need to keep the kids busy and active. Exercise can be fun and that's the way we need to portray it to our kids. Many kids belong to ball teams or other summer activities that keeps them moving but some do not. These are the children that need to find fun, interesting and active social activities to participate in. You don't have to join an organized group to enjoy social and beneficial exercise. Encourage your children to make plans with the neighborhood friends to play ball, go swimming, ride bikes or any activity that will keep them moving so they will benefit from the outdoors, the sun and exercise. I realize that to-

day's entertainment for kids usually consist of video games, TV, twitter, facebook and any other social media that's out there. It is our job as parents to get our children interested in something that will keep their bodies in shape as well as their minds. Get creative and have them come up with games or challenges that they like or have them search the web for things they can do that will give them exercise. They can still use social media to find activities that they can share with their friends and that way they are still using the computer to find the exercise their body needs.

Many children prefer to stay in the cool house during the summer and we can all understand that as it can get really hot during the summer months. There are many fun exercise DVDs that will provide movement such as dance, running, boxing or whatever they may be interested. Researching

what is available may spark an interest they didn't realize they would enjoy. This may start a lasting interest in a sport that they will continue through school and into adulthood. Running track, biking, swimming, tennis, basketball, baseball or any sport is getting people moving and promoting better health. I am so passionate about helping people maintain good health or helping them get back to the best health possible and to me it is so important to start with our kids. We are all well aware of the obesity problem in our world today but if we can start early with teaching our children about healthy food and the importance of exercise they will not have to struggle with their weight as they grow up. I am not saying anything that we have not heard before or that we don't know. We have an abundance of junk food at our disposal most of the time. Sugary foods are very tasty and easy to grab on the run. Once kids get their sugar taste buds activated those cravings take over. Kids don't think about their future health and they shouldn't worry about it



but with today's busy lifestyles and food choices that are being made they do need to be educated about the possible circumstances that may develop as they get older. Children are very aware of the world around them and they can see how an uncle, aunt, grandparent or maybe even you, their parent is affected by a health problem caused by weight or inactivity. I stated earlier that I am not stating anything new and I don't want anyone to scare their child or cause fear that could develop into problems in future years for your child but they do

need to be taught about the importance of healthy eating and good exercise habits from a young age. Get out there with them and you will benefit from the exercise as well as the family time. Social media is fine but it doesn't compare to family and friends spending time together doing something that reminds us just how much our family really means to us.

Call me at 717-334-6009 with any questions or for ideas to make exercise fun and interesting. Remember, Keep Moving!!!

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Question: How do you manage healthy eating while on vacation?

Answer: There's no doubt that eating healthy can be very tricky when you're on vacation. Whether you're short on time or you want to experience all of the different foods available, it can be difficult to stick to a particular diet plan. And you may not be as familiar with the local foods, so knowing how nutritious they are becomes a real challenge. If you're traveling by car, you can certainly bring your own snacks for the ride. This may help you avoid the need to pick-up costly convenience foods. If you're traveling by plane, asking the flight attendant for low-fat or heart-healthy options can also help. It might be wise to book hotel rooms that have kitchenettes, and if that's the case, you can always visit the local grocery store to get some fresh fruits and vegetables and other healthful items. And if the hotel has a continental breakfast, you can try to fill up on fruits or yogurt before you head out on the town. Be sure to visit sit-down restaurants instead of fast food establishments, since servers are generally better equipped to educate you about the food they're serving. But in the end, just do the best you can, and remember that you're on vacation. If you do deviate from your normal eating habits, just be sure to get back on track once you return home.

Question: Is it alright to start an exercise program at the age of 50, and if so, what types of exercise would be advisable?

Answer: First of all, it's clear that individuals may need to do differ-

ent exercises depending on their activity levels and overall health. And the sooner you start exercising, the more beneficial it will be in the long run. Being active can increase bone strength, improve cardiovascular function, and prevent numerous chronic diseases. Structured exercise can also increase mobility and stability, which can help prevent falls as you age. If you're just beginning a workout program, it's important to start slow and begin with the basics. It is also important to listen to your body. If you start to sense physical

pain, make sure to stop immediately. And don't forget to do a proper warm up and cool down. Keep in mind, it will take older individuals a bit longer to recover between workouts. As a result, light to moderate intensities are recommended. I would advise resistance training 2-3 times a week, along with some basic aerobic exercise as well. Walking and jogging are certainly reasonable exercise options, but swimming and biking will put less stress on the joints. In the end, it may be best to speak with a personal trainer so that he/she can create a customized workout program for you.

To submit a question for future articles, please contact the author at ThurmontMD@anytimefitness.com.

