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It's carnival season once again

Mother Seton School's (MSS) 33rd annual carnival fundraiser consisted of a week of great crowds despite some rain and cold weather. Carnival goers came out to enjoy fun rides, live music, cool games, and delicious food. The carnival was open from May 18-23.

Each night people were lining up at 5:30 pm, waiting anxiously to purchase tickets or a wristband and start their night of rides, food, and entertainment. Russ Amusements of Wellsville, PA provided the rides and carnival games. The rides included new additions such as the Crazy Bus, and old favorites like the Zipper, the carousel, a kiddie roller coaster, and the Scrambler.

8th grade MSS student Emily Longenecker enjoyed her last year at the carnival as a student by riding the Zipper. Longenecker said the ride was more fun than shopping! The tickets and wristbands were affordable for families. Ally Rabiotti, an MSS mom of Keymar who volunteered for the ticket booth, encouraged carnival goers to buy the wristbands: "It's totally worth it!"

Rabiotti was just one of the many MSS parents to volunteer. Many MSS families, students, and alumni

came out that week to volunteer and support the school. From working at the food or soda stand to washing dishes, the school community came together to pull off a great event in support of the school.

Local organizations ran the food tents and the bingo tent. The guests could enjoy crab cakes, Italian sausage, French fries, pit beef, fried chicken, steak and cheese, nachos and cheese, funnel cakes, and soft serve ice cream. The food was a hit! Rabiotti joked that if she didn't have kids she'd be walking up and down the food line eating. "The food is great!" said Leann Price, grandmother of two MSS students.

During the week, the grounds of MSS were filled with the sounds of great local live bands such as Red Line and JJAM. On Monday night, MSS welcomed back alumnae Megan McGee and Kara Roberts and their band, Elemantree, for Alumni Night.

Whether families were coming out to enjoy the food, music, games, and rides or just to support the school, there was something there for everyone. Price commented that the event was great family fun, and Rabiotti described it as a "fun family experience." Kids' laughter and screams



While the rest of the world marks the start of summer with the Summer Solstice, Emmitsburg starts it with the MSS Carnival!

confirmed their excitement for the carnival. First grader Aubrey Harrington of Emmitsburg wished that the carnival would never leave.

The carnival is not only a fundraiser for the school, but also for other organizations that will use the proceeds to continue their work in the community.

The Emmitsburg carnival is just the beginning of carnival season. Starting on June 1 through the 7, the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Rescue Company will host their annual carnival. On the June 8, the Taneytown Fire Company will be hosting theirs; the Harney Volunteer Fire Company's carnival will begin on the 14th of June; Walkersville will be putting their carnival on during the

week of June 29; Thurmont will kick off their carnival festivities on July 7, and Rocky Ridge warps the season up with its county fair in mid August. See page 46 for schedule details for the Walkersville, Woodsboro and Taneytown carnivals.

The town's volunteer fire companies put on these carnivals to raise money for their organizations. The community's support keeps the companies going and allows them to continue doing their service for their communities. The proceeds that come from these carnivals ultimately go right back into the community through the services given by the companies.

Come out and support local organizations while enjoying a night of festivities with your families!

Fire and EMS Open House a big success

The Fairfield Fire and EMS held their annual open house on May 17 to give local residents the opportunity to meet local emergency responders and see all the equipment they use in the course of performing their duties.

The annual open house was held at the Fairfield fire house and catered to the curiosity of both young and old. Kids not only had a chance to view and ride in emergency vehicles, but also were able to try out the Adams County Volunteer Emergency Services Association's fire trailer. Fountaindale firefighters taught them how to escape after filling it with fake smoke.

Many residents and families turned out from several different communities to attend the event on what was an unconditionally warm spring day. Stormy weather conditions have been blamed for the diminished attendance experienced over the last few years, but this one turned out to be sunny and pleasant for all to enjoy. Fairfield displayed its entire fleet of firefighting, medical transport, and fire police vehicles, including their new water rescue boat

which was put into service about six months ago. Their water rescue team was also on hand to answer questions. They were joined by the Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department, the Carroll Valley Borough and Liberty Township police officers.

Fairfield Fire and EMS President Chuck Hayes said "we really enjoy this event because it brings so many people from the community out, they are able to get involved, they learn and see first-hand what this volunteer organization does for them. It's a huge source of pride for all of us."

Fairfield emergency staff provided fire truck rides to everyone who wanted to climb aboard - and even allowed children to try and put out a mock burning house using fire department hoses. Also attending was the crew of a Life Net medical evacuation helicopter and one of their "birds". The demonstration permitted people to become familiar with their equipment and operations. Fire personnel, accompanied by the Life Net helicopter also put on a rescue demonstration involv-



Exceptional weather resulted in a near record turnout for the annual Fairfield Fire and EMS Open House.

ing the extraction and rescue of a crash "victim."

Fairfield Fire & EMS volunteers provide coverage to the boroughs of Fairfield and Carroll Valley, Hamiltonban, Liberty and Highland townships. "We take pride in all of the work that our volunteers put into the community, the fact that so many people come out

every year in support makes all of us very appreciative. We want to work that much harder for those that need us the most," Hayes said. The event coincided with the start of National EMS Week. For more information on how to become a volunteer, contact the Fairfield Fire & EMS, 106 Steelman St., Fairfield, 717-642-8842.

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NEWS

Proposed budget reviewed

Mayor Donald Briggs presented his proposed budget for the upcoming year to the board of commissioners at their May 18th meeting.

The budget was presented to the board to begin the process of adopting a 2015-2016 budget and was not discussed in detail at the meeting.

The details of the proposed budget will be considered at upcoming meetings of the board of commissioners as it winds its way towards final adoption, no later than the second town meeting.

Town accountant Cole Tabler informed the town staff that the numbers for this new budget year are very similar to those from last year. Last year's budget revenues were \$1,617,376 and the expenses matched that. The same can be said for this year.

He noted that any changes that were made in the budget are slight. The general fund, which is used for things such as maintenance and salaries for employees of the town, is at \$1,267,709 which is 4% lower than last year.

There will be an interagency transfer made from the general fund to the capital improvements funds. The amount proposed by Haller and Tabler for this transfer is \$127,859. Tabler explained to the officials that the number for the transfer comes from what the town will have left over after paying the town's bills. These funds will be set aside for more long term projects. \$45,000 of that transfer will go to vehicles for the town, \$65,000 will go to paving in the town, and another project under consideration is a dog park for the town which

would receive \$6,000 dollars.

For the water and sewer funds Tabler combined the two numbers and the net income for the next year will be \$254,911. However Haller told commissioners that once the new water treatment plant comes up online sewer expenses will increase, by how much is not yet determined.

There was no motion to increase taxes discussed at the meeting. After reviewing the draft briefly Mayor Briggs proposed that the town officials take the draft home for a closer look and bring it back with more detailed questions. The officials all agreed upon the motion to continue the discussion of the budget at the next meeting. The draft for the budget will be reviewed in greater detail by town officials at the June 1st town meeting.

Farmers Markets return in June

Emmitsburg will be welcoming back their annual Farmers Market this June. The market will open on June 19th and will run every Friday through September 25th.

This is the town's 12th time hosting the Farmers Market. The town first hosted the market back in June 2004. The idea to sponsor the market came with the town's effort to improve the quality of life in Emmitsburg. Town Parking Enforcement leader, Amy Naill, recalls that when the market first began it was located closer to the square. In the past the vendors have sold items such as fresh bread, fresh produce, flowers, meats, cheese, homemade goods and other homemade items.

This year the market is located on the northbound side of South Seton Avenue just before the Town office

and the Firemen's Museum. The area where the market is set up features enough area for ten vendors to set up.

The market will be open every Friday from 3pm to 6:30. Currently, the market has six vendors signed up. There are still spots open. Naill is still accepting applicants for the market.

From those six vendors the market will be offering produce, honey, crafts, and much more. The market is free to those who wish to participate. Vendors must sign a contract but are not asked to pay a fee. The town does ask that what the vendors sell must be produced by them. Naill noted that the process of getting vendors has been slower this year. Many of the participants who have set up in the past are getting older and are not interested in setting up this year. She hopes to be able to fill the remaining spots

The market is free to those who wish to participate. Vendors must sign a contract but are not asked to pay a fee. The town does ask that what the vendors sell must be produced by them. The market is looking for participants who are looking to sell their homemade goods or home grown food. To get more information about participating in the market contact Amy Naill at 301-600-6303 or at anaill@emmitsbugmd.gov.

Double Your SNAP Dollars Returns to AC Farmers' Markets

The Adams County Farmers' Market Association in partnership with the Adams County Food Policy Council will offer the Double Your SNAP Dollars program again in 2015.

The Double Dollars program is simple: SNAP recipients can swipe their Electronic Benefits Transfer



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(EBT) card and the market staff person will match the amount up to \$10 per day. For example, spend \$10 of SNAP benefits and receive \$20 in market tokens. The customer then uses the tokens to shop for SNAP eligible foods like fruit, vegetables, meats, bread, eggs and seedlings to grow food at the market. The service is available at the Association's three market locations in Gettysburg: Wednesday at the Gettysburg

Heritage Center, 297 Steinwehr Ave. Hours: 2-6pm

Friday & Saturday at The Outlet Shoppes-Center Gazebo. Hours: 9:30am-2pm.

The 2015 Double Dollars program is sponsored by Healthy Adams County and assists families with increased access to fresh food that is locally grown. For more information on the program, visit the Community Outreach page at www.acfarmersmarkets.org.

South Seton sidewalk renovations to begin

Work on the South Seton sidewalks in Emmitsburg is set to begin in June.

The construction will be focusing on the area from just below the Square to the town office. Improvements will be made to the entrances in that area, including FEMA and the Daughters of Charity facilities such as the National Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The town wants to get the sidewalks redone to be in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The act prohibits the discrimination toward individuals with disabilities in employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications, and Governmental activities. By making the sidewalk revision, the town is making themselves more

accessible to all. The renovations have limits due to the Square renovations that will begin in 2017. Due to these limits, sidewalk renovations will begin just past the Square.

Jerry Muir, the town's zoning tech, said the renovations are expected to be quick. There is no set date yet for when work on the sidewalks will begin, but Muir re-

ports that the contractors working on the project estimate that the work will only take two weeks.

These kinds of repairs will be happening in Thurmont as well, also as part of their sidewalk projects. Both towns are hoping to improve their sidewalks and entrances, allowing them to meet the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Once work on South Seton Avenue sidewalks is complete, work-

ers will focus on similar renovations to North Seton Avenue. These renovations will reach further than the South Seton Avenue renovations. The crew will work on the area from around the Square down to the bridge just past FEMA. No date for these renovations has been scheduled and the details of the renovations are still in the works.

As of now, the renovations to South Seton Avenue will begin within the month of June, but no specific date has been nailed down at this time.

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Former school superintendent gets a new job

Former Fairfield Area School District Superintendent Bill Chain has been named the new Pennsylvania Senior Agriculture Program Manager by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). In this position, Chain will work jointly with a multitude of public and private entities such as state and federal agencies, legislators, agricultural industry leaders, and other interest groups in an effort to bring awareness and diversify CBF's agricultural effort in the Pennsylvania. Agriculture is con-

sidered one of the largest sources of pollution in and around the Commonwealth and the Chesapeake Bay.

CBF's Executive Director, Harry Campbell said "Bill Chain's wealth of experience in working with agriculture throughout much of his life, including being a farmer himself, coupled with his experiences in education. Campbell added that Chain brings a unique and comprehensive approach to addressing the water quality challenges facing Pennsylvania's agricultural community."

Pennsylvania needs a considerable push in its commitment to reducing nitrogen and sediment pollution from agriculture runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, the Commonwealth will have to make a great deal of progress in order to have 60 percent of pollution reduction practices in place by 2017 and 100 percent by 2025, which was committed to in the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint. The Blueprint sets science-based limits on the pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers and

streams as established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

For the past seven years, Chain was a well-loved and humble Superintendent of Schools for the Fairfield Area School District. He made a point to know each and every student, parent, and teacher in the area. However, after months of controversy and frustration with the current school board, Chain resigned from the position in December 2014.

Chain is a Pennsylvania Farmers Association committee member, he

was a member of the Adams County Water Resource Advisory Committee, and a former board member and vice president of the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy. Chain was also an agriculture teacher with Future Farmers of America (FFA) for 14 years. In addition to teaching, Chain brings with him 20+ years of experience in working closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, having owned and operated a 160-acre livestock and hay farm in Franklin County.

Adams County Envirothon

Students from eight area school competed in the 30th annual Adams County Envirothons in early May at the East Berlin Fish & Game. The top overall score came in from Fairfield's own Team Raging Wildfires for the middle school event. The Madtoms placed second and the Bald Eagles from Bermudian Springs placed third. The top three overall scores for the high school event were Littlestown in first place, Bermudian in second place, and Biglerville in third place. Bermudian Springs High School could represent Adams County at the 2015 Pennsylvania Envirothon at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown on May 19 and 20.

The Adams County Conserva-

tion District gives high school and middle school students' hands-on field experience dealing with environmental issues that need covered by each school to meet the PA State Standards for Science and Ecology. There are five exams that focus on wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soils and a current issue; this year's issue was Urban & Community Forestry. There were 32 teams and 160 students. Schools participating in the competition include Bermudian Springs Middle and High School, Fairfield Middle and High School, Gettysburg Montessori, Littlestown Middle and High School, New Oxford Middle and High School, Sacred Heart, Saint Francis Xavier, and Upper Adams Middle and High School.

Commissioners Randy Phiel, Jim Martin, and Marty Qually participated in handing out plaques and ribbons during the awards ceremony. Testing was administered by representatives from the Adams County Conservation District, Adams County Office of Planning & Development, Adams County Trout Unlimited, Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, and Penn State Extension.

The Conservation District expresses their thanks and appreciation to all of the teachers, volunteers, staff, and sponsors for their support in making the program a success again this year. The Con-



The Adams County Middle School Envirothon Champions are the Raging Wildfires from Fairfield. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Johnston, Zack Sherman, Jasmine Grams, Erin Stephens, Claudia Rudisill, Emma Burgess, and Mrs. Serfass.

servation District received financial support from the following local businesses, which helped to provide for lunch, t-shirts, ribbons, and plaques. 2015 Adams County Envirothon donors are Adams

Electric Cooperative, Adams County Nursery, Arentz Hay & Grain, C.E. Williams, C.S. Davidson, East Berlin Fish & Game, Hanover Architectural Products, and Knouse Foods Co-op.

Reid's Bridge closed

Unexpected damage to Reid's Bridge has left township officials little choice but to close it down. Because steel beams under the bridge grate have rusted away, it cannot be relied on to carry the weight of such vehicles as fire trucks and school buses. While temporarily closed in April, the supervisors voted at the May 5 meeting to close Reid's Bridge un-

til it is replaced. They will begin the process of engineering, permitting and funding the bridge, which will be a concrete box culvert, with two traffic lanes.

Supervisor Chairman Robert Gordon said, "We're going to have to explore every (funding) option, and this may delay next year's project. Road work plans had included repairs to the bridge

on Hickory Bridge Road, but the cost of replacing Reid's Bridge likely will cause that work to be postponed.

Gordon said the least expensive fix (\$80,000) would be to make the bridge one-lane, but he noted that Penn DOT will not permit an existing two-lane bridge to be converted to a one-lane structure.

The cost to replace the entire bridge with another steel grate structure will likely cost about \$280,000. Township engineer

C.S. Davidson, stated that a new steel grate bridge would require the complete removal of the existing bridge, the concrete abutments, and specially treating the grate and support beams to prevent massive corrosion that has resulted in the closure.

Including permits from Penn DOT and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the cost is estimated at \$175,000. A special DEP permit is required as the bridge crosses Tom's Creek, which is categorized by DEP as High Quality; the only higher water quality category in the commonwealth's system is Exceptional Value. Replacing the bridge will take just under a year to complete.

Township supervisors will begin looking at funding options, some of which likely will come

from the township's capital reserve fund, possibly to be repaid from the township's liquid fuels tax allocation. Gordon said about \$150,000 may be available as a loan from the state infrastructure bank, at 1.625 percent.

The bridge's closing adds to school district transportation expense and hinders emergency response. Gordon noted the first thing done after the closure was to reassign the fire companies. Typically, Fountaindale would be first called to respond to Mount Hope Road, coming over Iron Springs Road, across Gum Springs Road, and then turn across the bridge onto Mount Hope Road. The box cards have now been changed to make Fairfield Fire Department the first called for fire or other emergencies on Mount Hope Road.

Towne Center update

In other news, Adams County developer David Sites reported that after nine years of preparation, he has obtained a Highway Occupancy Permit from Penn DOT. The permit al-

lows him to proceed with plans to reshape the intersection of Cold Springs Road and West Main Street. The current angle of the intersection would be cut off and a traffic light installed

at the entrance to the Towne Center. Construction of the intersection could begin in 2016, which is the preliminary work for what will become a 17-acre shopping center.


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Thurmont Main Street update

Over the last year the town of Thurmont has been working on renovations on their town square. At the May 5th town meeting, Mike Hobbs, a member of the Thurmont Main Street program, Board of Directors, presented an update on the progress made so far. Hobbs told the Commissioners that he felt that the renovations were on the right path.

The main focus of the Main Street project the past year has been getting the new Main Street Center up and running. Hobbs reported that some furniture for the center has already arrived, but

they are still waiting on other pieces. While waiting on furniture the Board of Directors have been concentrating on the development of the center for use as an art gallery, a meeting place for organizations and businesses, and an event center. There is already a list of organizations and people who are interested in renting the center on a regular basis. That list includes a local artist whom Hobbs did not name but has already sat down with the board and discussed the rental details.

The center will be will be available to rent for a small fee. Local

businesses will have the chance to rent space in the center's window to help get their name and business seen by Thurmont residents and visitors. Hobbs notes that one of the main goals of the center is to support local businesses. Hobbs reports, "We want to keep as much foot traffic in Downtown as possible".

The center is not only for businesses. The board is also trying to make the center inviting to residents as well. The center's layout will include a "media area" in the back which will include Wi-Fi, computers, and TV's that

are open to the public. The layout will also feature a Welcome Center where visitors will find pamphlets with town facts and history, information on local businesses, and possibly souvenirs.

Hobbs noted that many of the center's details including the center's schedule, staffing, and funding are still under deliberation. The Main Street Thurmont board is estimating that they will need \$15,000 dollars to fund the renovations. Bills for the renovations done to date have not all come in yet, said Hobbs. Funding for the new center to date has

come from various fundraising events, such as Colorfest, where the proceeds from parking were directed to the new town center. However long term funding for the center has yet to be determined and is something the Main Street Board would like to finalize promptly.

Even though work continues on renovations, the first event at the center – an open house for Main Street Businesses - has been scheduled for June. The center is just the first step in a downtown revitalization. Hobbs says the next goal will be filling the empty store fronts downtown which he hopes will generate more tourism and foot traffic in the area.

Thurmont hosts Art, Wine, and Cupcake Walk

Thurmont had a beautiful spring night for their first Art, Wine, and Cupcake walk on May 8th. Guests gathered at Main Street in Thurmont to support the arts, food, and wine industry.

Guests were guided through the square where they were able to explore local stores, such as Timeless Trends Boutique, Hearts and Hands, Browns Jewelry, and local restaurants. In each store or restaurant guests were treated to art, great food, and wine.

Local artist, Rebecca Pearl displayed her pieces at Timeless Trends Boutique. Guests were able to enjoy the pieces and talk with Pearl. Pearl unveiled her newest piece "springtime at Roddy Road". Pearl was pleased with the turnout of the stroll and the interest shown by the guests. Pearl's artwork stayed up on display at the boutique for a week after the event. Pearl was joined by local artists Yemi, John Nickerson, Nancy Houston, The Catocin Forest Alliance and artists from the

East Side Group, on the walk. Each artist could be found with their work in each store, giving guests the opportunity to get to know the artist behind the work.

As guests browsed the art and items the stores had to offer they were able to enjoy some sweet treats. Professional cake makers Michele Nolan and Joan Hurley treated guests to samples of their cupcakes. Nolan was set up in the Main Street Center selling cupcakes to customers while Hurd set

up at the store Twice is Nice. Along with Hurley and Nolan Thurmont's Country Kitchen shared their cupcakes with guests. Local Wineries were pouring for guests at Timeless Trends Boutique, Hobbs Hardware, Browns Jewelry, and Hearts and Hands Window Treatments and Upholstery.

As guests moved from store to store they were able to enjoy some musical entertainment. Local musician Paul Zelenka played a mix of music styles in the square.

Main Street Manager Vickie Grider reported a great turnout for the walk. Commissioner Burns and Mayor Kinnaird attended the event to support the community and local businesses. The event was held just two days before Mothers Day giving attendants an opportunity to find some great antiques, art or jewelry for their mother's. All the proceeds that were made during the walk will stay in the community and will be used throughout the community.

Thurmont News Briefs . . .

Roddy Creek Bridge repairs

The Frederick County Office of Transportation Engineering announced that Roddy Road will be closed at the covered bridge over Roddy Creek starting on or about June 3. This will allow the contractor, Kinsley Construction, to complete rehabilitation work on the bridge.

Rehabilitation work to the covered bridge is scheduled to last approximately 10 working days, weather permitting. The work is to include a fire retardant being applied to the interior of the existing structure, installing guardrail, installing a fire alarm system, and adding in-stream scour protection.

A detour route will be in place

during the road closure. The detour will utilize Roddy Road, Roddy Creek Road, Albert Staub Road, Emmitsburg Road, and Eyer Road. Department staff has notified emergency personnel and school officials.

New Thurmont web site

A new Thurmont Website will launch June 5. The Website is Thurmont Main Street and will include history, events and of course all the great attractions to experience in Thurmont.

The site will be used to inform the local area of happenings, and to attract visitors to Thurmont. The site will also include an area 'Open For Business' which will include a business directory, information on properties available for leasing, a business tool kit if you are thinking of starting a new business in Thurmont, and demographics as well.

There is also a page for Specials where local businesses may put weekly specials after meeting the criteria. In the next few months the site will also host a page for ordering Thurmont Souvenirs that will be available in the Main Street Center.

Check it out in June-thurmontmainstreet.com.

Thurmont Main Street Farmers Market

Summer time is here and so is The Thurmont Main Street Farmers Market! The market will open Saturday, June 13 and run through Saturday, September 12. The hours of the market will be from 8 am -noon.

The location this year has moved and will held in the Thurmont Municipal Parking lot adjacent to Main Street. Purchase local homegrown vegetables, fruits, flowers, and baked goods.

Thurmont Main Street will also be selling Apple Butter and other local preserves too. If you are interested in participating please contact karne@kinnaridmemorials.com.

For additional information, contact Program Manager Blair Hovatter, Office of Transportation Engineering, at 301-600-3508 "should be after the first section about the bridge rather than at the end after the farmers market"

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<p>Summer Special!</p> <p>Bacardi Flavors Rum 750ML \$11⁹⁹ 1.75L \$22⁹⁹</p>	<p>Stella Artois 20 PAK BOTTLES \$19⁹⁹</p>	<p>NEW! 11.5 oz. Alum. Btls. 8 PAK Bud Light Mixx Tail Firewalker, Hurricane Long Island \$13⁹⁹</p>
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100 years ago this month

June 4

Oiling Of Streets

The Burgess and Commissioners have very wisely determined to oil the streets of Emmitsburg, the work will begin on Monday next. This entails cooperation on the part of the people, and just insofar as they do their part will only be a success, and will hold down dust throughout the summer. What the people are asked to do is to prepare the street in front of their premises, to scrape and sweep it thoroughly, and they are asked to do this on Monday. Oil is not effective, not lasting when applied on deep dusts, therefore it is essential, and to the advantage of everyone, that all property owners carry out the instructions of the town authorities. Clean the streets thoroughly and keep them clean until the moment of the oiling begins.

Child Run Over By Auto

A four-year-old child who with his parents stopped at the Emmitsburg Motor Car Company's garage on Monday for supplies was run over by another car while crossing the road. The fender of the car knocked the child to the ground and the rear wheels passed over its legs between the knees and the ankle. The child was taken to Frederick. It is not known whether any bones were broken. The owner of the auto was in no way responsible for the accident.

Big Fire On Zacharias Farm

The large barn on the John L. Zacharias Farm, about 5 miles from Emmitsburg on the Rocky Ridge Road, was burned to the ground last night. 11 head of horses and cattle, and one calf perished in the structure; a large wagon, grain drill, all the harnesses and a quantity of hay and grain are also consumed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Zacharias was awakened about 10 o'clock by the roar of the flames, which at first he thought was the motor of an automobile. A large number of neighbors and people from Emmitsburg responded, and through their ef-

forts the blaze was confined to the one building.

Thurmont Child Killed

Caught under an automobile driven by his father, Omar Brenaman, two-year-old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brenaman, of Thurmont, sustained injuries which caused death two hours later at the city hospital in Frederick.

Mrs. Brenaman was thrown from the automobile when the car overturned, but the father and child were caught between the steering wheel and the cowl. They have been visiting friends in Baltimore and were returning home when the accident happened. A rear wheel of the automobile blew, causing the machine to topple over. The parents were not badly hurt, but the child's skull was fractured.

June 11

Gettysburg Road To Be Repaired

Pennsylvania has announced that the Emmitsburg-Gettysburg Rd. will come in for a share of the attention of the highway department this summer. The state went over the road last week, from the Peach Orchard to the Maryland line, where building operations are now in progress. It is the opinion of the state engineer that lack of funds will prevent the building of this road this summer but announced that commencing next Monday, June 14, gangs of men will be put at work grading, cutting off breakers, placing drain-pipes and filling low places. It is the state's intention to put this road in as good condition as other state roads in the country.

Thrown From Wagon

While driving a horse belonging to Boyle brothers, on Monday, Mr. Clarence Rider might have had a serious accident had it not been for two men who came to his assistance. Mr. Rider was hauling some tools from St. Joseph's College and stopped at the blacksmith shop of Mr. Bernard Welty, on Frederick Street, to have some repairs done. The horse gave a start throwing Mr. Rider forward between the shafts and the axle tree. The sudden jolt dislodged the

seat of the wagon which struck the driver on the head with great force. The quick action of Mr. Kugler and Gelwicks prevented a runaway and no serious injury was done to Mr. Rider. As it was he only suffered a severe shaking up and a slight injury to his right side.

June 18

Accident

Mrs. Mary Wagerman of West Main St., who is employed at a union meeting mill, met with a very painful accident on Saturday morning, when her hand became caught in a machine which nearly severed the tip of one of the fingers. Dr. Jamison was summoned and dressed the injured member.

New Vault For Bank

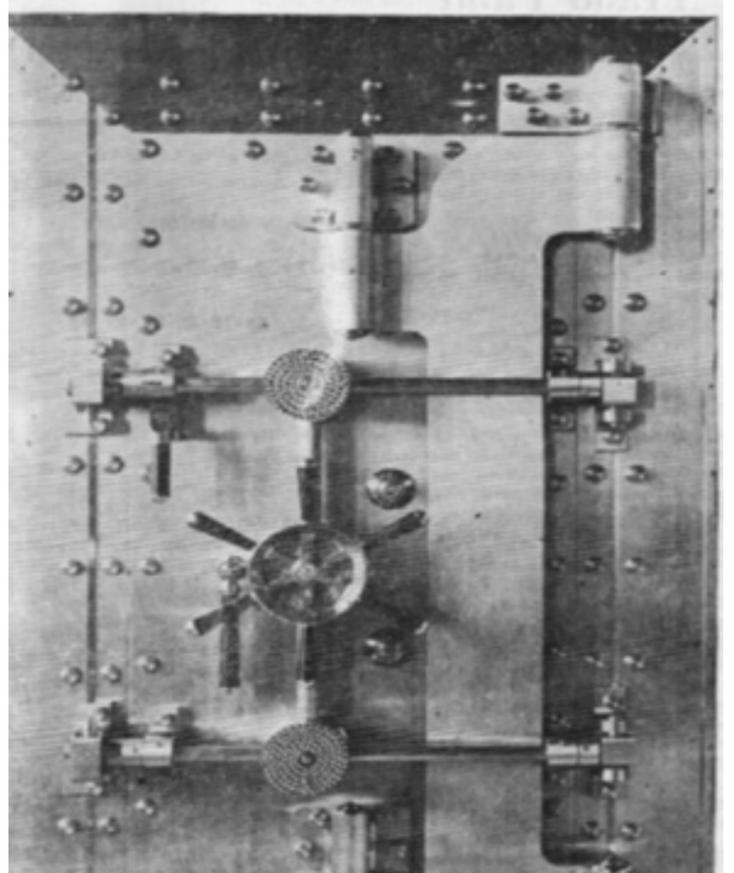
Workers have been busy remodeling and installing modern equipment in the vault of the Annan & Horner Bank. The improvements include a new strongbox, steel filing system, safe deposit box and shelves and a new polished steel vault door. The exterior of a vault will remain unchanged in size but the rearrangement of the interior will make it much more roomy and convenient. Pending the alterations the banking business of this institution is being conducted in the director's chambers, just back of the regular banking room.

Shot Self In Hand.

Charles Grimes, son of Joseph Grimes who lives about a mile from Emmitsburg, off the Gettysburg Road, accidentally shot himself in the right-hand with a rifle. He was cleaning the gun when it was in some manner discharged the bullet passing through the palm of his hand near the index finger.

Meat Shop Robbed

Sometime late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning thieves entered the meat rooms of the Patterson Brothers back of West Main St., forced the lock, and made away with about a dozen pieces of smoked pork. The robbers were evidently connoisseurs for they took only the hams and two fine large



The new vault door for the Annan-Horner Bank.

shoulders. About two-dozen pieces were left undisturbed. Greasy footprints on the cement showed that the robbers were a boy and a man in bare feet, and the burned matches indicated that one made a light while the other selected the choicest pieces of old ham. The value of the meat taken is estimated at about \$30. Several clues are being run down and it is thought that an arrest will shortly follow.

June 25

Getting Ready For The Picnic

The Vigilant Hose Company is leaving no stone unturned to make this year's Fireman's Picnic one of the biggest events of the kind ever held in Emmitsburg. The committees are hard at work and everything will be ready when it is at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, July 3, the monster parade - in which every owner of auto and vehicle is invited to join - will officially open the program of the day. The Emmitt Cornet band has been engaged for the day. This musical organization will play in the parade and give a concert in the afternoon and evening. Lovers of dancing will be delighted to know that the fireman has secured the Union Bridge Orchestra to play for the dancing in the evening. In addition to the above attrac-

tions special amusements had been secured for the day. Luncheons and refreshments may be pictured on the grounds, were those who wish to make it a true picnic neighboring baskets with them.

In Jail To Await Trial.

On Monday a warrant was sworn out against Mrs. Ellen Beatty and Albert Beatty (colored) by Patterson Brothers, the allegation being that these people were implicated in the removal of an amount of wool from the Patterson premises. Both were held under bond and subsequently taken to jail. It was alleged that Mrs. Beatty, on whose premises about eight bags of wool were found, was burning it. Both prisoners were brought before a magistrate Shuff who held them under \$200 bail; in default of this amount they were committed to the Frederick County Jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Arrested For Using Profanity

Fred Schultz was arrested by Constable Hahn last Friday evening for using profane and abusive language near the New Hotel Slagle. He was fined \$2.05 by Burgess Matthews and warned to stay out of town.

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FROM THE DESK OF . . .

County Councilman Kirby Delauter

As you are probably aware, the buzz in Frederick County is about ethics. As it currently stands Frederick County has the same ethics laws as the state of Maryland. As an elected official, I requested an ethics opinion as to whether or not I could bid on county (CIP) capital improvement projects. These are the same type of projects this company has performed during our 60 years in business.

As a former County Commissioner, I asked the same question and was not only denied bidding on CIP work, they denied me bidding on any and all work in the county, even private work. I appealed and won that decision only to have Jan Gardner organize a closed-door meeting with Karl Bickel and sev-

eral others who were then on the ethics board. They issued a revised (third opinion without giving me due process or contacting me or my counsel. This opinion stated again that I could not do any work in Frederick County. I appealed again, won the appeal for the third time. A fourth complaint was waged against my company by a Mr. John Helms, another Jan Gardner lackey. I had the fourth hearing regarding Mr. Helms's bogus claims and won that hearing as well, which meant I could do business in Frederick County while serving as a Commissioner. As a side note, both Karl Bickel and John Helms now serve on County Executive Jan Gardner's ethic task force, imagine that.

This brings us now to 2015 where I requested the ethics board issue an opinion on whether or not I could do CIP work with the County as a County Councilman. The Council position is different from the former Commissioner position in that as a Commissioner I had both legislative and executive authority. As a Councilman, I only have legislative authority so I wanted a new opinion based on my new role as Councilman. They issued a very lengthy opinion that stated I could in fact do business with the County with no violation of the ethics code.

No sooner did the independent ethics board issue this ruling, County Executive Jan Gardner along with Council President Bud Otis step in and issue

an Executive order overriding the ethics board's decision to allow my company to work in the County. So much for Jan Gardner's "open and transparent government, where everyone can be part of the process." It appears the only people Gardner wants as part of the process are people that agree with her.

As for Bud Otis, what a sorry disappointment he has been. I supported him during the election. He's asked me to help him with certain things soon after we were elected, things like permitting, reviews by internal audit, fleet services and I was the only council member to propose any modifications to the executive's budget. In every case he asked for my help, I gave it. It's very disappointing to have this execu-

tive order come down with no notice, no meeting, and with Bud Otis backing it without making a phone call to me to have any discussion whatsoever. What a coward we have in Bud Otis. What a lap dog for the Executive we have in Bud Otis. His lack of leadership is the only consistent thing about Bud Otis. He is consistently bad at leading this council.

As I've said many times, I will continue to do what I said I would do which is expose tax and spend policies, watch out for your tax money, and serve you honorably and with conviction. Once you get through the smoke and mirrors of the Jan Gardner and Bud Otis side show, you will see soon enough who is a businessman / politician, and who are the politician's politician. One looks out for others, the others look out for their own best interest.

Charter Government – 180 Days of?

Billy Shreve
County Councilman

The question I am asked the most is "How are things going with the new Charter Government"? The answer? Let's just say it will cost you more \$\$\$\$ and you will get less. How does that make you feel as a taxpayer? Unless you wanted Frederick County to be ruled by a Queen, you are not getting what you were sold.

Think of a restaurant that serves 240,000 people a day (That happens to be the population of Frederick County). If the management changes, they still serve 240,000 per day. The staff needs to serve 240,000 per day. The County Council only has 4 staff members. The closet sized County in Maryland with a Charter Government started with 14 staff members and now has 21, we have 4.

How is that working out? Well... 2 of the original 3 staff members, 20+ year employees quit, or how do we say it in Government "Retired".

We are the only Council in Maryland that does not have a Council Attorney. We do not have a budget analyst, or any staff paid by the Council to oversee the \$550M budget. The greatest responsibility the council has is to oversee the budget, yet we have no finance people on staff.

If a friend came to you for advice and said I need to review a \$550 M budget and wanted your advice would you A) Do it yourself even though you have no experience, B) Believe the person who gave you the budget and said it is OK, or C) Hire someone who specializes in \$550M budgets? The majority of the Council voted for A & B, and refused to hire someone to help them. Your tax dollars, \$550 Million if them con-

trolled and approved by a History teacher, Music teacher, PTA Activist, & Former Washington Bureaucrat. None of them qualified to review a \$550 m Budget, none of them CPAs, none of them with any previous budget experience. Guess what... Your taxes went up. Yes because of them. And the best part one of them ran as a republican!

The RINO in the group of unqualified "budget specialists" is None other than Bud Otis. Let's see... his campaign slogan was "I share your values". I guess that could be true if you support Republicans that raise your taxes, give Leadership positions to Democrats, and vote with Democrats more than Republicans. In his campaign handouts and videos he stated he "Has never seen a budget he couldn't cut" "And signed a no tax increase pledge", yet didn't make one single change to the Democrats bud-

get that increased spending \$10M and raised your taxes. I like the new slogan many Republicans use to describe him... "this Buds a dud"!

The County Executive is supposed to represent the County and legally defend the position of the County right? A few days after being sworn into office Jan Gardner refused to allow the County Attorneys to appear at a hearing in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals in Annapolis, the HIGHEST Court in Maryland, in front of not 1 judge, but a 3 Judge Panel, to protect the interests of Frederick County, and you the Frederick County Tax Payer.

What else has Jan Gardner accomplished since being sworn into office? Refused to pay \$3.25 M contractually owed to the new owners of the Nursing Home to continue the care of the poor and indigent living there. During budget discussions with the Coun-

ty Council refused to provide detailed information to the Council and stated nothing more exists, then 3 hours after her County budget staff was questioned publicly on TV, an additional 275 pages magically appeared. Raised your taxes and is spending an additional \$10M this year. 60% off the Ethics Commission quit after Gardner signed an Executive order to overrule their decision.

Rumor has it that next thing the County Government will go after is your property rights. Last time Jan Gardner held office 702 property owners lost their property rights. A few that stick in my memory: A Tree Farm, Fruit Stand, and Grave Yard all lost their property rights.

How is the first 180 days of this new Chartered Government working out? You decide. I just give you the facts.

In my travels throughout the County I have only met one citizen that thinks this New Charter Government is a good idea.

Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

Congratulations to the Mount and Catoctin High school graduates! Best to you on your journeys going forward.

Last month the Town council ap-

proved the funding for the town to become the first municipality in the country to utilize the latest technology to reduce energy cost. The technology is Powerstar-volt-

age optimization equipment. Town government energy costs after installation are projected to decrease by at least 10%. We are getting local, regional and national recognition for our initiative.

This month we will submit the town application to be recognized as a State Sustainable Certified Community. The "Green Team" has done a great job directing the town's efforts to earn the points for the designation. My understanding is that once certified, the town moves up in priority for potential grant recipient.

The town has been informed by the State, to complement the revitalization of the square, sidewalks along South Seton Ave. from Cedar Ave. to Lincoln Ave. will be replaced (both sides). Also plans are now being drawn up for the same along North Seton Ave. from the Square to Northgate (both sides). Not far behind are plans to replace the sidewalks along East and West Main St.

More downtown improvements projects are underway for the latest round of 50-50 State grant funding. By the end of this year \$300,000 of

restoration work should be completed. We will apply for a fourth round for 2016.

On May 9th the town hosted a wrap up meeting re: tourism signage with the State Highway Administration. John Fieseler, Executive Director of the County Tourism Council, joined town representatives and area tourism stakeholders for the meeting. It seems we are going to receive everything we requested to protect signage to our historic sites.

On May 20th the town received an award from the Frederick County Sustainability Commission for its energy reduction and sustainability leadership. On May 21st Dave Haller and I attended the Maryland Municipal League County meeting and the town received \$16,000 of Project Open Space money for back stop improvements for a baseball diamond and construction of a "dog park" in Community Park.

On May 29th Ed Hinde of the Students Homelessness Initiative Partnership of Frederick County was introduced to other caregiver organization personnel at the town office. As mentioned last month there are over 80 homeless children in the Catoctin School District and we are firing up our commitment to assisting them.

At a County Executive – Mayors meeting a presentation was made by Frederick County Workforce Service personnel about job opportunities and there are a lot of them. Training for youth summer jobs for all ages. If you want a job 4,000+ applied through this county agency last year and over 2,500 got jobs. Call Michelle Day 301-600-1867 or go to www.frederickworks.com.

Baseball: The Emmitsburg 12u Orioles and Red Sox will field a defending champion All Star team to again host the 4th of July weekend State Cal Ripken tournament at Memorial Park. Emmitsburg Storm 12u team came in second in the Frederick "Armed Forces" tournament and ventured to Olney for the "Walk the Plank" tournament over the Memorial Holiday weekend.

The Town has a new facebook address and twitter account. For more information visit the town's web site. June is now Community Heritage Month. Community Heritage Day is Saturday, June 27. See page 25 for more information.

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day, especially those serving, going to serve or who have served in our armed forces. Let's never forget.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Executive Jan Gardener

Honesty is a community value. Republicans want honest government. Democrats want honest government. Everyone wants their government to be honest, fair, and impartial.

Citizens deserve to trust their government.

Trust is fundamental to good government. We cannot have good government without trust. Trust is the foundation of all relationships, both personal and professional.

Elected officials can only ensure trust in government, if both real conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest are eliminated.

Throughout the campaign for County Executive, I heard concerns from many citizens about a lack of trust in county government and even concerns with government corruption. I pledged to restore trust in government.

One of my first actions, as County Executive, was to appoint an ethics task force to review and strengthen the ethics ordinance to make it clear that county elected officials could not do business with the county or profit from their position. The work of the task force should be complete by the end of June.

A strong ethics ordinance had previously been in place but was weakened by the prior board of commissioners including eliminating all penalties for serious ethics violations.

It is my objective to set a high standard for county elected officials. It is objectively wrong to have an elected official bidding on contracts on which he/she has actual or potential influence. This is good government 101. Most people agree that county officials' bidding on county contracts is wrong.

Consider a few potential issues arising from county elected officials bidding and performing work on county contracts.

County elected officials have access to county employees, county buildings, and information others do not have. There is a clear perception that county elected officials could have the advantage of inside information.

County elected officials have the ability to influence county employees including procurement staff, inspectors, and others. County elected officials, including county council members, can cut an agency budget and even line out the salary line for specific employees. In fact, in the most recent budget discussions there were three motions to eliminate funding for specific positions. County employees would reasonably feel pressured to respond to and be influenced by county elected officials.

County elected officials directly vote on the budget that con-

tains these county projects and participate in detailed discussion about the projects, their cost, and their purpose.

If a contractor lost a bid on a project to a county elected official, how could they ever be reasonably assured that there was no inside information, no pressure put on county staff, and no advantage given to the county elected official involved? Contractors have told me they would not even bother to bid on county projects against a county elected official. This does not serve the taxpayers well.

What would happen if the county elected official's business failed to perform on the contract? How would county employees enforce the terms of the contract? Even worse, imagine the county having to go to court against a county elected official's business to enforce a contract.

I believe in the free market system and fairness for all participants. Everyone who bids should bid on equal footing.

Thus, I am proud to have signed my first Executive Order to ensure honest and fair government by prohibiting county elected officials – the County Executive and County Council members – from bidding on or performing work on a county contract. The council will consider similar legislation to the county procurement laws in upcoming weeks.

The Executive Order does not change the Ethics Ordinance or any advisory opinion issued by the Ethics Commission as some have suggested. The role of the Ethics Commission in issuing an Advisory Opinions is to interpret the Ethics Ordinance and apply it to a particular situation. The Ethics Commission does not create the rules; it interprets rules that are adopted by others.

The Executive Order address-

es the procurement process and what contracts the County Executive will sign under the authority provided in the Charter. Charter Subsection 402(f) provides that "The duties and responsibilities of the Executive shall include :... (f) signing or causing to be signed on the County's behalf all deeds, contracts and other instruments."

The Executive Order addresses the procurement process. The Ethics Commission has no role in the procurement process or the award of a contract. These are duties assigned to the County Executive.

I pledge to ensure open and honest government, to protect taxpayers, and to ensure fair government processes. It is my responsibility to ensure that county processes are fair and impartial without the appearance of conflict of interest.

Honesty is a community value. I am proud to stand firm for honest government.

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Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

This month, 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. If you have any questions related to the display and use of the flag, go to Title 4 of the United States Code and Title 36 section. There is a Federal law Public 94-334 related to the United States Flag. It is important to note that you must lower the flag before sunset unless it is lit during the night.

Also, please be aware that the code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." There are a number of veterans' associations that will accept the flag for disposal.

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 21st. This special 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.

Last month I had the honor to attend the annual memorial service for officers who fell in the line of duty held by the Adams County Chiefs of Police Association. Our Carroll Valley Police Chief Richard Hileman and the State Police Lt. Fred Hess, commander of the Gettysburg barracks, read the names of those officers who lost their lives while on duty and the circumstances under which they passed away.

Thank you all who every morning put on your uniform and risk your life to protect us. If interested, go to www.ronspictures.net to view the pictures of the ceremony.

At 12:38 pm on June 21st sum-

mer begins. This summer solstice is the day with the most hours of sunlight during the whole year. It's a time to relax and enjoy our natural environment. We are surrounded by the aesthetics and natural beauty of Carroll Valley's country scenery and wildlife. But we need to be aware that the summer months represent a time period when the cases of Lyme disease increase.

Why? We spend more time outdoors enjoying where we live. Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is carried to people from a bite from a black-legged or deer tick.

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

on Lyme disease. One site you may want to visit is www.lymemd.org.

Did you submit your Fairfield Ambulance membership fee (\$40 family and \$25 single)? If not, contact 717-642-8105. It is a great deal. As a member you are entitled to Emergency Service transport to the nearest appropriate medical facility, within a 75-mile radius. Emergency Service is defined as an injury or illness for which an ambulance is the only suitable means of transportation for a patient to reach medical care. Residents who take advantage of the subscription plan will have their bill submitted directly to the appropriate insurance carrier. Should the carrier deny payment for service, your bill will be adjusted to zero balance upon written confirmation of denial from the insurance carrier. If your insurance carrier should only pay a portion of your bill, the remaining balance will be adjusted to zero. If you do not carry any medical insurance, your subscription donation takes care of the services provided. In New York terms "Thinkaboutit!"

The Carroll Valley Yard Sale is scheduled to be held on Satur-

day, June 6th from 8 am to 2 pm. For those who are new to the area, the Yard Sale is held in the Liberty Mountain Resort & Conference Center parking lot. Anyone interested in reserving a place for \$10 to sell should contact Charles Dalton at 717-420-0744 or charleswdalton@gmail.com. I hope you are planning to attend our July 4th Celebration. It is being held on Friday, July 4th. Click on www.cvJuly4th.com to see all that is going on that day. There is so much to do in such a short period of time.

The evening ends with fireworks being launched from the top of Ski Liberty Mountain. Make plans to be there. If you want to see pictures of past July 4th events, go to www.ronspictures.net. Hope to see you there.

Borough meetings to be held are: Planning Commission (June 1st); Public Safety (June 8th); Borough Council (June 9th) and Parks & Recreation (June 22nd). Please be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. If you have any questions, call me at 301-606-2021 or email at MayorRonHarris@comcast.net. Please remember to watch your speed in the Valley.

State Representative Dan Moul

Do you know what Pennsylvania's slogan is? Chances are good that you do not. Why? Because the Commonwealth gets a new slogan every four to eight years as each new governor takes office.

Tourism is Pennsylvania's second largest industry with a total economic impact of \$68.4 billion in 2013. The industry also supports 479,000 jobs. Given tourism's reach in our state, it is easy to understand why a governor would want to make his or her mark on the industry with a catchy new slogan, but at what cost?

Re-branding does not come

cheap. In addition to the printing of travel guides, brochures, maps, broadcast commercials, billboards and other promotional material, there are welcome signs along our roadways, at state parks and other key locations that must be updated.

A member of the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee for the past several years, I was invited to participate in a tourism industry panel discussion recently in Harrisburg. I raised the issue of our "revolving door" of state slogans and it was met with enthusiastic applause. It seems the

industry, too, has grown weary of the constant re-branding of Pennsylvania with slogans that are not only not memorable, but cannot begin to describe its diverse tourism offerings.