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ASTRONOMY

The night sky of June

Professor Wayne Wooten

For June 2013, the Moon will be new on June 8th, so the first week finds the moon waning in the morning sky. On the 10th, the thin waxing crescent moon passes about 5 degrees south of the Venus-Mercury pairing in the SW sky. Venus is on bottom, but much brighter than Mercury to the upper left of it. The first quarter moon is high up in the south at sunset on June 16th and appears high lit. The waxing gibbous moon passes seven degrees south of Saturn in the SE on June 20th. The beginning of summer occurs at 12:04 AM CDT on June 21, the longest day of the year, with about 14 hours of daylight for the Gulf Coast. Full moon, the Honey Moon, is June 23rd. This full moon occurs very close to perigee, when the moon is closest to Earth, so if you think it is bigger than normal, you are right! Note also this creates Spring Tides, with the sun and moon aligned to produce very high and low tides. The last quarter moon is on June 30th.

As June starts, you may just spot Jupiter below Venus on June 1st. Jupiter is about to get lost in the sun's glare, so look about 30 minutes after sunset. You may wait until Jupiter sets to spot fainter Mer-



The M-13 globular cluster is faintly visible with the naked eye.

cury to the upper left of Venus. All three are in a straight line on June 2nd, a great but challenging photo opportunity. Jupiter is lost in the sun's glare by June 10th, when we have the nice grouping of the crescent moon just south of Venus and Mercury. Mercury is by then overtaking Earth, and retrograding westward toward the

Sun, while Venus is moving higher in the evening sky, to dominate it for the rest of this year. Mercury passes to the lower left of Venus on June 17th, but the faint, thin crescent may be hard to spot naked eye by then. Mars gradually moves into the morning sky in June, low in the dawn sky.

High up in the southern evening sky is the most beautiful planet, Saturn, well east of Spica, the brightest star of Virgo. Saturn is brighter than Spica, and more yellow in color. Saturn's rings are now open about 17 degrees; they will continue opening up wider until

2017, when they are tilted 27 degrees toward us and the Sun. You may also see some belts and zones on the planet's disk. The largest, Titan, will be seen in any small telescope, but others will need larger scopes to spot.

The winter constellations are being swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but you might spot Sirius low in the SW as June begins. Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare by mid-June, and this sets the period as "Dog Days", when Sirius lies lost in the Sun's glare. In reality, Sirius is about 20x more luminous than our star, but also lies eight light years distant, while our star is eight light minutes away from us.

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon. By the end of June, all the winter stars, like Sirius, are vanished behind the Sun.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. 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. It is above Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years away from us.

To the east, Hercules is rising, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. This rich cluster is one of the top telescopic sights in good sized scopes.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from Carl Sagan's novel and movie, "Contact"), rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. Its constellation, tiny Lyra, looks like a parallelogram just south of Vega, but was the harp of Orpheus in Greek legends.

In the southeast, Antares rises about the same time as Vega does, in the brightest of all constellations, Scorpius. Antares appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the 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!

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Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Severe storms in the northern part of the region with showers in the south (1,2,3. Fair and warm (4,5,6) with more showers and storms (7,8). Fair and cooler (9,10) with more storms and even cooler (11,12). Fair and mild (13,14) with yet more showers and storms (15,16). Fair weather and very warm (17,18,19,20,21) turning cooler with severe storms (22,23). Fair and very warm (24,25,26,27,28,29,30).

Tornado Watch: The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack sees some tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region from June 1st to June 3rd and June 22nd and 3rd.

Full Moon: June's Full Moon that will occur on Monday, the 23rd has often been referred to by many Native American Tribes as the Full Rose Moon because roses start to bloom at the beginning of the month. It has also been called the Strawberry Moon because the first strawberries of the season become ripe for the picking at this time.

Special Notes: Welcome the start of Summer when the Summer

Solstice occurs on Friday, June 21st. June is graduation month for many students so be sure to honor your "favorite student" with a special gift or a memorable event.

Holidays: Flag Day is celebrated on Friday, June 14th. For guidance on how to properly display 'Old Glory', go to www.ushistory.org.

Don't forget to remember dear old Dad on his special day, Father's Day, which falls on Sunday, June 16th. Do something really special for the guy who a) paid for 4 years of college, b) paid for a really nice wedding, c) helped you finance that new (fill in the blank), or d) All of the above!

The Garden: Start your herb garden now and plant basil, rosemary, thyme, sage, savory, mint, coriander, parsley, or chives. Most herbs need no fertilizer and little water, so watermonly during prolonged dry spells. Avoid mulching herbs as mulch keeps the soil too moist. If fungus develops on your herbs during wet weather, cut them back to en-

courage healthy new growth. The best time to harvest most herbs is just before flowering, when the leaves contain the maximum essential oils. Cut herbs early in the morning when the skies are sunny. It's not too late to start warm-season crops such as corn, beans, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and eggplant.

Plant or sow summer annuals such as nasturtiums, vinca, verbenas, geraniums, phlox, marigolds, lobelia, impatiens, cosmos, sunflowers, zinnias, and alyssum.

Feed annuals and remove spent flowers to promote another round of flowers. Feed roses after each bloom cycle, water regularly, and remove any spent flowers. Additional pruning may be required in June of fast-growing plants, such as juniper, privet and yew. This will help promote new growth and also maintain a desirable shape during the growing season. Cut back perennials like Shasta daisy, black-eyed Susan, cone flower, and lavender after first bloom to encourage a second round of flowers in the Fall. Cut back fuchsia, geranium, and margarine to encourage branching. Stake tall, floppy flowers: foxglove, yarrow, bachelor's buttons, carnations, and delphiniums.