With that said, I will let you decide if the more recent offerings moved you out of your chair and to a Pennsylvania tourism destination. Our current tourism slogan is "State of Independence." If you did not know this or remember it, you are in good company. Other recent offerings include: America Starts Here, Memories Last a Lifetime, and the grammatically challenged You've Got a

Friend in Pennsylvania.

Every slogan takes time and money to develop. First, you need marketing professionals to come up with a variety of concepts. Once these are developed and refined, they are typically tested, using focus groups, to determine which option is the most preferred. While this process may enable marketers to pick a slogan, it is no guarantee of its success.

Are slogans effective in attracting tourists? Yes. Industry representatives, who include travel and lodging professionals, restaurateurs, and operators of amusement parks and other tourism destinations, assert that a good slogan, used over a long period of time, can be very ef-

fective. The industry professionals I spoke with advocated for a new slogan — one with staying power that would withstand the whims or ability of future administrations to change it. The way to achieve this is by putting it in statute.

I asked the tourism professionals in attendance to get together and develop a slogan that meets their standards and would offer long-term promotional benefit to the Commonwealth. With this, I pledged to develop legislation aimed at putting the slogan into law. My bill would give those whose livelihood depends on tourism a voice and the opportunity for their message to have the staying power they say they need.

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

County Commissioner Randy Phiel

Now that the Primary Election became history on Tuesday, May 19, the Board can go back to being fully engaged in the primary task of serving the residents of Adams County with no distractions. On the plus side, eight candidates in an enthusiastic race for commissioner, certainly did cause interest and conversation, not to mention media coverage. There was also an unusually high level of campaign rhetoric from opponents. As an incumbent, it is evident that there are only so many hours in a day, and campaigning at any level takes time and energy away from the primary task at hand - serving the residents of Adams County. Reflecting on the last several months, I am so proud that this is a full-time Board that has been out there every day, evenings and weekends, all over Adams County, meeting with and working for the residents for the past 3 ½ years. This was true even during the last several months despite an intensive campaign. Folks ask me if being Adams County Commissioner is a full-time job. My answer is "No... it is not, if you are fully committed as this Board is, it is more than a full-time job." As Board Chairman, I would like to recognize and thank the full Board for their professional conduct and unwavering commitment to the residents of Adams County!

I am pleased to report that we are getting closer to completion of the very important Adams County 911 Public Safety Radio Project. The 19 tower sites have been generally completed. The Adams County Emergency Services Department is

looking to begin testing the approximately 2220 grids across the county on September 9. The "turn on day" for most Adams County law enforcement agencies is projected to be October 20. The current Board is pleased to have taken the position that this project must move forward when we first took office. There is no doubt that this is an extremely important project that will have significant impact on the lives and safety of Adams County residents for the future.

Regarding another new and important initiative in Adams County, we are continuing to move forward to improve community reintegration into the community from the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex. The County of Adams, the York/Adams Mental Health Joinder, Pyramid Healthcare, Warden Brian Clark, and Judge Tom Campbell are presently engaged with the PA Department of Health to establish a licensed Drug and Alcohol counseling service at the Correctional Complex. We understand that a program of sustained counseling must begin at the prison and continue into the community to be most successful.

At the Wednesday, May 13th commissioner's public meeting, it was an honor and privilege for the Adams County Board of Commissioners to recognize the dedication and service of the Adams County Allied Veterans Honor Guard for their 17 years of service. The recognition ceremony was facilitated by Adams County Veterans Affairs Director Stan Clark and resulted in over thirty

Honor Guard members attending. These Honor Guard members are personally committed to render final military honors at the funerals of our veterans throughout the county. The pledge of allegiance, led by Director Clark, was the most emphatic heard in the historic courtroom in memory. As Director Clark and the Board delivered remarks, the veterans aged 60-90 in uniform, stood at attention on each side of the podium. The display of discipline, pride in service, dignity and respect was moving and poignant.

Full military honors include: flag folding and presentation to family, a rifle detail with volley, and the sounding of Taps. During the remarks, I pointed out that these individuals donate their time to perform these duties in all types of weather, despite the fact that many have physical limitations. I also stated that there is no doubt that these Honor Guard members deserve the special recognition they received. They have taken it upon themselves and made a personal commitment to honor their brothers and sisters with a final and poignant act of respect and esteem for service to our country. On behalf of myself, and all the residents of Adams County, I thank the Adams County Allied Veterans Honor Guard for your noble service to our veterans!

Having spent 30 years on Federal Law Enforcement training ranges, I understand there is a need for a law enforcement training range that is not simply a point & shoot range. Ideally, a law enforcement training range allows: effective point & shoot,

barricade, moving barricade, shoot / don't-shoot and vehicle ambush situations to name just some of the training scenarios. The recent shooting event at the Adams County Correctional Facility personifies the stark reality. We are in the process of meeting Straban Township zoning requirements and will keep residents abreast of progress. We are hopeful to have the range completed within one year. The safety of our emergency responders is a critical need and obligation we all share!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 20th. The Adams County Law Enforcement Range Committee is organizing a fundraiser in support of the proposed Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range which will be located at the Adams County 911 center site. Specific plans have not been finalized; but you can plan on a great day with good friends, good food and good family entertainment. The event details will be completed this week and advertised in the local media. This Adams County Law Enforcement Training Range has been on the wish list of Adams County Law Enforcement officers for over 15 years. In cooperation with the Adams County Law Enforcement Association and the Adams County Sheriff's Department, the current Adams County Board of Commissioners has agreed to support the range as long as county tax dollars are not the primary funding source. By building and facilitating public/private partnerships, I believe we can achieve that goal. The range will be leased to The Adams County Law Enforcement Association.

Two weeks ago it was my privilege to join Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and Adams County Planning Director Sherri Clayton in welcoming the Pennsylvania Farmland Alliance to Adams County. PFFA is made up of Administrators of participating County Farmland Preservation Programs throughout the State. Later that evening I had the privilege of participating in a joint reception for the PA Land Trust Alliance and PA Farmland Preservation Association at the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center by welcoming this large combined group to Adams County. Two iconic names in Adams County agriculture were honored at the event. Tom Clowney and Tim Brown were co-recipients of the "Local Heroes Award". This is an award presented by American Farmland Trust (AFT) and PFFA to a host individual(s) who have made a significant difference to our County farmland preservation program. The award was given to Russell Redding the last time PFFA was in Gettysburg. Tom and Tim have been on the Farmland Preservation Board since the inception of the program. Tom was the original Chairman and Tim is currently the Chairman. Both have preserved their farms as well. For these guys, I believe it could also be called the life-time legacy award. Thanks to all our planning staff for the work that they have done to host this conference in Adams County. Tom and Tim congratulations on a career well done.

No matter what you do, spring is here in full force - get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer.

State Senator Richard Alloway

Pets serve as friends, companions and family. They provide love and companionship to millions of households across the state. Given the tremendous impact our pets have in terms of our quality of life, we owe it to all of these animals to ensure they can enjoy a safe, loving environment before and after they are adopted by loving families.

Along with Senator Andy Dinniman, I recently introduced a package of pet protection bills to help prevent animal cruelty. A hearing on the bills was held at the Gettysburg Recreation Park on April 17th, by the Senate Majority Policy Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

We received testimony from Adams County Animal Shelter Manager and Humane Officer Abby Avery; Western PA Humane Society Director of Government and Community Relations Mary Kennedy Withrow; and Humane Society of United States Director of Shelter and Rescue Services Inga Fricke.

Following the hearing, I hosted a "Yappy Hour" at the new Dog Park, which was attended by dozens of locals and their furry companions. We also unveiled the pet protection package at the Capitol on April 19th, followed by a "Be Kind to Pets" rally.

The pet protection packages include seven bills and two resolutions designed to ensure fewer animals are subjected to mistreatment and inhumane living conditions. Bills in the package include legislation that would prevent serious dog law violators from operating kennels under a family member's name. Standards would be set for animal shelters and tethering.

One bill would place all dog law fines and penalties into a restricted account for enforcement activities. There would be civil damages for abusing or killing a dog or cat; and animals would be protected from being injured or killed in a domestic violence situation.

One bill would allow therapy dogs on public transportation, including buses and trains. PennDOT would be directed to develop a "Spay/Neuter" specialty license plate, as well.

The vast majority of pet owners don't need these kinds of laws to ensure that their pets are treated properly. We are only targeting those who abuse animals through negligence or greed.

Overall, the purpose of these bills is to ensure these cherished members of our families are never subjected to cruel or inhumane treatment at any stage of their lives.

From the time a puppy first opens its eyes to see the world, until the day that they close their eyes forever, they deserve every measure of care and affection we can offer.

It is my hope that these bills receive swift action from the

Senate and House.

There are an estimated 164 million dogs and cats in American homes, and approximately 47 percent of households in the U.S. include at least one dog. While these statistics are impressive, there is no way to quantify what these animals bring into our

homes in terms of love, companionship, and affection. Young and old, large and small, quiet or loud, these furry friends have earned not only a treasured place in our homes, but also in our hearts.

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COMMENTARY

Words from Winterbilt

Government choices and decisions

Shannon Bohrer

Last month this column was on making choices and decisions, as individuals. How we make our choices and how the importance of that choice is not always immediate and sometimes not important. This month, continuing with the same topic, we look at government choices, not that we can influence them, but how they can and could they affect us. The immediate and long term effects and importance are often unknown.

The negotiations between the United States and Iran over nuclear development - is a good example of a possible decision with possible significant long term consequences. On the face of it the idea is to negotiate a deal with Iran, so Iran cannot and will not develop a nuclear weapon. Sounds like a noble cause. So if it is so noble, why would anyone object to the negotiations and or any deal that would be made? There are many people that believe you cannot negotiate with a country that supports terrorism and violates human rights. That sounds like a good reason for an objection. Of course the support of terrorism comes from multiple Middle Eastern countries, possibly including Saudi Arabia. Osama bin Laden and fifteen of the nineteen hijackers were Saudi citizens - and we deal

with them. Violating human rights is also important, but again, we deal with Saudi Arabia, China and Russia and many others.

Another often stated objection is that no matter what deal is made, Iran will not hold up their end of the bargain. Historically, Iran has been our enemy since they took American's hostages when Jimmy Carter was president. While that is factual, we supported the Shah of Iran, who was our dictator that ruled Iran with our interest in mind, before Iran had a revolution. Since part of the Iranian revolution was for the purpose of throwing out our puppet government, should we take that into consideration? I do believe it is important to remember why we had a puppet government, which was part of our strategy in the cold war, which was also very important.

Was the Iranian revolution part of a very early Arab Spring? Of course the Iranians don't consider themselves Arabs, they generally think of themselves as Persians. Maybe the Iranian revolution was an early sign of change, and if so, how and when it will evolve and to what it will evolve to - is still unknown. One of America's exceptionalism traits is our inability to predict what will occur in the Middle East, even though we think we can. In that arena we have an excel-

lent and consistent history.

There was also the Iraq Iran war, where we supported Saddam Hussein and Iraq against Iran. We can't trust the Iranians, but we trusted Saddam Hussein? We supported a dictator in Iran; our puppet government and we supported Saddam in his fight against Iran. Maybe, just maybe, from the Iranian perspective they probably have opponents to the negotiations saying that they cannot trust the Americans.

The reality is that negotiating with Iran to prevent them from developing a nuclear weapon, might be a reasonable choice. Several years ago sanctions against Iran were imposed that were put in place by the United Nations, the European Union, the United States and other countries. The other countries include; England, France Germany, Russia and China. The purpose of the sanctions was to create leverage against the Iranians, to encourage them to negotiate. Having multiple countries and the United Nations involved in the process encouraged Iran to negotiate. The key goal of the negotiations was to limit Iran's nuclear program. By international law and treaty, Iran is entitled to peaceful nuclear development and use. The sanctions that have been imposed include trade restrictions, travel bans, the freezing of assets and nuclear technology. Some sanctions from the United State and the Europe-

an Union include banking and oil, which by all reports has had negative effects on Iran's economy.

Historically, sanctions have not always been an effective tool in forcing an entity to change. The sanctions against Cuba for almost half a century is a good example. One possible reason that sanctions against Cuba did not work is that they were unilateral, just imposed the United States. Just because we did not trade with Cuba did prevent other countries from trading with them. The general rule is that to be effective, sanctions need to be multilateral. And the economic sanctions on Iran have been multilateral, which has been effective as a motivating tool for Iran to negotiate. However, having multilateral sanctions also means multilateral negotiations. The more parties involved the more difficult the negotiations.

Another large issue in negotiating with Iran is the current conditions in the Middle East. The Iranians are supporting the Iraqis, the Kurds and the United States in the war against ISIS. But the Iraqis are reported to be aiding the Houthis in Yemen, while we are supporting the Saudis who are fighting the Houthi. So in one conflict the Iranians are our allies and in another conflict they are the enemy? If that makes sense!

I think we should consider that no matter what we do - we may not get what we want. If, as some would propose we hold out for stronger sanctions against Iran, to create a better deal, what happens if Russia and China decide to

trade on their own? That is a big unknown - but is a real possibility. If we decide to negotiate a deal with what we have, do we really have any guarantees the Iranians will keep to the agreement? Some of the expert's so no, and every now and then some of the experts are right. If we don't create a deal and Iran continues toward developing a weapon, is military force an option? On this the experts seem divided; some saying military strikes would work and others saying it would not.

The reality is that we don't know what will happen with any choice we make. If you recall, the world said that North Korea would not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon. They did and the threat still exists. So one perspective could be that no matter what we do; Iran could eventually build a nuclear weapon. When North Korea built a nuclear weapon, the Pakistani government admitted that one of their nuclear scientists helped them. Might there be other countries that would help Iran? There is always a probability that Iran could buy a weapon from North Korea. Because of all the sanctions against North Korea, they need the money the trade and they need oil.

History tells us that other countries have and will obtain nuclear weapons. What choices we make to slow down the process could be critical, but we really don't have any guarantees.

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Common Cents

With I.T.

Ralph Murphy

Information Technology (I.T.) is a term coined in the late 1950's to address the emergence of government instigated computer related information storage and use. The field was useful particularly to the intelligence communities, but at that time had limited civilian application nor legal conscription beyond that inferred from other information sharing sources.

The field subsequently developed and became enormously useful to the government and private sectors. It even outstripped formal legislation at that point and created an introduction to potentially devastating cyber attacks internal and external of dependent users. Government and private action is being taken but slow in implement as it appears the affected cyber users can't always discern friend from foe given host accommodation and clever opportunists.

The I.T. realm as described involve any applied mechanism to "store, retrieve, transmit, and manipulate data" here by any capable business or enterprise. It has been sourced in stages dating to the first writing by ancient Mesopotamians 3000 years B.C. Of immediate concern is the

cyber or computer related information storage and access which serves the foundation for business and government in the modern era. The modern era dependence is almost socially absolute, and the target of cyber espionage which steals data for varied use, and cyber attacks which may steal computer issued data but also destroys dependent systems to include "satellite, military systems, power, water, fuel, communications, and transportation infrastructure."

Cyber information gathering was the result of technological advances, which afforded computer application to double every 14 months between the mid 1980's and 2007. Much of the data collected is simply stored worldwide in "data tombs", but these are subject to "data mining" given lack of defenses and opportunity for personal gain.

Hackers' reasons for accessing computer system data include exploitation for "profit, protest, challenge, enjoyment, or self defense testing." It has created a "computer underground" with notably "white hats" seeking to improve defenses and "black hats" who access systems for personal or corporate gain. The problem thus appears clear cut, but it isn't as the competition has blurred to the extent where leadership consensus to secure data is not universal-

ly applied amid staggering levels of collusion involving ideological opponents and lack of consensus on a forward production strategy.

Two bills have been presented to House and Senate Intelligence Committees to legally require the sharing of all cyber data from any source, with the government used as a legitimate broker. The Cyber Information Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) and subsequent Cyber Information Sharing Act (CISA), a "watered down" version of the same bill, permit the key provisions intact and are still being considered. At this writing both are unlikely to pass as the House of Representatives has overwhelmingly passed the "National Cyber Protection Advancement Act" (NCPA) which would make provision of cyber data optional between users with the Department of Homeland Security involved as a broker. All three bills were presented as security interests, but the CISPA and CISA would open all cyber data to all relevant players foreign and domestic with unimaginable opportunities for damage to the provider, and gain to the receiver.

Presented before the Senate Military Appropriations Committee General Keith R. Anderson warned the computer interchanges amount to acts of war. He allowed "there

is a mismatch between our technical capabilities to conduct operations and the governing laws and practices." It may go even deeper than that as the opposition is often ill defined to the point where internal access of what should be classified data results in systemic failure and quick gains to opportunists. That can lose them money and it can also knock out the power or even launch weapons systems in the most extreme manifestation of the concern.

A government led "Cyber Command" considers itself at war against emergent threats, and while tied to traditional weapons systems of land, sea, air, and space is active in the computer realm at present trying to thwart penetrations internal and foreign as the opposition is hard to detect or even define amid coercive inter-actives. There are high complexity attacks to traditional government institutions to include military installations and even civilian Executive organs but they aren't parried as sourced "friendly" internal or similar external.

An "Act of War" can be considered "Proven sovereign foreign power impetus in acts of destruction toward the citizenry or property of another nation." Physical projectiles are one means, but the cyber theft can be far more damaging and legal issue hasn't matched capacity for the effort.

There is at present no structure of coherence or action domestic to the United States let alone an in-

ternational umbrella, which would address the issue. The competing groups aren't defined, but here involve a unified entity singular or plural promoting production gain immediate to that body in competition with other groups attempting profit in the same field. There is no shared data which legally compromises the competitive objectives, and benefit is yielded to the most competitive player likely at the immediate expense of another, but systemically afforded opportunity for all to win.

Illegal hacking will likely continue once that interactive basis is established, but right now Congress and the Executive are fighting with the core tenets of competition versus collusive interactions and the resultant systemic resolution and legislation reflects the social anomie. The NCPA, while a bit risky in competitor's information sharing, may be a turning point in resolve to coherence in security and competition within the United States government. A broader issue and structure may then be established for international interactive, but the competition so apparent to individual and applied team group has to be recognized and legally accommodated. If not the suspicious power outages and infighting military could be a terminal problem.

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Pure OnSense

The violence of history

Scott Zuke

The closing, gutting, and demolition of Thurmont's Cozy Restaurant was somehow both drawn out too long and over with all too quickly. The quirky 85-year-old establishment had hosted our family and friends my entire life, and it never crossed my mind that it could so suddenly be gone, first picked apart piece by piece by raw material scavengers. So many people expressed sadness at its demise, but in the end no one stepped forward to save it.

It was a close-to-home reminder of how violent the path of history can be. For the most part it is an unremitting process of creative destruction as the new is built on top of the old. There are only rare exceptions when people decide that something old carries a value worth preserving, and put up a protective barrier to block out the winds of time.

Time is patient, and always wins in the long run as the elements work to reclaim the land that people built on. "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!" said Ozymandias. Yet time is not the only destructive force to contend with. Businesses, for example, even local landmarks, must withstand the forces of economics as well.

But lately the most worrisome threat to history has been people themselves, namely the Islamic State (ISIS). This scourge of a movement

has purposefully and publicly sought to destroy the cultural heritage of the peoples of Iraq and Syria, taking bulldozers and jackhammers to ancient artifacts, blowing up historical sites, and setting fire to libraries filled with ancient manuscripts.

Last month they captured Palmyra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Occupying a vital oasis in the middle of the Syrian desert—not far from Ozymandias, in fact—this ancient city once served as a crossroads for trade caravans crossing from the East as far away as China to the Roman empire in the West. It was strikingly well preserved, passing the ages gracefully. Until recently its only real threat came from the growth of the nearby modern town, but steps were being taken to mitigate the encroachment.

At the time of writing, the Islamic State's black flag is flying over the ancient ruins. They have sealed off the archaeological museum. Thankfully it was emptied of most of its precious artifacts before ISIS arrived. The world is waiting uneasily for whatever will happen next.

Many have asked why the Islamic State has targeted the region's antiquities, which have mostly been bystanders throughout the last few years of brutal civil war in Syria. There are several reasons.

ISIS is of course looking for ways to sting its adversaries, and destroying their cultural heritage is a powerful

symbolic way to do so. Even without having seen or known much about these artifacts on the other side of the earth, our hearts sink knowing that they will no longer be there.

Tactically, the Islamic State probably goes after ancient sites and antiquities because they're easy targets. They are remote and mostly unguarded. As precious as we feel these relics are, people generally are not willing to risk their lives for them.

Strategically, looted antiquities are one of the most important sources of the Islamic State's funding and help keep their operations going. What they don't destroy they sell on the black market. Much of the plunder ends up in America, traded amongst criminals and sold to unwitting collectors and interior decorators.

But there is also their ideological motivation, which is to raze anything that predates the founding of Islam. They see such items as "false idols" that don't fit into their extremist vision for the future.

While this is a despicable and destructive impulse, it's hardly anything new. In fact, it's a practice with roots going back beyond written history. The Egyptian pharaohs had a long tradition of systematically erasing the past each time a new ruler came into power. But they didn't tear down the monuments erected by their predecessors. They were smarter than that. Instead, they just scratched off the old signature and carved theirs on top.

In various forms throughout history, a recurring drive has been to annihilate or redefine the past in order to cleanse the foundation for a "better"



future. This pernicious motive culminated in America's eugenics movement in the early 20th century, which came to focus on removing undesirable traits from society by preventing their transmission through reproduction.

By the 1930s, 30 states had enacted laws that led to the forced sterilization of people with disabilities, and even those who were simply poor. The Nazis took inspiration from California's eugenics policy when designing their own program to develop the "Master Race." Ironically, in our own act of destroying an uncomfortable part of our past, this is a dark part of American history that is rarely taught.

The battle over history has become a front in the Culture War as one side sees the teaching of American exceptionalism as key to fostering nationalism and strengthening the country, while the other embraces teaching the uglier sides of history in order to correct issues still plaguing society today and to avoid repeating mistakes of the past. We know this is important

enough to care deeply about, even if we might not agree on what's worth storing in the nation's collective memory.

Those rare objects and places that everyone agrees to have historical value worth preserving take on a sacred quality. In the way that they interrupt the creative destruction of free-flowing history they both serve to weigh us down and provide us a sturdy foundation.

Whatever fate befalls Palmyra at the hands of ISIS, it will not vanish completely. This will simply be a new chapter in its long, ongoing story. While its beauty as a monument to our common history and the joining of East and West may be diminished, it—like Ozymandias's ruined statue through Shelley's poem—will find new meaning. And that will endure much longer than the sacrilegious thugs of the Islamic State.

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Down Under

R-Evolution

Submitted by Lindsay!
Melbourne, Australia

We are the facilitators of our own creative evolution.

—Albert Schweitzer

Every living thing evolves, but the things that Homo Sapiens developed from the earliest times also evolved. Things that took on a life of their own, such as social structure, religious ceremony, clans and tribes, family and foods, technology and so on, and which have affected everyone from lonely cowherd and slave to garbage scabbler and denizen of a great city — and everyone in between. All the facets of this set of amazing conditions have been of great interest to scholars, business, kings and so many more people down the ages. They have been studied and explored, utilized and written about until there are more texts than anyone could ever read. Today, each of these areas have evolved into complex organisms; in the process some areas died out, some were transformed, and in most cases folk from even a century ago would be hard pressed to recognize them.

Within this moving framework the role of money has been both vital and catalytic, with social structure the result and genesis of the pro-

cess. A framework that was meant to be designed, but which was mostly amorphous as the ideas and practices of one farsighted individual or clan — think of the De Medici's — were picked up and modified by someone using their ideas but in their own situation. This evolution was unlike that of organic life, even though both occur from opportunity and need, because banking was planned. Close-thought decisions were arrived at, tested, and if successful were utilized or changed. The results grew of didn't, but no one outside the group knew about it. They only used the result for their own purposes, and were generally happy to be ignorant of the internal structure or goals.

A lizard does not see a bird and say to itself 'Oh, I'd like to fly', and then develop wings, or a tribe say 'This life is silly; let's build a city,' and see it happen. All evolution takes time; it's gradual, with an unknown number of forces and influences shaping and altering the metamorphosis, the result unforeseen. By contrast, just because we have progressed further than our forebears, (at least we like to think so), we believe we can see what's coming. All that new scientific and mathematic material that has been developed enables us to see into the future. We know we will one day soon land on mars or unlock the mystery of black holes, therefore

we also know that the social systems we have are predictive.

After all, feudalism came and went, communism came, and thanks to you guys, (apart from the newly evolved version in China, which you also helped bring about, went. (Aren't you clever?). And which is now ready to spread around the world with little impedance; theocracies, long thought to be rigor mortised, are making a reappearance, and so on. Democracy, from 'by the people for the people' also evolved into democratic capitalism where the emphasis became 'from the elite for the elite,' the beginnings of which emerged some 300 years ago. This then became a particular development of the USA, and has been so gratifying you have ensured its uptake by Britannia and her once colonies, with cultural and business differences having caused resistance, distrust and even revulsion in much of the middle east who thought they were getting good old people democracy for their suffering.

So now let me fill you in on the latest evolutionary development: transnational capitalism, TNC. We are all acquainted with Blue chips, national and international companies, but I could almost guarantee you have not come across TNC's before. The evolution of banking and commerce has speeded up so much that we can hardly see the changes happening, let alone having the time or resources to study them. Far more than the rapid development of technology, this group is

a complex of top companies around the world, whose interlocking networks are so dense they have become, in fact, a new creature in the world. It has been estimated that there are some 43,000 major companies who dominate world trade, and from that number just 1320 of them qualify as TNC. They control an estimated 20% of world trade, each having direct ties to between two and twenty of their brethren. Apart from direct links, they interlock in their various areas expertise which covers virtually every area of manufacturing, commerce, and trade, and their power remains largely unheeded by governments, stock exchanges and the public.

The discovery of this development is the work of a Swiss group in Zurich at the Swiss Federal Institute, where they have combined the mathematics of complex systems with models of networked power. More alarmingly than the above, they have also discovered an even smaller echelon of this group that could be likened to Tyrannosaurus. They control about 40% of world trade, own 40 % of the world's nett worth, and number just 147. They are not based in any one area — though quite a number are in America — and form a very exclusive club. Their weakness is instability, (remember Enron?) as they desire to maintain their hold and the status quo, and may not respond quickly to unexpected changes in the economy, and they are also more likely to be collusive, as no one member could countenance the advantage of one over another.

They also are reminiscent of a colony, because unilateral decisions are out, acting in unison is in.

How much political power do they wield? Probably less than you might think, although printing money stimuli may be one of their schemes, and they surely have the IMF under control. Their strategies do not extend too far into the future because they can never be certain where the current trends will lead. The world is just too big and diverse.

So here we have a new world order, capitalism has evolved into super-cap, and we can breathe a sigh of relief that we no longer have to speculate on what we think how our current version of capitalism will turn into. We know. I'd like to grow wings and have an overview of this behemoth, but am more than happy to carry on in my ignorance. As I'm sure you are too. If you are not, why are you still reading?

Is this a revolution? Well, yes, in a way, but it's one without a shot being fired or a glimmer of publicity hitting the screens. Is it evolution? Surely, but that will continue willy-nilly, not intellectually planned but the product of desire and serendipity. Except here down under, where we are witnessing evolution in reverse. Mr. Abbott, our PM, aka The Sherriff of Nottingham. But not as clever.

Lindsay, bemused in Melbourne, Australia.

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THE PASTOR'S DESK

Feeling closer to God

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I love summer. It is definitely my favorite season. Maybe it's because I was born in the summertime. It might be because my favorite sport is baseball. Perhaps it is because life just seems to slow down a little bit. The days get longer and it is almost like there is more time to get everything done in any given day. I realize that's just an illusion – that every day has the same number of hours – but something about summer makes me feel younger and filled with possibility. Like most people, I spend more time outdoors in the summertime. Even though I am the type of person who can't be outside in the sun for ten minutes before my skin begins to redden and crisp like a lobster I love being outside.

I have always felt closer to God outside. Don't get me wrong. I

have worshipped in some lovely sanctuaries and have seen some of the grandest temples and cathedrals but nothing speaks to me of the glory and majesty of God more fully than being immersed within the gift of Creation. Trees lift their branches in what almost seems a worshipful way toward the heavens and the awesome power of nature is displayed in the ways that rivers carve their way through the landscape. The blowing of the wind can almost sound like the whispering voice of God coming to us from all around us.

When I was growing up, my father and sister and I would take long walks in the woods near our home. Our father would point out different kinds of plants and trees and he would always tell us that if we were quiet we would see all kinds of animals that we didn't get to see wandering around on our neighborhood streets. We saw foxes and deer and even came upon some bea-

vers working on their dam in the creek. I remember those walks with fondness not only because I was outside, but because I knew that I was safe. My father walked beside me and I was never lost – always finding my way home.

As I have grown, I have come to realize that my relationship with God is very much like the one I had with my own father as a child. No matter where I go in this world I know that I am not alone. God walks beside me and even when I do lose my way, it isn't long before God shows me the way back to safety. The Bible is filled with references to the authors' recognition of the presence of God in their lives. My favorite is near the beginning of the book of Joshua. Moses has just recently died and Joshua has been chosen by God to lead the wandering descendants of the Israelites who had been slaves in Egypt into the land that had been promised to them in the days of Abraham. Three times in the first nine verses, God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous. In the ninth verse, God makes a promise to Joshua – "...the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Whenever I lose my way in this life I remember that verse and am comforted. The Lord, my God, is with me.

Sadly, not everyone has that kind of relationship with God. For some, thinking about God brings up visions of judgment, harassment and pain. They might have had an experience in church where they were judged because of who they were or what they wore or how they lived their life. Perhaps a family member has used cherry-picked passages from the Bible to cast dispersions on their lifestyle. Maybe a pastor or another church leader has ostracized them because of their behavior or their past. Instead of seeing these kinds of behaviors as representative of how some people might act within a church setting, they attribute them to God



instead. They tell themselves, "If this is how God's people treat me, than this is how God must feel about me."

While it is true that God is the ultimate judge of humanity's actions it is also true that God loves each one of us as we are. God sees in us the potential to become whatever we feel called to become, but it isn't our potential that God loves about us. God loves us because we are all children of God. From the lowliest among us to the most powerful we all stand on level ground before God. Not one of us has done anything to deserve the love that God has for us, however despite the ways in which we feel we disappoint God (or the ways in which others point out that we have disappointed God) there is nothing we can do to stop God from loving us. And that's good news!

I remember a particular Sunday School lesson I learned as a young adult. The teacher was talking about human nature and God's love for us. He said that it would have been easier for God to have created humanity as automations - to simply follow the rules and automatically love God in return for all of the gifts we have re-

ceived. But that's not how God works. The teacher told us how wonderful it was for one of his children to come into the house from playing outside, all dirty and grubby and climb up into his lap and hug him and say "I love you!" God wants each of us to come to the realization that we love God on our own terms. We don't have to be "ready" to approach God, cleaned from all of our sins and in our Sunday best. Whatever the path that we travel, God is always right there with us, ready to assist us. While we may spend a lot of our time doing things our way, God is always ready to provide us with the tools we need to do things God's way.

As you travel through this summer, remember that God is always with you. No matter where you go, you are never alone. As you celebrate the longer and warmer days, spend some time in God's creation, focusing on the gifts that we have received from a loving God. Don't let other people's actions dictate how you see God. And have a great summer!

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THE BOOK OF DAYS

Midsummer day



June 24

Considering the part borne by the John the Baptist in the transactions on which Christianity is founded, it is not wonderful that the day set apart for the observance of his nativity should be, in all ages and most parts of Europe, one of the most popular of religious festivals. It enjoys the greater distinction that it is considered as Midsummer Day, and therefore has inherited a number of observances from heathen times.

The observances connected with the Nativity of St. John commenced on the previous evening, called, as usual, the eve or vigil of the festival, or Midsummer Eve. On that evening the people were accustomed to go into the woods and break down branches of trees, which they brought to their homes, and planted over their doors, amidst great demonstrations of joy, to make good the Scripture prophecy respecting the Baptist, that many should rejoice in his birth.

This custom was universal in England till the recent change in manners. In Oxford there was a specialty in the observance, of a curious nature. Within the first court of Magdalen College, from a stone pulpit at one corner, a sermon was always preached on St. John's Day; at the same time the court was embowered with green boughs, 'that the preaching might resemble that of the Baptist in the wilderness.'

Towards night, materials for a fire were collected in a public place and kindled. To this the name of bonfire was given, a term of which the most rational explanation seems to be, that it was composed of contributions collected as boons, or gifts of social and charitable feeling. Around this fire the people danced with almost frantic mirth, the men and boys occasionally jumping through it, not to show their agility, but as a compliance with ancient custom. There can be no doubt that this leaping through the fire is one of the most ancient of all known superstitions.

It was customary in towns to keep a watch walking about during the Midsummer Night, although no such practice might

prevail at the place from motives of precaution. Every citizen either went himself, or sent a substitute; and an oath for the preservation of peace was duly administered to the company at their first 'meeting at sunset. They paraded the town in parties during the night, every person wearing a garland of flowers upon his head, additionally embellished in some instances with ribbons and jewels.

In London, during the Middle Ages, this watch, consisting of not less than two thousand men, paraded both on this night and on the eves of St. Paul's and St. Peter's days. The watchmen were provided with cressets, or torches, carried in barred pots on the tops of long poles, which, added to the bonfires on the streets, must have given the town a striking appearance in an age when there was no regular street-lighting. The great came to give their countenance to this marching watch, and made it quite a pageant.

Some of the superstitious notions connected with St. John's Eve are of a highly fanciful nature. The Irish believe that the souls of all people on this night leave their bodies, and wander to the place, by land or sea, where death shall finally separate them from the tenement of day. It is not improbable that this notion was originally universal, and was the cause of the widespread custom of watching or sitting up awake on St. John's night, for we may well believe that there would be a general wish to prevent the soul from going upon that somewhat dismal ramble.

In England, and perhaps in other countries also, it was believed that, if any one sat up fasting all night in the church porch, he would see the spirits of those who were to die in the parish during the ensuing twelvemonths come and knock at the church door, in the order and succession in which they were to die. We can easily perceive a possible connection between this dreary fancy and that of the soul's midnight ramble.

To sleep on St. John's Eve was thought to ensure a wandering of the spirit, while watching was regarded as conferring the power of seeing the vagrant spirits of those who slept.

Amongst a company who sat up in a church porch, one fell so deeply asleep that he could not be waked. His companions afterwards averred that, whilst he was in this state, they beheld his spirit go and knock at the church door.

The same notion of a temporary liberation of the soul is perhaps at the bottom of a number of superstitious practices resembling those appropriate to Hallow-eve. It was supposed, for example, that if an unmarried woman, fasting, laid a cloth at midnight with bread and cheese, and sat down as if to eat, leaving the street-door open, the person whom she was to marry would come into the room and drink to her by bowing, after which, setting down the glass, with another bow he would retire.

It was customary on this eve to gather certain plants which were supposed to have a supernatural character. The fern is one of those herbs which have their seed on the back of the leaf, so small as to escape the sight. It was concluded, according to the strange irrelative reasoning of former times, that to possess this seed, not easily visible, was a means of rendering one's self invisible. Young men would go out at midnight of St. John's Eve, and endeavour to catch some in a plate, but without touching the plant—an attempt rather trying to patience, and which often failed.

Our Elizabethan dramatists and poets, including Shakspeare and Jonson, have many allusions to the invisibility-conferring powers of fern seed. The people also gathered on this night the rose, St. John's wort, vervain, trefoil, and rue, all of which were thought to have magical properties. They set the orpine in clay upon pieces of slate or potsherd in their houses,

calling it a Midsummer Man. As the stalk was found next morning to incline to the right or left, the anxious maiden knew whether her lover would prove true to her or not. Young women likewise sought for what they called pieces of coal, but in reality, certain hard, black, dead roots, often found under the living mugwort, designing to place these under their pillows, that they might dream of their lovers.

The observance of St. John's Day seems to have been, by a practical bull, confined mainly to the previous evening. On the day itself, we only find that the people kept their doors and beds embowered in the branches set up the night before, upon the understanding that these had a virtue in averting thunder, tempest, and all kinds of noxious physical agencies.

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Weather, under ground

Bill Meredith

"You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

—Bob Dylan, 1965

I suppose there may be people somewhere who can keep up with changes on the internet, but I am not one of them. I got a new computer a couple of years ago, and when I turned it on for the first time the screen filled up with icons I had never seen before. It was intimidating, but I finally got up enough nerve to pick one at random and open it, and it presented me with a website called Weather Underground.

It had a selection of weather maps on any scale from international coverage to a group of weather stations less than 10 miles from Emmitsburg, with interactive radar, long-range forecasts, historical records, air quality indexes, and other information I had never thought of. Over the next few months that website became an important source of information for me, because to an ecologist, weather is one of the most important aspects of the environment. But my first reaction to it was that it awakened memories of insecure and threatening times. To those of my generation, the term "Weather Underground" recalls that time from the mid-1960s to the late '70s, when the

world as we had known it came apart.

Remembering that time always makes me think of the "Law of Unintended Consequences." That concept has a long and rather vague history. Apparently it was proposed independently in the 17th and 18th centuries by several serious thinkers... John Locke and Adam Smith, among others... who were attempting to caution politicians that laws passed with the best of intentions often produce unanticipated results. Theoretically, these results could be either good or bad, but in practice it seems that "Unintended Consequences" is just another way of re-stating Murphy's Law... anything that can go wrong will, and at the worst possible time.

The case in point began with a song called "Subterranean Homesick Blues," which Bob Dylan wrote in 1965. The second verse ends with these words: "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows." I don't remember ever hearing it performed, and I've never felt sure I knew what Dylan was thinking when he wrote it... or any other time, for that matter... but looking at the lyrics now, 50 years later, it seems to be a youthful reaction to the injustice that resulted in the Civil Rights movement, opposition to the Viet Nam war, and the violence that followed.



The National Weather Service dates back to 1814 when the Army began coordinating weather observations from Army posts. In 1850, it established a national network of observers reporting telegraphically, and in 1870 the National Weather Service was formed.

But it had an unintended consequence. In 1969 the line quoted above was co-opted as a name for a violent protest group who called themselves the "Weathermen," and their movement, "Weather Underground," became a domestic terrorist group whose ultimate goal was to overthrow the U. S. government. The group was involved in bombing several government and civic buildings before it ultimately disbanded in the late 1970s after the Viet Nam war ended.

Perhaps our collective memories of historical events are short, or, perhaps, young people just don't place much value on knowing history. Or, perhaps the individuals who make obscene amounts of money by creating new websites don't bother to think of history. I have to give them credit; they have created an excellent source of information about the weather, and I have come to use it every day. I find its predictions remarkably accurate, and the information it provides helps me understand the environment I live in. I just wish they'd called it something else.

It hasn't always been that way. In my early memories, there was a small box on the front page of the newspaper which presented a weather prediction for the following day, but it was notoriously inaccurate. If there was a flood, hurricane or blizzard, articles in the following days would report

the damage; and major droughts like those in the days of the Dust Bowl reported. But we could do nothing to anticipate these things, so we went about our lives, one day at a time.

On the farm, there were certain tasks like milking and tending to livestock that had to be done in a daily routine, regardless of the weather. Other things, like gardening and making hay, could only be done when the weather was favorable; long-range planning was usually futile, so we took our chances and lived with the results. Sometimes the hay was cut, cured perfectly in the sun, was stored in haystacks that shed water when it rained, and kept beautifully. Other times, we would mow hay on a fine, sunny day and then have a week of rain, and the whole crop would rot. A lot of praying was involved; sometimes it appeared to help, but other times it seemed that we were being punished for some real or imagined sins.

One of the unintended consequences of the War was that radar, invented for locating enemy ships and aircraft, turned out to be useful in locating storm systems, and made it possible to create weather maps that could be updated regularly. This enabled meteorologists to measure how fast a frontal system was moving, and to predict when it would arrive at a particular city or airport.

Television was developing at about the same time, and soon every TV channel included a weather report in its news programming. Initially these reports featured pretty girls reading the forecasts, or reporters who attracted an audience by goofy antics and puns (remember Willard Scott?), but as graphics evolved and information became more accurate, reliable forecasts drew a following based on merit.

For several years The Weather Channel provided accurate and professionally presented information; I watched it regularly and used it as a source of teaching material as well as for gardening and vacationing. But in recent years its value was diluted by hype for personalities and an emphasis on sensationalism. I now rely on my computer and the Weather Underground website... in spite of the name.

Lately I've been thinking about taking the name literally, and I've come to think that what goes on under the ground is important. We had an old-fashioned winter; the ground froze to some depth, which usually reduces the populations of pest insects. It also delayed the beginning of plant growth; plants came up later, but then grew faster than I remembered in recent years. Earthworms spent the winter below the frost line, and came up plentifully when it thawed. Frogs and toads are more abundant in my yard and garden than they have been for years. But in spite of our improved predictive power, I've no idea what the future will bring. It's an El Nino year; will the drought in California continue? ... will we have fewer Atlantic hurricanes? ...how will my garden do here in Emmitsburg? ...will I be able to play golf next Wednesday? Maybe there is something going on under the ground that will determine these things. Or, maybe not.

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Vaccines are important

Michael Rosenthal

When I was growing up, we lived in daily fear of my contracting polio (infantile paralysis). I have images in my head of photographs of children in iron lungs, walking on crutches, reports of childhood death, and the fact of President Franklin Roosevelt being paralyzed by polio from the waist down. (Recent publications in 2012 suggest that Roosevelt may have not had polio at all, but was afflicted with Guillain-Barre Syndrome). The low point for me was the day that the phone rang, and my mother announced that the older brother of my best friend, who was the son of our physician as well, had contracted polio.

Pakistan is the now the only country in the world where polio still is poorly controlled. Taliban violence has been a major contributor to the country's inability to follow other African and Middle Eastern countries in eliminating the disease – 306 cases were recorded last year. The near elimination of such a terrible disease such as polio, due to the vaccine development of Albert Sabin and Jonas Salk, is indicative of the importance and value of vaccination.

Other common childhood diseases from my youth have also been eliminated in the United States. I contracted chicken pox, and I was quarantined in my home with a red sign on the door of my house warning others away. I recovered nicely with just a small crease on my forehead. I also had measles immediately after (but they didn't update the quarantine sign).

Another disease prevalent during my youth, though I did not contract it, was what we called German Measles, or rubella. In a 1964-65 outbreak in the United

States, 11,000 fetal deaths occurred due to this disease and 20,000 babies were born with birth defects. Global health authorities recently announced that "Rubella has been eliminated from the Americas." This result is due to a very effective vaccine, developed in 1969. Prevention is especially important, because the disease has no cure. Among the birth defects caused by rubella are deafness, blindness, and mental disabilities. Rubella sometimes causes childhood death.

Vaccine development for other diseases continues. The first-ever vaccine for malaria is expected to be available in Africa in the next year or so. Malaria is caused by a parasite and is spread by the bites of infected mosquitoes. In 2013, 198 million people were infected with malaria, and 500,000 people died, so a vaccine for malaria can make a huge difference in world health.

Like all scientific advances, vaccine development moves slowly and requires caution. The recent scare over vaccination and the reluctance of some parents to vaccinate reflects the complexity of the issues, both social and scientific, and the need to have clear scientific and medical guidelines. The scare that the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps, and rubella) causes autism garnered a great deal of media attention recently. The article from 1998 that suggested that this was true was proven to be fraudulent and was retracted in 2011 from the prestigious journal, The Lancet, in which it was published. There is absolutely no scientific evidence that the MMR vaccine produces autism.

There has been some question whether aluminum compounds, once used to increase the effectiveness of vaccines, are dangerous. Though sometimes an irritant, there is no evidence aluminum-con-

taining vaccines are a serious health risk or justify changes to immunization practices. On the other hand, it is also controversial whether thiomersal, an organomercury compound used as a preservative, was dangerous and should be removed from vaccines. Though as a precaution thiomersal has been removed from most vaccines in the United States and Europe, no accepted scientific evidence exists that thiomersal caused autism, as claimed. I believe that all compounds containing mercury, a very toxic metal to humans, should be avoided. Remember mercury thermometers? We don't see them anymore either, and that's a good thing.

Should people be allowed to reject vaccines due to claims of individual liberty or religious freedom? One aspect of this controversy is that unvaccinated children present a threat to children too young to yet be vaccinated or to those who have medical problems that postpone their vaccinations. This debate continues.

One thing seems clear to me. We need to continue to perform research, look at the scientific data and the results of ongoing vaccination studies from respectable sources that have no financial or emotional interests in the results. Scientific knowledge is an evolving thing, and we should always be alert for new developments.

Astrology – we see it everywhere. You can't take a drive without seeing store-front astrologers and psychics who offer (for a fee!) to predict your future. Newspapers and magazines have astrology columns. I recently saw a service that will use astrology to find you



Children stricken with Polio on boards at a hospital in 1950. "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it." – Edmund Burke

a mate! Let's not mix astrology up with astronomy. This newspaper has a regular astronomy column!

Astronomy is a natural science which is the study of celestial objects, such as stars, galaxies, planets, moons, asteroids, comets and nebulae, the physics, chemistry, and evolution of such objects, and phenomena that originate outside the atmosphere of Earth, including supernovae explosions, gamma ray bursts, and cosmic microwave background radiation. A related but distinct subject, physical cosmology, is concerned with studying the universe as a whole.

Astrology is based on the premise that there is a relationship between astronomical phenomena and events in the human world, often through use of personal horoscopes provided by these practitioners. Astrology, once believed in by almost everyone, lost its credibility by scientists at the end of the 17th century...but it's still very definitely around us! Take a look at astrology.com! One way to remember the difference between astronomy and astrology is that astrology contains an L, which stands for lies!

A 2005 Gallup poll and a 2009 survey by the Pew Research Center reported that 25% of U.S. adults believe in astrology. According to data released in the National Science Foundation's 2014 Science and Engineering Indicators study, "Fewer Americans rejected astrology in 2012 than in recent years. The NSF study noted that in 2012, "slightly more than half of Americans said that astrology was 'not at all scientific,' whereas nearly two-thirds gave this response in 2010. The comparable percentage has not been this low since 1983.

As long as you see it as fun, it's OK to play with it. Scientific testing of astrology has found no evidence to support any of the premises or purported effects outlined in astrological traditions. But if you are paying money and making life decisions based on astrological predictions and advice, you're looking for trouble. Astrology remains popular on television, and is especially popular in India and China.

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IN THE COUNTRY

A bee ethic

Chuck Reid
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On Tuesday, May 19, the White House disclosed a national plan to save honey bees. Part of that plan calls for more than \$82 million in funding to evaluate the health of honey bees, examine the effects of pesticides on the pollinators, and to increase the size of its habitats by planting more bee-friendly vegetation.

Why has the White House taken an interest in developing such a large ethic to protect these little insects? In recent years, the number of honey bees has declined rather quickly. Last year alone U.S. beekeepers lost more than 40% of their honey bee colonies.

The number of honey bees have been on the decline for years and this decline is becoming a rapid trend. This loss threatens both the country's environment and agricultural production. If the decline continues at this pace, some researchers are viewing this as a potential ecological and agricultural disaster in the making.