COMPUTER Q&A

To update or not to update?

Ayse Stenabaugh
Jester's Computer Tutor

Many of my readers are wondering what is safe to update and which updates are the most critical to your Windows system. If you are concerned about automatically updating a program you can always go directly to the program and update (usually found in the help or about menu) or visit the products website to get the most recent version.

Why updates are so important: Updates are there for a reason! Many times they deploy subtle increases in performance or changes that will enhance the users experience in some way. The majority of the time they patch security holes which if left un-patched could leave your computer vulnerable to hackers and other threats.

Automatic updates: There are two main items that you should always have automatically updated. Windows updates and your Antivirus software should be set to update automatically. Just because it is set to automatic doesn't mean you shouldn't pay attention to the updates. Sometimes your computer may require a reboot after updating Windows. Windows deploys its major security updates the second Tuesday of every month. Be sure to check to see that your computer has updated and to see if it requires a reboot to apply the updates.

To check to see if Windows is up to date visit www.update.microsoft.com you will have to run an active x control by clicking on the tan bar that appears at the top of the webpage. Once you have done that click express to see if your computer needs updated.

Note: If you are using Microsoft Office on your computer it is likely you are using Microsoft update. This is NOT the same as Windows update. Microsoft updates are designed to update both Windows and your Office software. This can significantly slow down your computer when you boot it up and are not necessary. To disable this update service, visit the website above and click on "change settings" on the left side of the page. At the bottom of the page you will see a gray box that says "To Stop Using Microsoft Update." Check the box and click "apply changes now" to stop using this service. You will continue to receive automatic Windows updates if you were using that service previously.

To verify that your antivirus software is updating you will need to open the software and find where it says "check for up-

dates." Most antivirus software update at least once daily, many others update several times a day. Some updates may require you to restart your computer in order for them to be applied. If your antivirus software has not updated in the past few days I would contact support to determine the problem. Those who have purchased AVG Internet Security Anti Virus from Jester's Computers can contact them for support for their products.

Why is this program asking for an update anyway? Java: is a programming language used in many computer applications. Java can be found on computers, gaming consoles, and even cell phones. If you do not have Java you will be surprised at how many applications will not run. It is very

important to keep Java updated since many of the programs you use are associated with this programming language. A good example of something that uses Java includes games found on Yahoo. They are Java based and without it installed on your computer you would not be able to play

Flash: Flash is a product of Adobe which is used to run certain flash based applications as well as to stream videos. A good example includes many games found online and videos found on YouTube.

The bottom line is you should always update software to ensure that it is secure and efficient. You may not be able to see the flaws or security holes in a program but that doesn't mean they are not there. Not keeping your computer updated is a serious

risk that can be easily avoided.

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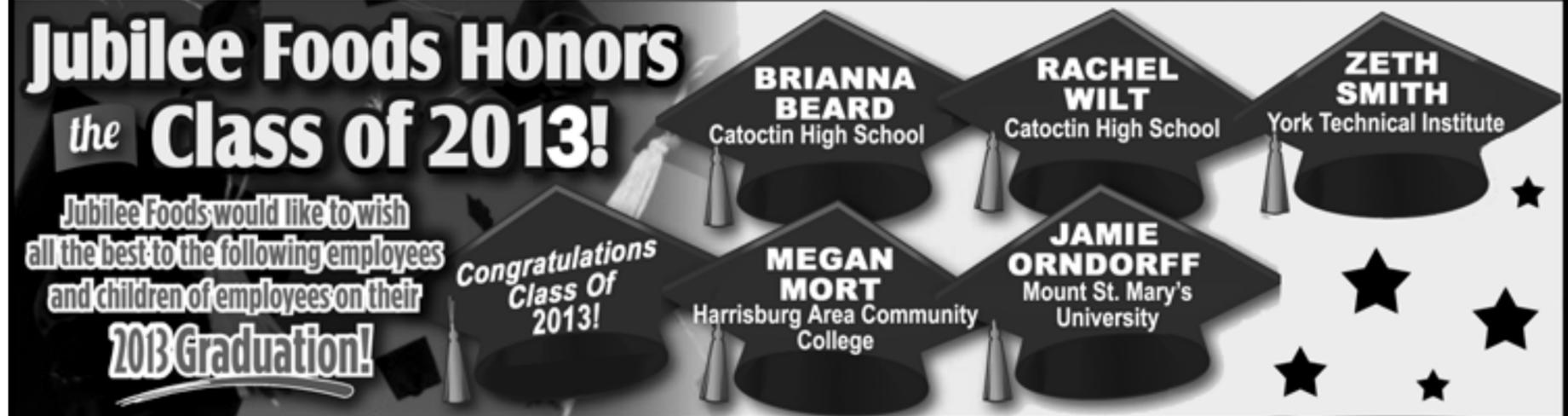
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