Bees, along with birds, bats, and butterflies play a key function in our ecology and agriculture. More than 90 commercial crops in North America rely on honey bees for pollination, and research estimates put the eco-

nomie value of honey bee activities at roughly \$15 billion a year.

Honey bees are natural and very effective at pollinating our commercial fruit and vegetable crops. In addition, they are pollinators for alfalfa and clover that provide feed for cattle. They also pollinate the nuts, seeds, and fruits that sustain a variety of North America's wildlife, ranging from the massive grizzly bears to the delicate songbirds in our backyards. These little pollinators play an important role in balancing our ecosystem for all levels of the hierarchy, including man.

In the early 20th century, Aldo Leopold developed a conservation ethic that takes into consideration all aspects of the ecosystem for the purpose of balance. Considered by many as the father of wildlife management and of the United States' wilderness system, Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer, hunter, and outdoor enthusiast. Though his years of work, Leopold developed a philosophy, "a land ethic", that radically reshaped the modern approach to conservation. His land ethic enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals (insects included), or collectively: the land. Essentially Leopold recognized that the best conservation

strategy is one that is in a state of harmony between humans and land.

Leopold came to this conclusion through a collection of essays he published as the "A Sand County Almanac". In one of his essays, "Thinking Like a Mountain", Leopold describes a time when conservationists were operating under the assumption that elimination of top predators would make game plentiful. The essay provides a non-technical characterization of the trophic cascade where the removal of single species carries serious implications for the rest of the ecosystem.

He specifically noted; "I now suspect that just as a deer herd lives in mortal fear of its wolves, so does a mountain live in mortal fear of its deer. And perhaps with better cause, for while a buck pulled down by wolves can be replaced in two or three years, a range pulled down by too many deer may fail of replacement in as many decades."

If there is one thing we have learned though the work of individuals like Leopold, it is we cannot fully understand the ripple impact of the removal of one species from the ecosystem, until the ripple is farthest from its tiny epicenter, the damage is done, and the damage cannot be recognized until it has the largest impact.

The advantage we have with the honey bee is we already know what they contribute to us now. We can foresee the ecological, agricultural, and economic impact. We do not have to wait to understand what their devastation will mean to humans.

So, in 2014, the White House announced a task force to look into the health of honey bees. The task force reported a number of various factors leading to the bees' rapid decline. These factors include: nutrition deficiencies that stem from limited access to high-quality and diverse food sources; the stress of frequently moving colonies across large geographic areas to pollinate various crops; a bloodsucking parasite, the Varroa mite, that weakens bees and introduces diseases to hives; and specific pesticides, neonicotinoids, absorbed by plant tissues and then transferred to pollen and nectar.

So what can you do? The first step is to learn about how these insects play a vital role in our ecosystem.

To help the community understand how these little insects play such an important role in our lives, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve has



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installed an observation hive in our Nature Center for visitors to explore the complex interworking's of a hive. Strawberry Hill has also began installing hives on our property to help expand our local bee habitat to our 600 acres of woods

The Pennsylvania Backyard Beekeepers' Association donated the demonstration hive to the Preserve and it was set up by a local beekeeper, Shady Rest Apiaries. Shady Rest along with a hobbyist beekeeper, Bill Serfass, have helped to maintain the hive in the Nature Center and on the property. The work of these beekeepers cannot be overlooked, because maintaining a functional hive can take a great deal of time and effort. And, we too needed to call on these beekeepers when our own hive collapsed last spring after successfully surviving the winter.

The observation honey bee hive at Strawberry Hill has been a source of education and entertainment for the past few years. The hive is on display all year-round for the community to see the bees' life cycle and witness how these bees are involved with the pollination process. The Preserve has used the hive to offer workshops and instruction for beginning backyard beekeepers. The hive is also used for our educational school programs, helping children and adults learn about the bees' lifecycle and pollination processes.

If you cannot visit a hive like Strawberry Hill's, you can learn more by closely following the national stories about honey bees. There should be plenty over the next year. You can also help strengthen the bee population by planting a wide variety of native bee-friendly flowers, such as bee balm, joe-

pye weed, foxglove, and red clover. You can also let a little white clover to grow in your lawn. You can avoid using excessive pesticides on your lawns, gardens, and farms. And, you can always try to eat more foods grown without pesticides.

Interesting Honey Bee Facts

- All workers are females
- Males are called drones – can't sting; no stinger
- Worker honey bees live about 1 month
- Queen honey bee lives 2 – 5 years
- Honey bees can travel 2 miles or more to find nectar and pollen
- They won't bother you if you don't bother them
- Bees are responsible for 80% of pollination
- Queen lays about 2,000 eggs per day. She can select the gender of larvae
- Each hive has a distinct identifying odor recognized by the bees as their own hive.
- Honey bees never sleep
- They fan their wings inside the hive to keep it cool in summer and warm in winter.
- They are the only insect that produces something that humans can eat.
- Average honey bee produces 1/2 tsp. of honey in its lifetime.
- One pound of honey takes 556 workers and 2 million flowers.
- 50 – 100 flowers are pollinated in one collection trip.
- Worker bees usually die in the field while foraging.

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Last flight of the Bumblebee

Tim Iverson
Naturalist

There has been a lot of buzz in the news lately about bees and other pollinators. It may even come across as alarmist and sensationalistic fear mongering with titles such as, "Bee-pocalypse: The End of The World". Full disclosure, that wasn't an actual title I've come across, but it might as well be. The truth is that with the sudden and rapid decimation of bee and other pollinator populations we're in for an uncertain and costly future, and that is alarming.

Pollinators serve a vital and irreplaceable role in our world. The word pollinator immediately conjures up images of bees, specifically honey bees. While bees are an important pollinator they don't have the market cornered. Other pollinators include bats, birds, beetles, moths, butterflies, and small mammals. Pollination is the process by which pollen from flowering plants is spread. In a recent report from the USDA it is estimated that, "Pollinators, most often honey bees, are also responsible for one in every three bites of food we take, and increase our nation's crop values each year by more than 15 billion dollars." With the sudden inexplicable loss of a significant pollinator we should be alarmed.

For the past decade honey bees have suffering from what is called Colony Collapse Disorder, or CCD. CCD, by definition, is a colony with either no adult bees or surrounded by dead bees but with a live queen and may or may not have honey or immature bees. It is still largely not understood and happening in droves.

Beekeepers reportedly lost 42% of their colonies over the last year alone. Even more troubling is much of this loss occurred during the summer months which is unusual. This has become such a systemic problem that it now has the full weight of the federal government behind it.

Launched in 2014 The White House began a Pollinator Health Task Force. On May 19 this task force unveiled their national strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators. The goal of which is to devote more money to research on pollinators, educate the public on the importance of protecting honeybees and monarch butterflies, reexamine the use of widely used pesticides, change landscaping techniques on federally controlled lands and property, and to restore and develop roughly 7 million acres of pollinator habitat.

Leading the charge on this is the Environmental Protection Agency, which has put a freeze on new uses of a class of chemicals known as neonicotinoids until further research has been done, and the Department of Agriculture. Neo-

nicotinoids are often cited as the culprit behind the staggering losses, but a recent study from the University of Maryland found otherwise.

The study, which was published in March 2015, closely examined the effect of imidacloprid (a type of neonicotinoid pesticide) on honeybees over the course of three years. Interestingly the study found that in real world dosage levels the pesticide did not have a significant impact. Only at levels of at least four times normal dosage did the pesticide have significant impacts. Neonicotinoids aren't entirely absolved by this study. "Everyone is pointing the finger at these insecticides.

If you pull up a search on the Internet, that's practically all anyone is talking about...This paper says no, it's not the sole cause. It contributes, but there is a bigger picture," said Galen Dively, emeritus professor of entomology at UMD and lead author of the study. According to the researchers, the test colonies for the study were treated well and weren't subjected to any additional real world stressors, such as multiple pesticides or malnourishment. "It's a multifactorial issue, with lots of stress factors...Honey bees have a lot of pests and diseases to deal with. Insecticide exposure is one factor among many. It's not the lone villain," Dively said.

While the government and universities are diving head first into the problem there is a lot a private citizen can do help the cause too. Selecting certain plants to encourage pollinators will attract and strengthen local species. Plants like milkweed, ironweed, coneflower, goldenrod, and asters are favorites of pollinators as they provide food and habitat. Providing nesting sites by planting these plants will encourage population



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growth, but you can also include bee nesting blocks. Nesting blocks can be purchased or made by bundling hollow stems (usually bamboo) horizontally together.

Of course, as the study and EPA, have indicated pesticides are a contributing factor. Avoid using them, when and if you can, as they can still have an impact days after application. You can encourage predatory insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals by planting specific types of native plants. The University of Maryland has a great resource for Integrated Pest Management control available online.

What is clear from the information we currently have is that nothing is immediately clear. With time and a cautious approach we can hopefully reverse the downward spiral. While more research into the issue is underway there are meaningful avenues we can take to mitigate losses. Native pollinators contribute bil-

lions to the economy and ecosystem and are too significant to idly let them vanish. Human intervention is likely required to tackle a human caused problem, and an all hands on deck approach is important to protect and encourage

these species. By being proactive, being responsible, and being stewards we'll be okay.

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...I finally got the hang of this whole computer thing, with the keyboard and everything. You humans sure do spend a lot of time on this. Do you know there are balls that could be chased or bushes to smell or tulips to dig up?

Um. Maybe it's better if you forget that last one.

Anyway, I wanted to get my thoughts down here because sometimes I worry that you don't always understand how much you mean to me. You know those times where we're not really doing much of anything and you catch me watching you? I know you want to know so bad what I'm thinking but the whole talking thing, other than a bark or two, is kind of beyond me.

I figured if I could just get the hang of the keyboard, I'd be good. So here we are.

Funny thing about words, huh? Just when you get the chance to use them, you kind of can't come up with any adequate enough to describe how you really feel.

I wonder if the poets had this kind of trouble.

I mean, I love you. A whole lot. It's just that one word doesn't seem to really do my feelings justice sometimes. You know those moments when we just look at each other? I don't really think there are words for that.

But I've managed to figure out how to work this computer thing, so I'm going to try.

You're easily the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. Remember the day you found me in the shelter? That was the start of the whole looking in your eyes and the connection. Gosh, I knew, even back then, that if I could just be yours I'd spend the rest of my life so grateful and happy and doing everything I could to give you the same.

Wow, that was a long time ago, wasn't it?

You took me out of that cage and into your home and my chest actually hurt with how happy I was and still am. It was like I couldn't believe the car ride to your house was even real.

I'd been in the shelter for weeks and no one else wanted me. It hurt when people walked by without even noticing me.

It was such a powerful feeling when you stopped at my cage and took me into the bonding room.

The years sure have gone by. The kids are growing up so fast and they're getting involved in so many different things. You must be so proud of them. I know I am. They really are the perfect combination and the best of both of you, Mom and Dad.

I hope that didn't sound too cheesy. See, this word thing is getting me.

I could just fill up this whole sheet with the word love and I still

don't think it would really give you a picture of what you mean to me. Maybe I'll try with memories.

I remember the reading nights, back when the kids were little. You had that whole stack of books and each one of them got to pick a story before bed and I'd lie on the floor at Mom's feet, listening to her voice and I knew, even though I was young back then, that I would die for every one of you.

I remember picnics and the barbecues and how I always got a taste of everything on the plate, even though the kids weren't supposed to feed me from the table. Not sure if anyone ever knew how many bites Dad would sneak me, but maybe that's something just between us.

I remember, just recently, mom and I watching TV one night – you really do like that Mark Harmon fellow, don't you Mom? My head was in her lap on the couch – my favorite place to be and an advertisement came on for people who rescue dogs from the life of dog fighting. I couldn't take my eyes off the television. Those poor animals.

I was a stray before coming into the shelter, but even that experience was nothing – nothing – compared to what dog fighting dogs go through. My heart hurt so bad for those animals and the life they'd known.

When the ad came to an end Mom leaned down and put her cheek against mine and I knew she'd been crying. She whispered, "I love you so much."

It was then that I knew I had to figure out a way to do this. This computer thing. To tell you the feeling is mutual and always will be.

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

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

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

-- Author Unknown



you to know that through it all, I'll never leave your side.

A companion, a shoulder to lean on, a best friend.

Yeah. That sounds about right. Maybe I did manage to find the words after all.

Well, it's getting late and I've got a house and five people to protect and watch over. I'll just leave this here for you...

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Ocular emergencies

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Determining how urgent an emergency is can be difficult for many owners. I always tell clients that if it pertains to an eye, it is an emergency that should be treated that day. While treating it within the first hour isn't essential, waiting a couple days to see if it gets better is a bad idea. Eyes can heal remarkably quickly, but they can also degrade rapidly as well. Small corneal scratches have led to permanent blindness and removal of the eye. At the same time, penetrating wounds such as removing a stick from the eyeball, have been successfully treated. Promptness of care and diligent treatment can make all the difference in whether your pet is able to see following ocular trauma.

Two of my clients had eye related emergencies over the weekend. Both of these clients knew that the vet should be called out to provide treatment. My first client has a pretty palomino quarter horse. Goldie had been brought in for breakfast when she noticed his eye. I was immediately called with the owner frantically telling me that Goldie had gouged out his eye and it was bleeding everywhere and swollen. She said she hadn't searched the field for his eyeball but asked if she found it could I put it back in. I told her most likely no. She didn't ask me any further questions and I drove straight to her barn.

When I arrived at the barn, I walked into the stall to discover Goldie quietly eating hay in the corner with his left eye swollen shut and a small scrape on the lower eyelid and a little bit of blood on his knee from where he had been wiping his eye. Since his eye was sore, he needed to be sedated in order to examine it thoroughly. His eye had not been gouged out. It was in the socket where it belonged. I reassured the worried owner and showed her that his eye was in fact there. It was just the swollen eyelids making it difficult for her to see the eye. There was a small scrape (just a little big-

ger than a paper cut) on the lower lid. I dyed the eye with fluorescein and could see two faint linear scratches on the cornea. I gave Goldie an injection for the swelling, put some antibiotic ointment in the eye and proceeded to tell the owner how to care for Goldie's eye. Since the scratches on Goldie's eye were small, not deep and received prompt care, they could be treated with an antibacterial ointment given every 4 hours for a day or two. With proper treatment, Goldie made a full recovery.

My second eye injury of the weekend was very different. A local dairy farmer called to say that her cow had cut her eye. She said it needed stitches but wasn't bad. She told me that if I was in the middle of dinner or doing something that it could easily wait until I was finished. I told her I was not and would head right over.

I'm very glad I went straight to her farm. The cow was standing in the milking parlor with puddles of blood in front of her face. She had cut through a small artery and blood was still squirting. You could see multiple bloody bandages where the dairy farmer had tried to hold pressure to get the bleeding to stop but had failed. I was thinking to myself that if this is the sort of thing she says can wait, I can't imagine what she thinks is urgent.

I numbed the eyelid with local anesthetic block, found the bleeding artery and tied it off and then sutured the eyelid back in place. Although the eyelid was cut, the eye itself was remarkably undamaged. As soon as I finished, the cow was back to eating. She seemed to be no more traumatized by the incident than her owner was.



Treating an eye is difficult without a good eye exam, a proper diagnosis, and an owner or other knowledgeable person who will provide the prescribed treatment at the proper intervals. A minor scratch will usually heal rapidly with antibiotic ointment given every 4 hours for a day, as long as the owner does not inadvertently use a leftover eye medicine that contains steroid or is otherwise inappropriate treatment.

An eye that is swollen shut due to uveitis instead of a simple scratch, needs steroid or other immune suppressant to save the vision of the eye. An eye that has a deep ulcer, sometimes from a neglected scratch, may need antibacterial and antifungal eye medication every 2 hours around the clock. While some owners are able to administer eye medicine around the clock, other owners

have work schedules that prevent them from doing the regular treatments. Sometimes, horses refuse to cooperate and let their owners administer eye medicines. It is important for the owner and the vet to have an honest discussion about what the owner can and cannot do. If the horse needs regular medication to save the eye, and the owner can't give the medicine, the horse can be sent to the Equine Medical Center in Leesburg or another hospital for treatments.

While both of these animals made a full recovery, the owner's interpretation of how significant the injuries were were quite different. One of the nice things about developing a working relationship with a client is that you get to learn

how they interpret injuries to their pets. I have one client that I know if she calls hysterically saying that her dog is bleeding everywhere, I ask how much blood. Her answer will start with lots of blood and slowly as I ask her questions I realize that "lots of blood" is in fact just a few drops. I also have clients where the opposite is true. When they call to say their horse seems a little sick, you better get out there quickly as the horse is actually at death's door. So while all eye injuries are emergencies that need prompt treatment, even eyes have a variance of urgency.

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A Bee garden?

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Bees, bees, bees! What's all the talk about? You may have heard about the honey bee decline. Research continues to try and understand the why's of this problem. What has been found is that many things are contributing, including bee stress from transportation of the hives around the county, mites and pesticides.

As researchers continue to learn more about the decline of the honeybee, consumers are becoming more aware of the importance of pollinators. One third of our food is a result of pollinators, which includes bees and other insects, butterflies and moths, birds and bats. However the bees are a major contributor to the pollination process, pollinating about 90% of the food.

As a result of this decline of the honeybee, we also recognize the importance of our native bees that

live here naturally. Therefore, a push for bee habitat and food supply for these bees is now in the forefront to fighting our pollination problems. These native bees can pick up the slack that the honeybees are unable to fill. This pollination is incredibly important for our diversity of food. Why not encourage our native pollinators?

In addition to the researchers working on the Colony Collapse Disorder (the term used to identify the honeybee problem), there is also work being done on the sustainability of our own pollinators. Plant selection and habitat are the most important things when considering attracting and maintaining our native bees and pollinators.

As a homeowner, there are many decisions we can make in our yards and gardens to support the pollinators. Choices of plants is one of the easiest things we can do to increase the pollinators that visit our gardens. Following a few simple rules will create a great place to encourage the bees to live

and thrive in your garden.

Choose flowering plants, including annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. The more diverse the flowering time, the longer period of time pollinators will be feeding.

When choosing plants, stay away from the double flowering types. Often in the breeding of these fancy blooming plants, the attraction of the flowers to the bees goes away.

Provide water, whether it's through a birdbath, or a bowl of rocks with water in it.

When considering the plants, here are a few you may want to try:

Picnanthemum, Mountain mint: a native plant, this is a full sun lover. It prefers moist soils and is deer resistant. This plant will move with the hustle of insects feeding on its flowers.

Agastache: There are many species and cultivars of agastache. In our trial gardens at the Ag Center in Gettysburg, we have noted many bees visiting these plants. It's probably the most visited plant. They take full sun and well drained soils. Easy to grow, most reach about 24 - 30 inches in height.

Eupatorium purpureum, Joe Pye Weed: This very tall plant, up to six feet, likes full sun to part shade. Moist soil is preferred, but I've seen this grow along roadsides that appear to be on the drier side as well. Dark pink flowers cover the tops of this plant in August, and are great as a back drop to any perennial border or bed.

Solidago, Goldenrod: This fall bloomer has an undeserved bad reputation. Often thought of as



Xylocopa virginica - Male carpenter bee. There are nearly 20,000 known bee species in the world, and 4,000 of them are native to the United States. Native bees come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors, and all these bees have jobs as pollinators.

ragweed, the plant everyone and their brother seem to be allergic to, goldenrod is not ragweed. Ragweed happens to bloom at the same time, but has nondescript little green flowers. Goldenrod has showy yellow-golden flowers that start blooming in late August and continue to bloom almost till frost.

There are many species and cultivars of goldenrod. Probably my favorite and very common cultivar of goldenrod is Solidago rugose 'Fireworks'. This particular plant has golden flowers that burst from the tops of the plants, slightly drooping. A full sun plant, the solidagos, with the many cultivars, come in heights of 12 inches to 3 feet.

Trees should not be forgotten when selecting plants for pollinators. Oaks support over 500 types

of pollinators! Blooming in spring when some herbaceous plant material is still dormant, the oak tree is a food and nesting source for many types of wildlife, whether it's bees, birds or squirrels. Some of our native oak trees include the scarlet oak, pin oak, white oak, swamp white oak, red oak, and more. This group of trees get very large - 120 feet - and like lots of room to grow. Found in many soil types, depending on the species, be sure to know whether the soil is dry, moist or wet before determining the type of oak you plant.

Flowering trees like redbuds support bees. Considered a small tree, the redbud blooms in April with purple-pink flowers and reaches about 25'. Found all over the battlefield in Gettysburg, it grows along rock outcroppings and along woods' edge. This is naturally an understory tree, so giving it part sun is ideal.

Some flowering shrubs that should be considered when developing a pollinator garden include viburnums, shrub dogwoods and elderberries. All of these native shrubs do get to be large, so using them as a foundation plant would not be wise. However, used in a shrub border or in a garden as the backdrop to perennials will create an absolutely spectacular show.

Our native viburnums include Viburnum acerifolium, Viburnum trilobum and Viburnum nudum. These particular viburnums like part sun and bloom in May-June. The fun thing about the viburnums is that not only are the flowers beautiful - offering white blooms, but they get pretty berries in late summer, and have a lovely fall color as well.

Viburnum acerifolium has dark purple, almost black berries and a pretty red fall color. Viburnum trilobum gets red berries and red color, and nannyberry has blue berries with a red fall color, making all three of these species great choices for your pollinator garden.

Sambucus, otherwise known as elderberry bush, is found naturally along streams and in moist sites. Reaching up to 12 feet, this

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Yesterday, while walking across a fallow field behind my house, I came across some wild white yarrow poking fresh fronds through the coarse mix of grass and leaves. The sight made me smile and instantly took me back in time to the earliest days of my last garden.

I had little in the way of plants in those days and little in the way of money with which to remedy the situation. The books and magazines spoke of peonies and roses, and rare cultivars of hellebore and euphorbia. I had the budget for some Gurney's lilac whips and perhaps a packet or two of marigold seed.

Our city lot stretched bleak and bare in front of me, so obviously some creative planting would be required if I wished to have anything approximating a garden within ten years. So, I turned my back to the nurseries with their shelves of \$8.99 perennials, and headed straight for a friend's house which abutted a 200 acre field owned by her mother.

I remember that we were both wearing skirts that day. Not unusual for me as soon as the weather warms, but on this day, the skirts played a crucial role to the plant gathering that started with a wild white yarrow and ended with yellow verbascum, wild violets and a handful of lunaria seedpods that shimmered in the sunlight on the edge of the fields.

I think we realized the depth of our shared passion for plants somewhere between the Scotch Thistle and the Jimson Weed, both of which she refused to let me dig on principle. Though she admitted she liked the flow-

er of the thistle as much as your average English gardener, it was on the noxious weed list in Maryland, and really shouldn't be spread about much.

I reluctantly agreed, but when I sprang to cut a few of the exquisitely dried flower pods of the Jimson for a flower arrangement, I again met my Waterloo. She wouldn't be budged, having recently witnessed a lamb die after nibbling a plant along the edge of a fence. I told her of the deadly foxglove in my own garden, not to mention the tummy-twisting berries of poke weed that occasionally popped up to tempt curious children, and our conversation hovered in the macabre during the long walk back to the house.

Those wild plants did beautifully in the rich soil that I gave them. The violets proliferated, the yarrow got so high on nitrogen it flopped over and passed out against the foxglove, and in time the self-seeding verbascum and lunaria created forests where once there had been lawn.

To these I added wood poppies - cast off from a friend tired of plucking them out of her pathways. Ditto tradescantia and native columbine, and an exquisitely leaved arum that had conquered great hillsides at another friend's garden and was wreaking havoc under the azaleas.

There were other bought treasures here and there, but the freebies from friends and from nature started my garden and gave it the fullness I never could have afforded on one income with a student loan debt the size of a third world GDP.

These days I weed out much in the way of violets and lunaria - there is only so much one needs - and no longer turn lusting eyes to the verbascum that dots the hills and gullies of marginal areas and turns them brightest of yellow in the mid-summer. I pull out wild-seeded hosta and even black raspberry canes that once I coveted, and I give them to friends starting their own gardens on tiny budgets - throwing in something a little more special when I have it, just as many people have done for me over the years.

Seeing that yarrow yesterday reminded me of those friendships - so many of them strengthened by a shared love of plants. It reminded me to be diligent in gathering up all the paw paw and hosta seedlings I quickly weeded out today, and to put them in a tub for someone who might be in need of them.

And, by coincidence I will see that particular field-walking friend again tonight. I will remind her of that walk over a decade ago and I have no doubt that glasses will subsequently be raised to the first wild white yarrow that started it all.

large shrub is well known for its delicious berries that are great in a pie -that is if you get to it before the birds! Filtered sun is best, but I've seen them quite happy in full sun as well. Be sure it has moist soils, a dry site may not be a good choice for this pretty plant. It gets white flowers and the berries are a dark purple to black color.

There are many newer selections that have been introduced. One that I am growing in my garden is Sambucus 'Black Lace'. The foliage is heavily dissected

and is very dark red. The white flowers against the dark foliage is stunning. Although it gets quite large, up to 10 feet, it can be a great focal point in any garden.

When planning your garden, consider the bees. Providing a place to live and food to eat for these insects will help our native insects in the quest for pollinating our food supply.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Farms & farmers markets

Kathy Reid
Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail

Before our local food economy became a part of the global economy, food had a seasonal nature to it that everyone knew and anticipated. Each season had its own food character; each farm its own planting of fruit trees and patch of berries to help feed the family and the farm bank account; each farm wife her own special recipes to serve the surplus bounty of the moment as well as to preserve that bounty for the darker, colder days of winter to come when much more limited selections would grace the family dinner table. Some foods could only be harvested for a few short weeks each year, like asparagus, and so were much anticipated delicacies that pleased the local palate. Other foods that could be harvested over a longer season of a few months, like peaches, were eaten and enjoyed until they too became a part of the pantry storage on the shelves that would turn a cold winter's dinner into a delight with home canned peach slices or a piping hot peach pie.

Times have changed in the farm economy since the time when neighbors had to stop by a local farm to purchase a few quarts of berries or a peck of peaches in order not to miss a favorite for the year. In today's world we can stop

in at any grocery store any time of the year and find something offered for sale that won't be found locally for months to come. It has, sadly, changed how many people experience produce: always available and plentiful, if not very flavorful. The Gettysburg Wine & Fruit Trail members encourage you to begin a new relationship with food this summer: become a "locavore"! What is a locavore? A locavore is someone who eats and enjoys the seasonal splendor of local food. Our Trail members are here to help you find the foods you enjoy and are grown or made locally – and to help you make new food discoveries and new food experiences as well!

A visit to one of our farms will show you just how good, plentiful and bountiful local produce really is. Whether you visit at a member's farm stand such as McDaniel's or the historic Round Barn or a member's farmers' market stand like Oyler's Organics at the Carlisle farmers' market or Hollabaugh's at the Gettysburg farmers market, your eyes will enjoy the feast first with the array of locally grown produce spread out before you. Our farm members are a diverse group and include Pick-Your-Own with crops which are beginning to ripen for the season: Boyer Nurseries & Orchards in Biglerville will begin PYO cherries in

mid-June and blueberries beginning late June or early July. PYO blueberries can also be found on our Trail at Weiser Orchards Farm Market in York Springs and Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm & Market in Biglerville. Organic produce can be purchased at Oyler's Organic Farm in Biglerville as well as other locally produced organic foods such as dairy, meats and grains. For a full list of our farm members farm stands and the farmers' markets they attend, please visit our website: gettysburgwineandfruittrail.com.

If enjoying a meal that someone else prepares from locally grown and produced foods appeals to your palate, then consider attending one of our members Farm to Table dinners held over the next few months. Two GWFT members have paired together to create the 2015 Farm to Table Dinner Series: Beech Springs Farm and Savor Gettysburg Food Tours. Beech Springs Farm is committed to exploring new and interesting ways to connect people to food and community; Savor Gettysburg Food Tours to helping guests discover the unique local food culture. Their Farm to Table concept accomplishes this with style in a truly unique farm setting. Each dinner is a five course creation prepared by a guest chef and based on what's harvested seasonally from the fields at Beech Springs Farm as well as other local farms.

Lori Korczyk, Tour Director of Savor Gettysburg Food Tours, loves showcasing the local food cuisine to local residents. "I've always gravitated to anything food related. I grew up eating fresh foods from my parent's garden; I even managed a 500 acre farm. So when I was approached by Jayne Shord, owner of Beech Springs Farm to host Farm-To-Table dinners at her farm, I jumped at the chance. Food can be such an intimate experience. Farm-



to-table dinners allow guests to meet the 'maker of their food' face to face, to understand the farmers' mission and to share their vision. We're thrilled to welcome Guest Chef Benjamin Walmer of the Highlands Dinner Club to our July 5 Farm-To-Table Dinner at Beech Springs Farm in Orrtanna, PA. Chef Walmer grew up in Orrtanna and comes from a five generation family fruit farm," Ms. Korczyk said.

Dinner will be served in the farm's restored 1867 bank barn, which received the Historic Preservation Barn award from Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC). Beech Springs Farm's heirlooms vegetables will be a featured focus of this five-course meal created by Chef Benjamin Walmer as will other locally produced foods. Each course will be accompanied by local wines or cider and music provided by local musicians. \$10 from each dinner ticket purchased will go to help HGAC preserve barns. Tickets are available online for this Sunday, July 5 dinner at www.BeechSpringsFarm.com. For questions, please phone 717.642.5695 or email at: beechspringsfarm@gmail.com.

Savor Gettysburg Food Tours and GWFT member, Fidler & Co. Craft Kitchen, are partnering for

a unique dining experience at the historic Shriver House Museum in Gettysburg on July 1. Guests will enjoy a personal guided tour of the home, a variety of tapas, dessert provided by Café Saint-Amand and Gettysburg Baking Co., & music performed by John Durant. Fellow GWFT member Reid's Winery will provide wine and cider for the dinner.

If dinner is more than you desire to start experiencing local food and flavors, consider registering for Hollabaugh Brothers Ladies' Tea which will be held June 6 at 10:00 am. Relax and enjoy an informal tea with treats featuring fresh herbs and edible flowers. The Tea will conclude with a fresh herbs mini workshop where each guest will plant a pot to take home. You can become your own farm to table producer by attending Hollabaugh's class on strawberries where you will learn how to make your own farm to table special dishes featuring strawberries - sweet and savory! The class will be held on June 11 at 7 pm at the farm stand in Biglerville.

Savor Gettysburg Food Tours have a diverse food tour line up, all featuring local foods and small businesses. New for 2015 is the Savory Sweets Tour – a collection of seven stops for sweet teeth, including a stop at GWFT member Reid's Winery for a sampling of sweet dessert wines. "Our Savory Sweets Tour gives us the chance to highlight the unique eateries, amazing talent and rich history that is truly Gettysburg. Guests should be ready for a tantalizing array of delicious treats through a decadent walking tour of Gettysburg," said Korczyk. For more information or to purchase tickets for the Savory Sweets Tour, their Historic Gettysburg Food Tour visit www.savorgettysburgfoodtours.com.

Finish your locavore tour of the farms and farmers' markets of the Gettysburg Wine and Fruit Trail by placing the jars of the locally grown and canned produce, jams, jellies, preserves, tomato sauce, applesauce, and pie filling you found on the shelves and at the stands of our member's farms in your own pantry to savor on some cold and dark night this winter while sipping on a glass of locally grown and produced hard cider.



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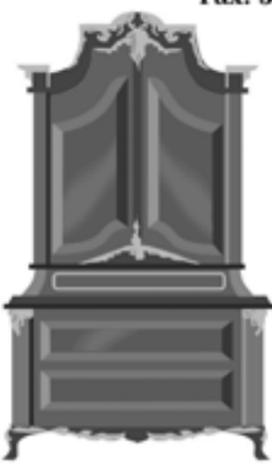
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Mount St. Marys Water Report

Important Information About Your Drinking Water

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

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

If you have any questions about this report, have questions concerning your water utility, or would like to obtain a copy of the official report, please contact James Coons, Assistant Director Physical Plant at 301-447-5255, e-mail: coons@msmary.edu.com.

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

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Definitions:

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

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

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

Turbidity - Relates to a condition where suspended particles are present in the water. Turbidity measurements are a way to describe the level of "cloudiness" of the water.

pCi/l - Picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation.

ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter

ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter

Special points of interest:

The water at the Mount St. Mary's University is tested for over 120 different compounds. The Mount St. Mary's University's Drinking Water met all of the State and Federal requirements. Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

The table on this page lists all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2014 calendar year. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2014. The State requires us to mon-

itor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Important information about Arsenic

Arsenic is a semi-metal element in the periodic table. It is odorless and tasteless. It enters drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth or from agricultural and industrial practices. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the arsenic levels are being monitored quarterly. We are constantly evaluating alternatives and treatment options for reducing the arsenic levels to less than 10 ppb.

Important information Regarding Gross Alpha Emitters:

Mount St. Mary's University's water system was placed on quarterly monitoring for Gross Alpha after the results from 10/20/2014 were received. Compliance with the MCL will be determined after four consecutive quarters of results have been reviewed. Alpha emitters are naturally occurring radiations in soil, air and water. These emitters generally occur when certain elements decay or break down in the environment. The emitters enter drinking water through various methods including the erosion of natural deposits There are no immediate health risks from consuming water that con-



tains gross alpha, however some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Currently, the highest level of gross alpha detected is 16.4 pCi/L.

Lead Prevention

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Mount St. Mary's University is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (EPA's MCL)	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)
Regulated at the Treatment Plant Wells 3 and 5			
Nitrate (Range from 0.6 to 0.8 ppm)	10 ppm	0.7 ppm	10 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: Runoff from fertilizer use			
Arsenic (2014 Testing)	10 ppb	3.4 ppb	10 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits			
Barium (2014 Testing)	2000 ppb	310 ppb	2000 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits			
Combined Radium (226 & 228) (2014 Testing)	5 pCi/l	1.9 pCi/l avg (Range from 0.0-6.0)	0 pCi/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits			
Uranium (2014 Testing)	27 pCi/l	10.3 pCi/l (Range from 7.2-17.0)	0 pCi/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits			
Gross Alpha (2014 Testing)	15 pCi/l*	14.6 pCi/l*	0.0 pCi/l*
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits		(Range from 11.9-18.7)	
* Please read page 4 of the Consumer Confidence report for more information on Gross Alpha Emitters			
Gross Beta - (2014 Testing)	50 pCi/l*	2.5 pCi/l**	0.0 pCi/l
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits		(Range from 0.0-5.8)	
**EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles			
** Because the beta particle results were below 50 pCi/L, no testing for individual beta particle constituents was required			
Regulated at the Treatment Plant Wells 6			
Nitrate (Range from 2.5 to 3.2 ppm)	10 ppm	2.7 ppm	10 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: Runoff from fertilizer use			
Arsenic (2014 Testing)	10 ppb	8.5 ppb (range from 5.0 to 17.9 ppm)	10 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits			
Fluoride (2014 Testing)	4.0 ppm	0.14 ppm	4.0 ppm
Typical Source of Contamination: Water additive which promotes strong teeth			
Combined Radium (226 & 228) (2014 Testing)	5 pCi/l	0.8 pCi/l avg (range from 0.0 to 1.6)	0 pCi/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits			
Uranium (2014 Testing)	27 pCi/l	9.3 pCi/l	0 pCi/l
Typical sources of contaminant: Erosion of natural deposits			
Gross Alpha (2014 Testing)	15 pCi/l*	16.4 pCi/l*	0.0 pCi/l*
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits		(range from 13.1 to 19.6)	
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Gross Beta - (2014 Testing)	50 pCi/l*	3.7 pCi/l**	0.0 pCi/l
Typical Source of Contamination: Erosion of natural deposits		(range from 0.0 to 7.4)	
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Regulated in the Distribution System			
Copper (2012 Testing)	Action Level 1300 ppb	90th percentile 310 ppb	Ideal Goal 1300 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems			
Lead (2012 Testing)	15 ppb	14 ppb	0 ppb
Typical Source of Contamination: Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems			
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	80 ppb	32.6 ppb	n/a
Typical Source of Contamination: By-product of drinking water chlorination (2014 Testing)			
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	60 ppb	2.5 ppb	n/a
Typical Source of Contamination: By-product of drinking water chlorination (2014 Testing)			

HEALTH NOTES

Identify and manage your stress

Anti-Stress Kit

**Bang
Head
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Directions:

1. Place on firm surface
2. Follow directions on circle
3. Repeat until stress is gone or you are unconscious

**Kelsey Shupe
Frederick Memorial Hospital**

... Your health and wellness depends on it.

Stress...we all suffer from feeling "stressed out" periodically. But did you know that long-term stress can cause a variety of health issues? Being aware of your stressors, and finding ways to alleviate stress, can improve your health over time.

Stress stems from feeling overwhelmed, or that you don't have the resources or tools to manage your daily tasks and demands. Feelings of stress can last for a short period of time, due to things like running late, arguing with your spouse or partner, or maybe preparing for a big presentation at work. Long-term stress sources can include financial hardship, the

death of a spouse/family member, and major personal illness or injury. Happy events can cause stress too; having a baby, starting a new job, planning a wedding, these are all huge life changes that can trigger feelings of stress.

When your body feels stressed, it responds by releasing stress hormones. These hormones cause an increase in blood pressure, blood sugar, and heart rate. Long-term stress means that these increases are more constant, leading to a variety of health issues, including:

- High blood pressure
- Depression or anxiety
- Obesity
- Heart disease
- Abnormal heart beats
- Menstrual problems
- Acne and other skin issues

While we all experience feelings

of stress, how we display signs and symptoms of stress can vary from person to person. Common signs of stress include:

- Not eating enough or eating too much
- Feeling out of control or needing to have too much control
- Forgetfulness
- Headaches
- Lack of energy or focus
- Trouble getting things done
- Poor self-esteem
- Short temper
- Trouble sleeping
- Upset stomach
- Back pain or general aches and pains

As you can see, stress can really do a number on your overall health and feeling of wellness. Thankfully, there are things you can do to handle stress and keep it from making you feel sick. Here are some tips to help you reduce stress:

Take care of yourself.

Eat – A well-balanced diet is a great way to feel energized. Fuel your body with healthy choices like fruits, vegetables, beans, lean protein, and whole grains. Try not to be tempted by high caffeine drinks, which can sometimes leave you feeling more tired once they wear off.

Sleep - Stressful days often start with a less than stellar night's sleep. Most adults need about 7-9 hours of sleep to feel rested, and getting enough sleep helps you recover from the stresses of the previous day. To help you get the best rest possible, prepare for sleep by avoiding exercise and alcohol close to bed time, and try to make your bedroom a relaxing environment by removing electronic devices such as computers and television.

Move – Exercise and light physical activity boosts your mood, relaxes your tense muscles, and helps to relieve symptoms of depression and anxiety. Finding time for 30 minutes of physical activity per day can greatly reduce stress levels.

Find time to relax.

Breath and stretch – When you're stressed your blood pressure and heart rate increase, your muscles tense up, and your breathing increases. Take a few deep breathes and stretch your muscles to help bring your stress level down.

Enjoy your hobbies – With a long list of things you "have to" do, it's important to take some time out of your day to do something you enjoy. Activities like reading a good book, spending time with family and friends, gardening...these activities can help reduce your stress levels.

Ask for help.

Talk to your doctor – If your stress becomes unmanageable or you feel that you can no longer cope, talk to your healthcare provider. There are several options available in treating stress, including counseling and medications. Your doctor will be able to determine the best treatment path for you.

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Heritage Day

Jennifer Joy

Mark your calendars! Emmitsburg's annual Community Heritage Day is Saturday, June 27 in Community Park. Many of the town's local organizations and businesses have come together to offer a community day of fun, sun and hometown celebration. It is shaping up to be one of the best in years! Traditional hometown activities are offered (all free to the public) again this year, as well as favorites like recreational kickball, bicycle rodeo/rides, wagon and barrel rides and children's games. And you don't want to miss the Lion's Club field games, Sons of the American Legion sponsored parade, and Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association sponsored fireworks! "Emmitsburg's fireworks are the highlight of an incredible day of fun," says local resident and Lion member Jennifer Joy, "I have been attending this festival for 11 years, and it is truly the best day ever in Emmitsburg!"

Special this year, is the Grand Opening celebration of the Multi-user Trails at Rainbow Lake. The

13 miles of trails have been under construction for a number of years and are now ready to be used. Also new this year, are the history art contest exhibit and a silent auction in the gym at 300A S. Seton (town office building). "We hope the contest becomes an annual event for kids to show their appreciation for our heritage," says Lions President, Cliff Sweeney, "It is also an opportunity to support our youth and their future aspirations. We are fortunate to be able to offer \$1,500 in savings bonds for the winners of the art contest due to the generosity of sponsors!"

In addition, the Friends of the Library are holding a very large book sale in the Library across the hall from the art exhibit. The Knight's sponsored cover wagon ride will be dropping visitors off at the building as part of its circuit around the park festivities.

Returning again this year is the vendor and crafter show. "The vendor/crafter show is in its third year and is slowly taking hold," says Joy. The Tyrian Masonic Lodge is having a large yard sale on Main Street

as well. Also, returning this year, a Car, Motorcycle, and Truck Show benefiting the Emmitsburg Osteopathic and Primary Care Center (sponsored by Melissa Wetzle, C.P.A and K&M Lawn Care) will be located at the field across from the baseball fields, while the vendors and crafters will be located in between the bandstand and Lions pavilion. Anyone interested in participating in the vendor/crafter show can go to Emmitsburgevents.com to obtain a registration form, or they can contact Jennifer Joy at 301-447-6467.

The festival will also feature local bands at the bandstand (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus). This year they have lined up a variety of music styles from bluegrass to rock and roll. You will hear the Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, vocal artist Miriam Warthen, Kennedy King from the Frederick Let There Be Rock School, Seven x Seventy (Christian Rock), and The Joey Wolf band (60's, 70's and 80's). New this year is an open mic hour from 2pm - 3pm. Sign up will be at the bandstand if you want to perform.

And still there is more! The Vigilant Hose Company will be having its annual breakfast; The Lions Club will be selling its BBQ chicken; the Sons of the American Legion will have Ital-



Community Day will be filled with a host of kid-friendly events, especially the watermelon eating contest!

ian sausage; the Knights will have pit beef; The Osteopathic Primary Care Center will be having an open house with tours, crafts, and a bake sale (also a covered wagon stop); local churches and organizations will be having games and activities for the kids; and the town will have the pool open free to the public from noon to 7pm.

For history buffs, the local museums, such as the Seton Shrine and the Fire and Rescue museums, will be open and a history walking tour of Emmitsburg is planned for 4pm with local historian Mike Hillman. Contact Mike Hillman to join the

tour at 301-471-3306; or history@emmitsburg.net. Learn about Emmitsburg's rich history! Not to be forgotten, the annual parade, Lions Club Memorial Program, and Fireworks close out the day's activities. For participation in the parade please contact the Sons of the American Legion, Jim Houck Jr. at 717-451-1741 or email jim.houck@aol.com.

Don't miss this year's outstanding festival! For information on the above and more, please go to EmmitsburgEvents.com. Also, friend us on Facebook!

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WWI NEWS REPORTS FROM THE FRONT

June 4

In its reply to President Wilson's note demanding an explanation for the sinking of the Lusitania, the German government expressed regret for injuries sustained by Americans and offered compensation in cases in which Germany is found to be in the wrong.

The main points of the German reply to the American raised questions as to just what sort of vessel was sunk. The Germans are requesting a determination of whether the Lusitania was a peaceful passenger liner, as assumed in the American note, or an auxiliary cruiser of the British Navy, carrying concealed cannons and ammunition.

Another question raised was whether or not ammunition and explosives carried in defiance of American laws accelerated the sinking of the ship, which might otherwise have been expected to get its lifeboats away safely or reach the coast.

The German reply states that in the case of the Lusitania it was acting in justified self-defense, in seeking with all the means of warfare to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy.

Upon receipt of the German reply, President Wilson began work on a new note to Germany in which he asked definitively whether Germany intends to cease submarine warfare, with the threat of a break in diplomatic relations should Germany continue its use of submarines.

On Thursday, after a siege of three weeks, the great fortress of Peremyel, in Galicia, fell to the Austrians. The Russians were in possession of it for little over 20 days. While it had been well known that the Russian position at Peremyel was serious, to say the least, and at the artillery fire other German allies was becoming daily more terrific, the announcement from Vienna of an Austrian victory was not

expected so quickly, particularly in view of the official statements from Petrograd last Monday saying that the Austrian grip before the fortress had been broken and that the offensive in the great Galician struggle had passed to the Russians.

When the Russians starved out the Austrian garrison, an operation, which brought them into the fortress on March 22, they did it slowly and systematically, conserving the lives of their men as much as possible. The method which the Austrians have employed to accomplish the same has been entirely different. Their expenditure in men and ammunition has perhaps outdone anything in this war.

The retaking of the fort already has been characterized by British observers as one of the most remarkable feats of the war. Immediately after the surrender of the Austrian garrison, the Russians began a westward rush through Galicia, and it was predicted that they would soon overrun the planes of Hungary. In response a terrific Austrian-German offensive was inaugurated which drove the Russians back and enabled the German allies to encircle the fort an attack it from the north in the southeast here it

On the Southern front, Turkish losses in the Dardanelles fighting to date total more than 60,000 according to private advances from Constantinople. Turkish forces defending the Dardanelles are currently 275,000, a formidable force, especially as the positions they hold are of great natural strength. Against them are only 80,000 allied troops. Moreover, the Germans unquestionably have improved the Turks transport and therefore the allies must not expect to reach Constantinople without a severe struggle.

Romania is now occupying the seat of uneasy neutrality, lately held by Italy. The diplomats of the near East evidently are working hard to bring about and understanding between



President Woodrow Wilson.



The President's second note to Germany regarding the sinking of the Lusitania resulted in the resignation of the Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan.

Bulgaria and Romania. Rumors are rife that Romania is mobilizing an army of 1 million men, which is said to be in splendid condition.

The addition of Bulgaria and Romania to the ranks of the allies however is predicated upon a plan whereby Bulgaria obtains territorial grants from Romania, and Romania will get Transylvania, which is the eastern part of Hungary. Under this plan, Romania will go to war against Austria, and Bulgaria against Turkey.

The lull on the western front continues, as the French and British armies await the outcome of the battles now taking place in Austria and Turkey.

June 11

On Wednesday, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan issued his resignation, stating that he differs with the President on the content of the proposed second note to the Germans.

In a statement issued to the press following his resignation, Bryan said: "Two of the points upon which we differ is on the lack of a call for the of investigation of the sinking of the Lusitania by international commission, and, second, the failure to warn Americans against traveling on belligerent ships or cargoes of ammunition.

"I do not know if Germany would accept the offer of an international commission, but our

country, should, in my judgment, make the offer. Such an offer, if accepted, would at once relieve the tension and silence all those demanding more. Germany has always been a friendly nation, and a great many of our people are of German ancestry."

"The second point of difference is to the course which should be pursued in regarding to Americans traveling on belligerent ships over the cargoes of ammunition. Why should an American citizen be permitted to involve this country in war by traveling upon a belligerent ship that will pass through a danger zone?"

"The question is not whether an American citizen has the right, under international law, to travel on a belligerent ship, the question is whether he ought not, out of consideration for his country if not for his own safety, avoid danger when avoidance is possible. It is a very one-sided citizenship that compels the government to go to war over a citizen's right and yet releases a citizen of all obligations to consider his nation's welfare."

Mr. Bryan's resignation has unquestionably presented an awkward situation politically and a dangerous one internationally. Sources close to the President do not believe the second note to Germany will lead to war, but that on the contrary it will clear the atmo-

sphere by giving Germany a better understanding of the position of United States government and lead to negotiations which will end in a peaceful settlement in that event.

On the battlefield, all eyes continue to look toward Galicia, where fighting continues on all fronts. It appears that the Austrian-German armies are still sweeping back the Russians.

In Turkey, a combined general offensive against the Turk's positions was begun yesterday and Winston Spencer Churchill said that the allied forces are within a few miles of victory. According to Churchill, the Gallipoli operations have been necessarily slow. After landing, the first Allied forces had to be supplied with necessary artillery and reinforcements to enable them to attack the Turks, who occupied very strong positions and have been delivering repeated attacks on the British and French lines.

June 18

German opinion, it is said, is unanimously against granting the American demand for assurances that American ships and lives would not be endangered by submarine warfare. The feeling in official circles in Washington, however, continues to be optimistic that a way would be found for peaceful settlement of the issue. Hopes were based upon the friendly character of the new note, which they regard as opening the door to a satisfactory resolution to both sides.

It was officially stated that a second note would soon be sent to Great Britain and her allies, insisting on a change in the operation of their blockade of Germany, and to make the allies also conform with the principles of international law forbidding interference with trade and non-contraband articles passing to and from a belligerent country through a neutral country.

It was generally believed that the note to the Allies would be an important factor in convincing the German government that the United States would maintain the same vigorous position on the safety of neutral shipping with respect to the Allies as has been the case with Germany.

In a statement issued by William Jennings Bryan, the former Secretary of State, Mr. Bryan disclosed that the President had differed with

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William Jennings Bryan.

him as to the time when the note to the Allies would be sent, but that the intention to censor the allies in the correspondence had been agreed to.

Bryan declared that the note to the German government had been materially altered and softened after he resigned his post in the cabinet, although not sufficiently to warrant his withdrawing his resignation and suggested that Germany in anger, may break off diplomatic relations with the United States and that war is still threatened. He said danger of war would not be lessened unless America expresses itself in favor of peace in preference to a war for redress of such grievances as we have against Germany.

Yesterday, the distinguished in many walks of life gathered at historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia to consider the adoption of a proposal for a League of Peace. The meeting attracted well-known publicist, educators, peace advocates, editors and economists and was presided over by former President William Taft.

The plan was largely the idea of the former President and is understood to have the personal though unofficial endorsement of President Wilson. President Taft declared he was firmly of the opinion that a League of Peace could be formed, which would enable nations to avoid war by furnishing a practical means for settling international quarrels.

President Taft, likened the proposed League to the states in the American Union and said there is no reason why nations of the world could not federate in a somewhat similar way. The judicial tribunal of the Council proposed in the League of Peace could settle disputes between nations much in the same way as the Supreme Court of the United States settles disputes between the states. The proposed League, Mr. Taft said, may not abolish war, but would make it more improbable. "If we can prevent war for 20 years", he said, "we have at least accomplished something."

On the battlefronts, the situation in the eastern arena of the war, where the Austrians and Germans are straining every nerve to deliver a crushing blow to the Russians, remains of the utmost importance.

Reuters estimates that the total Austrian and German forces operat-



In an attempt to keep America out of the war, the League of Peace, the forerunner to the League of Nations, was proposed.

ing against the Russians are not less than 45 German and 26 Austrian army corps, about 2.8 million men. It is believed that the Germans have seven Army Corps or 280,000 men in the Baltic provinces as well.

In face of the German onslaught, the Russians have abandoned their positions on the San River and are retreating towards Russian Poland, and will soon be forced from all occupied Austrian territory. As a result, they may be forced to retreat on a wide front in central Poland.

If the Austrians and Germans succeed in driving the Russians out of Galicia and dispersing the Russian armies in the South, the Russians will not be able to mount a serious offensive this summer, and there will be great difficulty in bringing about useful coordination with the activities of the Allied armies in the west.

Although no big forward movement has been made in the Western arena, the fighting has been almost continuous along the line with thousands of men dying daily.

The Belgians experienced their first gas attack the night of June 9 when the Germans, after severe bombardment, launch the gas. They took a Belgian advanced post and capture the first two lines of trenches. Large reinforcements, including a British regiment, counterattacked vigorously and drove the Germans back.

June 25

Germany announced that the famous sea raider, the submarine U-29 was rammed and sunk by a British tanker flying the Swedish flag after the vessel had been ordered to stop. The sinking is expected to have a direct bearing upon the negotiations now being carried on between the United States and Germany in regard to her submarine war upon neutral shipping.

German naval officers point to the sinking as proof that it is impossible for German submarines to treat merchantmen in the way requested by the United States, or to take steps to ascertain the nationality of ships displaying neutral flags in the war zone, so long as British captains will willingly ram German Submarines.

The loss of the German undersea boat undoubtedly will stiffen the nation in the believe that it is impossible to introduce any chang-

es in summary methods so long as Great Britain does not at least withdraw its instructions regarding the flying of neutral flags and attacks upon submarines.

The greatest factor that is believed today by high administration officials to be working favorably in Germany towards a satisfactory answer to the United States demands for the discontinuation of submarine warfare is the fact that Germany is going to need money before the war is over, and the United States is the only country in which she can get it. Therefore, Germany must not draw the United States into the conflict as a new enemy.

Germany cares little for the physical help that the United States could give the allies. She does not fear United States soldiers or navy, but she fears America's huge sums of gold. Germany has all the men she will ever need until the close of the war, even if the struggle last several years longer. Her factories enable her to keep far ahead of her enemies in quantities of the arms and ammunition, but Germany is not well supplied with gold. She has enough for many years and her banks are still in fine shape, but gold can not be made like cannons, rifles and powder, and it must be paid out for certain supplies.

Looking forward, as she now is, to a long and grueling struggle, in which money will play the final roll in the decision, Germany wants no enemy of the United States. On the contrary, the Germans see thousands of wealthy American sympathizers ready to give a helping hand in the yellow metal unless the government stays them, as it would if the country of what a state of war with Germany.

On the battlefields, the strongly fortified Galician town of Grodek, where it was predicted the Russians would make a stubborn stand, has fallen before the Austrian and German assault. The river Tenew, believed to be another strong barrier, has been crossed; and the Austrian and German forces are within a day march of Lemberg, capital of Galicia. Should Lemberg be retaken, Austria will have reclaimed virtually all the entire province of Galicia.

The capture of Lemberg was one of the earliest important successes of the Russians. Following it they pushed onward rapidly through Galicia. The high watermark of the

invasion found almost all the province in their hands. They approach within striking distance of Kraków, at the western end of the province close to the German frontier, stormed the heights and passes of the Carpathian mountains, which separate Galicia from Hungary, and threatened to sweep down through the crown lands to the Romanian frontier.

All this has changed by the steady succession of Austrian and German victories of the last few weeks. The changes began with the launching of a great drive for Kraków eastward. Great numbers of German troops were sent to assist the Austrians as well as a vast amount of field artillery. The use of artillery by the Teutonic allies has been described by correspondence as a scale never before undertaken.

The Austrian and German armies pushed forward westward through Galica, recapturing Przemysl, June 3, and then, without pause, struck at Lemberg from the south and the west. At no point were the Russians

able to withstand the terrific bombardment directed against their positions.

The fighting in this campaign has been of unusual intensity with heavy losses. The figure of killed, wounded and captured as given in Austrian, German and Russian official statements runs into the hundreds of thousands.

On the Southern front, the Greek government declared that the current allied approach attempt to take Constantinople via the Gallipoli Peninsula was impossible and that only an attack through Bulgarian territory would cause the Greek government to consider shedding her neutrality and joining the allies.

Bulgarian however said it would never permit the use of its territory unless the allies guaranteed sufficient territorial concessions from Romania and Greece. Any violation by the allies of Bulgarian territory, said Bulgaria would result in the Bulgarians joining the Teutonic allies.



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HISTORY

Civil War and decline of industry

Part 8

The Furnace After Brien

As sectional tensions over slavery heated up, the number of slaves working at Catoctin declined. From studies of personal property records and census materials, Michael Thompson has hypothesized that roughly twenty slaves labored at Catoctin in the 1820s and early 1830s. With the death of John Brien and a national recession beginning in 1837, the iron furnace operated only sporadically, and the number of slaves working appears to have declined dramatically. The 1860 census showed only 21 slaves living in the entire Mechanicstown district, seven of whom were males over seventeen years of age. No doubt the ever-rising price of slaves along with the soaring price of cotton made unfree labor increasingly cost prohibitive. While we have no evidence, the furnace owners may still have "hired out" slaves for the busy seasons at Catoctin—although the price of leasing labor was also rising.

Following a potato famine in Ireland and political trouble in Germany, and as the cost of slaves rose, a new source of labor flooded into the country. Ever-increasing numbers of Irish and German workers began arriving in the America, especially after 1848. While census takers did not record the nation of origin of workers living in the area until later in the century, there is some evidence that the fur-

nace employed immigrant labor. As early as 1828, a Moravian minister assigned to Harriet's Chapel (named for John Brien's recently deceased wife) recorded in his journal a burial service for an Irish immigrant furnace worker. Friends of the deceased—apparently also Irish Catholic furnace workers—stood apart from the service, wanting to pay their respects but not partake in the Protestant rites.

Relying primarily on wage labor, the furnace struggled on. In the late 1830s, John McPherson Brien, son of John Brien, managed to purchase the enterprise from his father's estate. But McPherson's tenure as owner proved brief and difficult. Near broke, in 1843, Brien sold the furnace to Peregryn Fitzhugh. Again, the sale kept the furnace in the family, as Fitzhugh—descending from a wealthy planter family in Virginia—was connected by marriage to the Brien and McPherson families. By the early 1840s, the economy had emerged from the Panic of 1837, and Fitzhugh enjoyed several successful years at the helm of the furnace. The new owner made significant investments to revamp the operations. Within ten years, *The Frederick Examiner* could proclaim: "the works are in complete repair; and in regular blast, and are doing a better business than at any time for some years past." Fitzhugh's investments do not appear to have included slaves. According to the 1850 census, he



The Catoctin Furnace.

owned eight slaves, but only one was of working age.

The new owner's success did not last long. In 1855, fire destroyed another enterprise owned by Fitzhugh, the Carroll Creek Foundry in Frederick City. The disaster began a period of financial collapse for Fitzhugh. A year later, increasingly in debt, Fitzhugh took on a partner, Jacob B. Kunkle (also frequently spelled Kunkel), in an effort to protect his Catoctin investment. Kunkle was a politically active lawyer of German descent,

whose family owned a prosperous tannery in Frederick City.

The partnership, however, came too late to save Fitzhugh. In 1859, he sold the entire furnace and property to Kunkle's family for \$51,000. Under Kunkle, the transition away from slave labor appears to have continued. John B. Kunkle, brother of Jacob, who became iron master at the furnace, owned only four slaves, all of whom were under eight years old. In general, the Kunkle acquisition of Catoctin was a fortunate one for the furnace and its

employees. The Kunkle family proved dedicated, hands-on owners, willing to continue investing in the enterprise long after it held any promise of profitability. But difficult days lay immediately ahead for the mountain area.

Catoctin's Civil War

"Maryland, by the mid-nineteenth century," wrote historian Robert Bruggen, "had become a sectional netherland, a mix of free and slave economy, Northern and Southern cultures." Throughout the 1840s

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and 1850s, tensions between North and South mounted. As a true border state in every sense of the term, Maryland (and more specifically Frederick and Washington Counties) sat geographically along an unenviable fault line. By the 1850s, there was little hope of delaying the inevitable conflict between North and South. Western Maryland suffered terribly during the war. While the upper areas of Frederick County were spared the worst of the fighting, the region still experienced the uncertainty, fear, displacement, and occasional violence of the conflict.

In the fall of 1859, rumors swept across western Maryland of some sort of a riot or battle in Harper's Ferry. "Conspicuous among the rumors," reported the Frederick newspaper, "was the alarming statement, that the outbreak was a Negro insurrection." The event was John Brown's raid on the Harper's Ferry arsenal, which the insurrectionist hoped would be the beginning of a revolution. When the local militia proved unable to handle the situation a company under Colonel Robert E. Lee, which included soldiers from Frederick County, quickly contributed a company to restore peace to Harper's Ferry.

The next trauma came with the election of 1860. The newly formed Republican Party, and its nominee Abraham Lincoln, had its strength in the North and West. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party was badly split and nominated two candidates—Stephen Douglas, from the North and John Beckinridge, representing southern sentiments. A fourth candidate, John Bell of Tennessee, ran as a member of the Constitution Party, advocating some sort of eleventh-hour compromise. Beckinridge won Mechanics-town with 189 votes, followed closely by Bell with 182. Stephen Douglas, the Democratic candidate from the north, earned 7 votes and Lincoln only 6. Meanwhile in Hauvers District, west of Mechanicstown, Beckinridge won overwhelmingly with 154 votes, Bell won 46 votes, Douglas 27, and Lincoln only three. In the end, Lincoln won only 103 votes in all of Frederick County. But the Republican candidate, with the other parties deeply split, won enough votes nationwide to become the new president. The prospect of a Lincoln presidency sent chills through western Maryland. In mid-November, The Frederick Herald could offer only a prayer: "May God in his mercy avert the dangers so threateningly."

Clearly significant sympathy for the southern cause existed in western Maryland. In December 1860, a countywide convention met in Frederick City in an attempt to establish a common approach to the coming troubles. But the convention split roughly in half between unionists and secessionists and no progress could be made. Towns in southern Frederick County—such as Urbana, Buckeystown, and Petersville—all were particularly pro-South. In areas to the north, such as the upper-Catoctin region, opinions tended to be split. Bell's strong showing certainly suggests that many in Mechanicstown/Hauvers District areas hoped that conflict could be put off. But there was much pro-southern senti-

ment to be found even in the northern portions of Frederick County. In the growing town of Mechanicstown, in 1861 Isaiah Wolfersberger began the first newspaper, The Family Visitor, a weekly with a decidedly pro-southern orientation.

Among the strongest secessionists in the county were a member of the family that owned Catoctin furnace and a descendent of the family that had built the facility. Jacob Kunkle, the politically-savvy lawyer who had entered into a partnership with Fitzhugh and whose family later gained sole ownership of the furnace, actively promoted the southern cause. Fluent in German, Kunkle—often addressing audiences in German—campaigns aggressively for Beckinridge. In addition, Bradley Tyler Johnson, grandson of former furnace owner Baker Johnson, and grandnephew of Governor Thomas Johnson, was perhaps Frederick County's most outspoken southern sympathizer. Like Kunkle, Johnson campaigned for Beckinridge, and when Lincoln moved to invade Baltimore in the spring of 1861, attempted to mobilize local secessionists to block Union troops.

Lincoln's invasion of Baltimore was certainly symbolic of the divisiveness and incendiary sentiments present in Maryland by the beginning

of the Civil War. Bordering Virginia, Frederick and Washington Counties braced for a war close to home. Colonel Bradley Johnson, C.S.A. quickly moved to organize Marylanders for the new Confederate army. He refused all suggestions that he meld his recruits into the Virginia regiments, insisting instead that Maryland organize a rebel regiment of its own. Johnson's recruits appear largely to have come from the southern portion of the state. A survey of names of those enlisted in the Maryland line of the Confederate army reveals none of the family names associated with the Catoctin area.

Desperately needing to keep the state of Maryland in the Union camp—even if it would require force—Lincoln arrested secessionists and dispatched troops throughout Maryland. With Annapolis occupied by federal troops, the Maryland state legislature briefly moved operations to Frederick City. But in April 1861, Union soldiers surrounded the city, arrested key leaders of the legislature and forced members to take a loyalty oath. Those who refused quickly found themselves prisoners in Fort McHenry. Eventually, Lincoln dispatched nearly 15,000 troops to Frederick County to insure that the pivotal region would remain within the union.

Part 9 next month

Sebastian Gagliardi



were his favorites. He wished to be a war doctor to heal others. His wish was for everyone to be happy. He never saw himself as being ill, just as having a bump in his head. He was brave and kept on living as if everything was all right.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his sister, Sophia; paternal grandparents, Oscar and Zoila Gagliardi of Emmitsburg; maternal grandparents, Omar Bautista of Bogota, Colombia and Mercedes Avendano of Germantown, MD; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, May 5, , at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with the Rev. John J. Holliday, C.M. as celebrant. Interment was in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to support DIPG Research to cure childhood brain tumors to Children's Hospital Foundation, 111 Michigan Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20010 or to support the families and caregivers of cancer patients at the Adams County Cancer Patient Help Fund, WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital Foundation, PO Box 3995, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.

Sebastian Gagliardi, 8, of Emmitsburg, Maryland passed away Wednesday, April 29, at his home following a valiant battle with brain cancer. He passed peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, into the waiting arms of angels. Born March 3, 2007 in Frederick, Sebastian was the son of Sergio and Yeimi Bautista Gagliardi of Emmitsburg.

Sebastian was in first grade at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Sebastian loved to hug and tickle, even strangers. He wanted for people to smile. His favorite toys were Legos, Star Wars figures, toy soldiers, and to play Angry Birds in a tablet. He was always helping with babies and little kids, he would open the door for others, and say "You are so pretty" to every woman he met. Grapes, arepas, lentils, marshmallows, pop-sicles, and McDonald's fries



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June 24 "Shenandoah The One Man Play" at Totem Pole. This story is based on the film, which starred James Stewart as the strong willed Virginia farmer trying to keep his family neutral as the Civil War rages. The Tony-winning Broadway production ran for over 1,000 performances. Price: \$101 Lv Frederick 10:00 AM Thurmont 10:20 AM Lunch at Hickory Bridge. GREAT SHOW & STILL SOME ROOM!

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July 18 - 29 Highlights of the Midwest With the price reduced and the many sites we will visit, you'll be missing a great trip, especially if you've never been there before! Read the itinerary! We will be visiting many interesting sites along the way including Caterpillar Center in Peoria & the John Deere organization in Moline! One full day will be touring Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse & other sites. We then head north to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Read the printed flyer for more details. You won't get this tour at this price again! Check itinerary for meals included. PRICE REDUCED! \$1657 PP DBL \$2240 Sgl \$175 Deposit \$175 by June 1st Final payment by June 19th.

August 11 - 13 - 3 Day - 2 Night Mystery Trip This should be a fun trip as well as very interesting. There is a nice variety of activities including some interesting animals and some good food. Price: \$372 PP DBL \$430 Sgl Lv Thurmont 7:10 AM Lv Frederick 7:30 AM.

August 19 - Lovesick Blues at Totem Pole A musical concert starring Robbie Limmon as Hank Williams and Denise Patton as Patsy Cline performing some of the greatest country music. 32 already booked. Lunch at Hickory Bridge & show at Totem Pole. PRICE: \$101 PP Dep. 9:00 AM.

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MOM'S TIME OUT

Taking time to take a break

Mary Angel

Can you believe it is June already? I feel like I just finished my taxes. Oh, that's right...I did! June definitely seems to sneak up on me faster when I am slower getting my taxes done. As a mom you know that June is the month that the kids celebrate the end of school! So it shouldn't be a month long celebration, but it is definitely a high adrenaline, chaotic and sometimes stressful month. We moms don't always get a chance to take a break. Sometime in June, before school lets out, I am encouraging all of you to take a break, no matter how small. So here are some ideas for a "getting ready for summer break" break to get you started.

As moms we sometimes find it difficult to take a break. Whether it is because we don't have the time or for some of us there is a guilt factor. Sometimes it is just a matter of giving yourself permission. No matter what is holding you back, I would ask you, even plead with you to overcome it and take that break. Even a short break before school lets out may be just what you need and is certainly what you deserve.

If you have the time and money is no object, by all means; go to the spa, go out with your husband or girlfriends and have a fabulous dinner, take a weekend retreat, spend the day shopping with your mom, plan a girl's pottery night at your local pottery place. Go to a winery

for one of the days when they have a band playing and lay on a blanket all day with a glass of wine and a picnic. If you're a history buff maybe you could find a city rich in history and spend a night or weekend exploring all there is to offer. We certainly live close enough to one of the most historically significant cities in the country that you could save the cost of an overnight stay and make it a day trip.

If you have the time, but not unlimited funds then go to lunch with a friend, or go for a long hike or bike ride, or a drive into the mountains. You could even lie in bed and watch TV all day. If you love flowers then make a day of visiting local nurseries for inspiration for your own garden. Or simply spend the day gardening. Maybe you aren't outdoorsy and the thought of gardening makes your skin crawl...literally. Perhaps you are tech savvy and have your own blog that you can spend some time updating. Possibly you are a closet video game junkie who hasn't found the time to play in years - GO for it!

If none of this interests you, then maybe you are a crafter. If this is the case I say, "Let the crafting begin!" Scrapbooking, card making, stamping, sewing, embroidery, jewelry making, quilting, pottery, quilling, whatever craft relaxes you spend the day crafting it. Most crafter have unfinished projects (or projects that are waiting to be started) just lying around. If you can't manage a whole day then take a few hours, even if



you have to wait till the kids are in bed.

Maybe when the kids go to bed is the only time you will be able to find. At this point you may be happiest just relaxing in bed and going to sleep. The other option here is to let "Calgon" take you away. Run a hot bubble bath and slowly dip in like a warm donut in a hot cup of coffee. Don't forget a yummy drink and a wonderful book or magazine. If you can play some music, do not take your phone and do not answer the door.

Maybe you are too tired in the evenings and have no money to spend on "getting away". If this is the case don't worry, there are plenty of options for you to relax. Walk out the door and take a deep breath. Don't stop there; keep walking and thinking, and day dreaming. Enjoy the warm spring air, the quiet of time without hearing "Mom...

(Fill-in whatever you hear the most)", the wonderful sounds of nature surrounding you. Take this time to think about nothing or think about everything. Just make sure to relax and recharge.

Not one to go for a nature walk, then grab a good book and sit in a quiet corner. I have one friend who loves to blast the radio and go for a long drive. When I was young my mom and I would hop in the car and try and get lost, but not too lost. Some of the moms I asked would give their eye teeth to get a nice long nap. Some just thought a nice HOT meal that they didn't have to share would be one step away from a miracle. Others felt it would be nice to sit in silence, uninterrupted silence!

Relaxation means different things to different people. It can be the simple act of inactivity or a

vigorous run, for some it requires music and for other silence. No matter what relaxation means to you, you are entitled to it. We may not always find the time to relax, or have the money to do what we find the most relaxing, or be able to have a few minutes alone, but we most certainly deserve to relax. I get almost as excited as the kids for summer break, but truth be told it can sometimes remind me I am not as young as I used to be. So before the chaos and excitement of summer begin take that time for to recharge your battery and maybe once a month from here on out, you can have a few minutes (or an hour or an entire day) to relax and spend some time with yourself! Good luck and relax!

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Simple summer menu ideas

Brooke Hagerty
The Food Chick

The month of June brings with it consistently warmer temperatures and warmer temperatures means grilling out, picnics and parties! We all love being able to get outside and enjoy the weather with family and friends. Enjoying a great meal together is always nice but not everyone likes having to spend a lot of time preparing and cooking said meal.

You could have everyone bring a dish but if you are anything like me you like to have a little more control over the dishes that are served. Yes, it is true that when it comes to party planning I am a little OCD and a lot of control freak! But even with that said I like to be able to join in the fun and let loose a bit.

The best way to combine the best of both worlds is to create a simple make ahead menu that allows you time with your guests. This month we are putting together a Simple Summer Dinner Party!

Let's start with some easy appetizers. You can make your life easier by hitting up the prepared foods and deli sections of your local grocery store. At my local store I love to hit up the olive bar for some great easy starters. Piquant peppers are bright red and have been brined in vinegar and offer a sweet heat. Stuff them with some feta cheese and you have a fantastic and fun appetizer that your guests are sure to enjoy.

Pickled vegetables or Giadianera is a great choice as an alternative to the traditional vegetable platter. And of course the olive selection is incredible. I like to get a mix of olives and turn them into an easy tapenade. Pick three different olives and using your hand chopper or food processor lightly pulse the olives until they are in a fine dice. There is no need to add olive oil or other spices/herbs as the olives from the olive bar are already in oil and/or marinades.

While at the grocery store purchase a French baguette; slice into 1/4 slices and brush with a little olive and then place in 350 degree oven for about 10 minutes or until just crisp but not hard. Once your bread is toasted simply either place in a basket with a dish of tapenade on the side or spread a little on each baguette and place on a platter of mixed greens. If you want to add a little unexpectedness fine dice some anchovies as a part of the tapenade.

A chilled soup is a great make ahead dish and I find that it is always a delight for my guests. My favorite chilled soup is Cucumber Dill and it is surprisingly easy to make. The following recipe serves four people.

Cucumber Dill Soup

Ingredients:

- 4 cucumbers, peeled and seeded. Reserve 1 for garnish
- 1 - 16 ounce container light sour cream
- 1 cup almond or cashew milk
- 2 tablespoons roughly chopped fresh dill
- 2 teaspoons fresh finely chopped parsley
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice + the zest for garnish
- Salt and Pepper to taste (I use lemon pepper and truffle salt)
- Fresh mint for garnish with the lemon zest.

Directions: Combine all of the ingredients in a food processor or blender and store in an airtight container for up to two days. Serve in bowls and garnish with cucumber, fresh mint and lemon zest.

This soup can be made two days in advance and stored in your refrigerator. Be sure to whip soup with a whisk prior to serving. Your main course keeps on the easy track with these simple Turkey Burgers. Don't worry about them getting dry we are going to make a great mix that will make you want to eat turkey burgers seven

nights a week!

Mexican Turkey Burgers

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 can white beans, drained but not rinsed and then mashed
- 1/2 cup of your favorite shredded or soft cheese (parmesan or queso fresco)
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon each s & P (I use lemon pepper and truffle salt)

Directions: Combine all ingredients and form into equal size patties. Place in refrigerator and allow to set for 2 hours or up to 2 days. You can cook them either in the oven (350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes) or on the grill until they reach 155 degrees. Remove from heat and rest for 5 minutes. During the resting time the temperature will rise 5 to 10 degrees. Serve on your favorite grilled bun (I suggest a wheat bun with rolled oat top). Top with Bibb lettuce, Roma tomato and thick sliced red onion.

A simple potato is a great accompaniment to your burger. One of my favorites is the Fingerling potato. A light skinned white potato that is about the thickness of your thumb and just a little bit longer. These potatoes are available at most farmers markets or your local grocery store. If your local store does not carry them ask the produce manager if there is a possibility of getting them in and in most cases they will answer yes. The preparation of the potato is very easy. Slice in half lengthwise (approximately 5 - 7 potatoes per person). Pull a sheet of aluminum foil long enough to make a package of potatoes. Spray the foil with pan spray and place potatoes in the center. Lightly coat with Extra Virgin Olive Oil, salt, pepper to taste along with some of your favorite dried spices - my choice is Montreal Steak Seasoning with some fresh rosemary. Fold the ends up and roll down to create a package. The potatoes can be cooked



on the grill or in a 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes, covered. Uncover and for 10 minutes brown until they are fork tender.

A nice cool vegetable is a great way to round out this great entree course. Fresh green beans are readily available throughout the summer months and are very easy to make ahead.

Summer Green Beans

Ingredients: 1 pound each fresh green and yellow beans, Vegetable Stock, Fresh Dill, Kosher Salt, Fresh squeezed lemon juice and zest, Ice bath (ice cubes and cold water in a large bowl)

Directions: Bring 4 cups vegetable stock to a boil. Drop in beans for 3-5

minutes. Remove from boil and place in ice bath for 2 minutes to shock the beans and stop the cooking process. Remove from water and season with Kosher salt, lemon juice and zest. Toss gently with dill and refrigerate for up to one day.

And now for dessert.....this is where you can get your guests involved. Have them bring their favorite dessert to share with you!!!

As always, should you have a question, an idea for an article or are in need of my personal chef/catering services please contact me at brooke@thefoodchick.biz. Be sure to check out my website, www.thefoodchick.biz or "like" me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/theoriginalfoodchick.

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SCHOOL AND LIBRARY NEWS

Library news

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Annual Book Sale:

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale is the organization's biggest fundraiser and all proceeds are used to support programs for children and teens in the Emmitsburg area as well as other needs at the library.

The sale will be held two days to give everyone plenty of opportunity to shop and will be held inside and conveniently located in the Library Community Room. Dates are Thursday, June 25 from 10 am until 7 pm and Saturday, June 27 from 9 am until 3 pm. The Saturday sale is part of the Emmitsburg Heritage Days celebration.

The Friends are seeking donations from the community of used books and movies on DVD and ask that if possible, the books be delivered to the branch in boxes during regular business hours. The Friends cannot accept encyclopedias, VHS tapes, text books or magazines.

If you would like to help sort books, volunteer during the sale or if you need further information about the sale, please call the library at 301-600-6331.

Summer Of Wonder

The Summer of Wonder is here! This is a brand new twist on our dynamic, fun, and free summer reading program. Kids complete missions and challenges and build their own

superhero online. It's not just for kids, though! This year everyone can participate—adults and teens, too. We hope you check out the hundreds of programs for all ages offered by your local library and discover the joy of reading during the long summer months. Register online at www.fcpl.org/summer or in person at your local branch library to get started—you can read, learn, and explore your community all summer long.

North County STEM Lab to Open: We're also very excited to announce that the grand opening of Thurmont Library's brand new pop-up STEM lab is happening on Thursday, June 25. Get a sneak peek of what equipment will be available and enjoy a fun STEM activity. Drop in between 3:30 and 7 pm and discover the amazing things we have related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math! Thurmont Library will be hosting regular STEM Lab hours each week throughout the year. Kids from preschool to 18 will have lots of opportunities to play and learn with STEM.

STEM Lab Open hours: Thursdays from 3:30-5pm (ages preschool - 11), Thursdays from 5:30-7pm (ages 12-18), Saturdays from 2-3pm Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Super Saturday: Hero Academy
Discover your inner hero. Test your skills and learn what it takes to be truly "SUPER"! Enjoy Super Hero inspired games, crafts, and activities. Saturday, June 6. 11:00am.

Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Let it Rot! A Composting Workshop for Families

Did you know that banana peels can make your roses more beautiful? It's not a magic trick, it's compost! Join Annmarie Creamer from the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management for a fun family program that looks at the wonders of composting at home. For ages 5 & up with an adult. Saturday, June 13, 11:00am. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Teen Programs

LEGO Mindstorms - Find out what they are all about! This will be an introductory session where you'll learn to program a robot and make it navigate through a fun obstacle course. Tuesday, June 9, 4:00-5:30pm. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Schools Out Deck Party at the Thurmont Library: Let the summer begin! Music, dancing, games, prizes and, of course, food. We'll be out on the deck, come join in the fun! All students grades 6-12 are invited. Thursday, June 18, 1 - 2:30pm.

Children's Programs

LEGO and Mega Blok Party - Join us for an afternoon of LEGO and Mega Blok fun! Build tall buildings, create mysterious scenes and have an endless amount of STEM fun with LEGO bricks at the library! Best for ages 2 and up with an adult. Tuesday, June 16, 3-5 pm.

Peter Rabbit Visits the Library

Hop on in to the library to meet a

classic storybook character-Peter Rabbit. Don't forget to bring your camera. Monday, June 22, 10:30-11 am.

Sciencetellers: Dragons and Dreams

In a faraway world with castles, kings, dragon keepers, ice sorceresses, and a powerful item known as the Horn of Fire, two villagers must take a daring journey to release the dragons and save the entire kingdom. Join us as we learn about the science of fire and ice through the tale of "Dragons & Dreams." Best for ages 4 and up. Thursday, June 25, 10:30am. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Super Saturday: Animal Heroes and Friends

Meet Jodie a Guiding Eyes for the

Blind dog in training and her best friend Amanda. Also, learn tips on proper animal care from our friends at the Emmitsburg Veterinary Clinic. Bring a photo of your family pet to post on our "SUPER" Pet display. Saturday, June 27, 11-1 pm. Register online at fcpl.org, or call 301-600-6331.

Home School Questionnaire: How Can We Help? Frederick County Public Libraries are

dedicated to supporting and encouraging our Frederick Home School Community. We want your input on how we can improve your library experience. Please stop in at the Thurmont or Emmitsburg branch and take a moment to fill out a questionnaire. Check off any areas of interest to you and your Home School family. We welcome all suggestions.

Special Thurmont Deck Programs

The deck at the Thurmont Regional Library provides a space that is unique to the community. When the weather warms up, the library takes advantage of the deck to host two special series and we hope you'll take the opportunity to attend.

The 2015 Music on the Deck series features three acoustic duos. There's no better place for music than the beautiful outdoor deck at the Thurmont Regional Library. This concert series is celebrating its 6th year and is annually underwritten by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library. Chairs are provided and the electric fans will be on so even on the hottest day.

All concerts are free and begin at 2 p.m. Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library will have a variety of snacks on sale with all funds used to support programming at the branch. Featured musicians this year are:

June 14- Strung Tight: Eric & Kate Avey, a husband and wife acoustic duo, describe their style as "Acoustic Goodness".

July 12 - Paul & Mary: Paul & Mary, an acoustic duo from Thurmont/Woodsboro, play an eclectic mix of rock, country and pop blended into a folksy acoustic duo.

August 23 - Patty & Brent: Playing acoustic, rock & roll and Americana, Patty and Brent have a song for everybody.

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SCHOOL AND LIBRARY NEWS

New beginnings

Lynn Tayler
Mother Seton School

It's June once again in the Catoctin Mountains and I have just one question: where did spring go? I'm beginning to wonder if Mother Nature has forgotten that we are supposed to have four seasons here in Maryland!

The seemingly sudden segue into summer hasn't bothered the students at Mother Seton School. As the school year comes to a close, they are as buoyant and excitable as ever, with good reason. Not only did they enjoy Walk-a-Thon and MSS Carnival, which are the two events most often cited by the students as their favorites, but they have so much more to look forward to. Over the summer, our HVAC system is being replaced, a project that has been in the works for a long time. You might not think that's something that would excite our students, but spend one of these unusually sweltering spring days in the classroom and you will understand the excited buzz around the hallways. We

are so very thankful for the generosity of our donors who made possible the funding to get this project off the ground. Now our students attending class in the older wing of the building won't have to wish they were more like the "cool kids" in the newer wing, they will be the cool kids—literally!

There is one group of students, however, whose excitement has nothing to do with returning in the fall to a new HVAC system. Our graduating eighth-graders are experiencing the exhilaration of closing this chapter of their life and moving on to the next. High School is the final childhood experience and as we say goodbye to the Class of 2015, it's hard not to be nostalgic or overly sentimental about their transition. I don't have a graduate this year—my oldest is still in Middle School and my youngest will be starting Kindergarten in the fall—but it didn't stop me from tearing up as I put together a tribute video for the graduating class. We put together photos of them from their early years at MSS with current pictures

and it is amazing to see how much they've grown. When I look at them, I can't help but see what my young children will become one day, a day that is coming much faster than I wish.

I also can't help but see in their eyes all the potential they have, how wide open the world is for them, and how ready they look to seize the dreams and opportunities that await them. Many of our alumni and our current students acknowledge how well Mother Seton School has prepared them for the rest of their life's journey. We asked the Class of 2015 to tell us what they have gained from their MSS experience and a few themes kept repeating themselves. The value of "hard work", "living The Golden Rule", and "keeping true to God and our



The Emmitsburg News-Journal congratulates Mother Seton School's Class of 2015!

faith" were most often mentioned. I'm proud of our students because I know what an awesome difference they are going to make in this world, and I'm proud to be a part of a school that sends graduates on their way with more than just a brain full of knowledge. They have heart and faith, and a dedication to serve our Lord by serving others. Our world could always use more of that.

To our graduates, we send them our blessings and prayers. They have been mentors for the younger students here, role mod-

els for the future, and we encourage them to continue sharing their light with the world. "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

Be sure to visit our Facebook page (facebook.com/MSSEmitsburg), where we've posted spotlights of each of our graduates, and leave them your own message of congratulations and encouragement.

Accolades

Katie Groth
Frederick County School Board

As the end of another school year approaches, it is a great time to look back and give congratulations to FCPS staff and students who have distinguished themselves and their schools by achieving high honors and accolades. We are proud of all of our people, but some truly stand out and it is fitting to recognize them.

With the help of some of our FCPS Communications staff members we have pulled together a list of recognitions we would like to feature.

Teachers Marie Wiehler and Karen Yoho have taken a team of Linganore High and Oakdale High students to the 2015 state-level finals of the Maryland Destination Imagination tournament. Destination Imagination is a competition which includes project based educational activities where students demonstrate excellence in creativity and innovation.

Lincoln Elementary School Young Engineers and Scientists teams won first place blue ribbons at the Maryland State Engineering Challenges held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry in March. These teams meet after school and are coached by volunteer scientists and engineers from the Frederick community.

Navian Scarlett, a student at West Frederick Middle School was a Maryland state finalist in the Letters for Literature competition. Ms. Scarlett shared her winning entry in a recent celebration at the FCPS Central Office. Her letter was addressed to an author, telling her how

the work had changed her life.

In March, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot came to Frederick to recognize three FCPS students who have demonstrated excellence in visual arts. The students who presented their art at a celebration at the FCPS Central Office were: Kate West from Lincoln Elementary School whose teacher is Sara Presnell; Kaila Webster from West Frederick Middle School whose teacher is Karen Van Kirk; and Jensen Riley from Governor Thomas Johnson High School, whose teacher is Beth McFarland. The student art will hang in the Comptroller's office at the capitol in Annapolis.

Some of our teachers and administrators also have been recognized this year for outstanding teaching and leadership. Among those are:

Tess Blumenthal, principal of Walkersville Elementary School, received the prestigious 2015 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award for Frederick County from the Washington Post Educational Leadership Foundation. These

awards are presented annually to recognize principals in the Washington metropolitan area who create an exceptional educational environment in their schools.

Frederick High School Culinary Arts teacher Charlie Zachmann was awarded the 2015 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teaching Award given each year by the Washington Post. Mr. Zachmann was honored for his excellence in the classroom and for leadership in his area of teaching. A former executive chef, he decided to become a teacher and continues to inspire his students at Frederick High School.

Tony Miller, social studies teacher at Linganore High School, recently received the Charles Tressler Distinguished Teaching Award from Hood College for his work in teaching and inspiring young people. Hood College awards this recognition annually in honor of the late Dr. Tressler, a life-long educator at Hood.

Kempton Elementary School was awarded the National Blue Ribbon School designation this year, one of only six schools in Maryland to receive this prestigious award in 2015. Principal Kristen Can-

ning thanked the entire Kempton school community for their part in receiving this award. Schools are awarded the National Blue Ribbon designation for high achievement and significant improvement in academics.

Frederick County Public Schools is also proud to announce that all 10 of its high schools placed in the top 11% of the nation's 22,000 public high schools. This honor is known as the Washington Post Challenge Index, and it recognizes schools that have had the greatest success involving average students in college-level coursework and testing, such as the International Baccalaureate and the Advanced Placement programs. This is the ninth consecutive year that all eligible FCPS high schools have reached this level of achievement at

the national level.

Beginning June 1, all 10 FCPS high schools will hold graduation exercises at the Knott Arena at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. Of course it is a time for celebration, but it is important to look back and thank all those who have worked to make these graduation celebrations possible.

As the 2014-15 academic year draws to a close, all of us at Frederick County Public Schools wish to thank our teachers and staff for a job well done! We are proud of each of you and we are especially proud of the accomplishments of our students. We realize that outstanding student achievement only happens when there are outstanding teachers and staff who work tirelessly each day. Congratulations to all.

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

In honor of Flag Day, we asked our Four Years at the Mount writers to reflect on Old Glory. As a symbol of our country and our freedom, the American flag holds a special place in our hearts. This Flag Day, we encourage you to reflect as well. What does the American flag mean to you?

Sophomore Year Re-discovering patriotism

Sarah Muir
MSM Class of 2018

I have always believed myself to be an old soul. I love black and white movies, vinyl, and record players. I enjoy reading age-old letters and looking at old pictures even if I do not know the people in them. But I am more than just fond of these things, you see, for they always have inspired a sense of nostalgia for a time period that I have never known and a place I have never been. What really strikes me about the past is the patriotism that seemed to spread like fire throughout the nation. You always see the pictures in history books and documentaries, groups of people with winning smiles, holding up pictures declaring victory or proudly waving flags and banners as parades marched past. I hardly see any of this nowadays. Sure, in our younger school days, we start with the Pledge of Allegiance and sports games begin with our National Anthem, but it seems as though most people just go through the motions, speaking the words without really noting or sometimes even caring what they are, or what actually had to take place for us to have them to say in the first place. If I am being one hundred percent honest, I did the same thing in school. I would

stand up, place my hand over my heart, and quickly mumble the necessary words.

Take a moment to think about how far we have come as a country in the past two-hundred and thirty nine years. Sure we have had our fair share of discontent, hardships, and even injustices. We are still a far cry from perfect, but when put in perspective to other countries that have been building for far longer than we have, America has come a long way in a short amount of time. Unfortunately, we still have a long way to go. We still have some glitches in our system, but we forget we are still a relatively young country; we just need to grow into the large shoes that are forefathers gave us with formation the Declaration of Independence and our Bill of Rights.

The Declaration of Independence, for example, created in 1776, is a document that was extremely ahead of its time. If taken at face value, it can be seen as one of the most sincere governmental documents ever written. "All men are created equal... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Of course, I will not transcribe to you the entirety of the document, but those first well-known and often recited words should suit my purpose. This doc-

ument asserts from its beginning that all men are created equal; the document fails to specify race, age, or gender ("men" is a term that is used apply to human beings as a whole). This concept is extremely progressive, especially for the day and age in which it was written. The sentence itself is pretty straightforward; it allows for no exceptions or alternative interpretation: all men. The document continues by declaring that these same "men" establish the government to protect these rights, and since it is created by the people, it protects it from going against them.

Take a moment to consider what precisely this means. While our government may be somewhat imperfect, it is founded and framed on a perfect ideal. We have been blessed to have the freedoms we have, and though there is always room for improvement, we tend to take seemingly simple things like freedom of speech and religion for granted. As I am sure you remember from elementary school, the Bill of Rights protects freedoms such as these. It was formed in 1789 and ratified and added to the Constitution in 1791. It contains twelve amendments. They protect all the rights that we deem important, from representation and due process, to religion and speech. The unhappy truth is that there are places in this world where the term "all men" does not exist, where people are persecuted and oppressed for their beliefs, beaten down and at times, even killed, for



Upon hearing the news of Nazi surrender on May 7, 1945, now known as Victory in Europe Day, celebrants swarmed the streets. Photo credit: LIFE.com.

expressing their opinions. While our government is still trying to meet these rather large expectations framed by our founding documents, we are lucky to even have them in the first place.

I always hear this sense of patriotism in a story my grandmother always told me. It was about my great-great grandmother, who was an immigrant from Poland like her husband. Her husband came to America later on in life, while she was brought by her family when she was a little girl. My great-great grandmother received her citizenship later on in life along with my great-great grandfather. They both spoke fluent Polish and kept a tight hold on their traditions, but in the stories I hear about them, they were overwhelmingly proud to be Americans. They flew the Stars and

Stripes as high and as proud as any citizen of America should. When my great-great grandfather would start speaking in Polish, my great-great grandmother would turn to him and say, "No, we are in America, we will speak American."

This Flag Day, in honor of the Stars and Stripes, I encourage you to do at least one thing that is patriotic, whether this is volunteering at (or donating to) a Veteran's Hospital or simply flying an American flag. I am waiting for an era of America that once again swells with pride at saying the Pledge of Allegiance or tears up, like my grandmother does, when those opening lyrics of "Oh! Say can you see..." can be heard.

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Junior Year The culture of the flag

Leeanne Leary
MSM Class of 2017

By the time this article is published and this issue of the Emmitsburg News-Journal is distributed, I will be in Bulgaria experiencing what I'm expecting will feel like an entirely different world. In preparation for this overseas training, I had to do a lot of at-home culture training online. During our first culture training activity we were given this prompt:

"When you go overseas, things can get chaotic and unpredictable. Find or make a video about something that is important to you. Something that will help you stay grounded to your own culture. Post/upload/link that video here so we can all watch it. Tell us how the subject of the video will help you stay connected to your own culture. Also predict how people from your target nation would interpret your words/action if you are/were in your video. Would what keeps you grounded confuse them, make them smile...?"

Before I looked at the given example, I started to search the Internet and think about what reminds me of home. I came up with a few ideas, from local restaurants to different

foods, but nothing reminded me of my culture as an American as much as it did a Pennsylvania resident or something even less significant. My next move was to view the example answer that was provided to us, a link to a YouTube video showing a group of soldiers raising the American flag. It would be really cool to say I was immediately sold; of course the flag is the answer! But I wasn't. I was skeptical because shouldn't a person or an experience be more of a reminder of our American culture than a flag? After all, we are the land of the free, the country of experience and new beginnings and more. We are the original melting pot, the home of expansion, and all of our individual experiences are vastly different. How can a flag encompass all of that?

I feel like I end up saying this in the majority of my articles, but I hope this isn't taken the wrong way. I know how symbolic our flag is. I have seen it flown with pride at school every day of my life; I have seen it flown at half-staff after a tragedy; I have seen it given to the wife of a deceased service member; I have looked at it as I recited the Pledge of Allegiance for a large majority of my life; I have saluted it in uniform as the National Anthem played before

a football game; I have seen it plastered all over houses and yards for Memorial Day and especially around the 4th of July; I have held it as a member of the color guard as a crowded gymnasium stands before a basketball game. Once I started to think about it, the flag is reminiscent of most experiences I've had. It isn't just a piece of cloth with three colors and shapes; as a country, we have turned it into a true symbol of the American experience.

Most of us learned the story of Betsy Ross in elementary school and most of us remember the story of our flag that way. Betsy Ross finished the flag before July of 1776, but it wasn't adopted as the National Flag until June 14, 1777; herein lies the origins of the Flag Day that we will be celebrating in a few short weeks. The flag was adopted during a time characterized by a search for national pride and unity. The Continental Congress determined that the flag should be thirteen stripes with thirteen white stars against a blue background, and so it began this way.

By looking at our flag's beginnings, we can see how far we've come and simultaneously see how closely we remain to the original vision. We still fly the same flag; all that is different is the number of stars. The flag has truly fulfilled its original purpose – to provide a sense of unity. The best example of this unity that I have ex-

perienced comes from being a member of the ROTC Color Guard at the Mount. I first participated in the Color Guard this past winter at a men's basketball game where I was tasked with carrying the American flag.

We are a team of four and we carry two rifles, the Maryland Flag, and the American Flag. We step onto the court at 6:50pm for a 7:00pm game and wait until the teams finish warmups and the buzzer goes off as the scoreboard clock reaches 0:00. Both teams line up facing center court and the entire gymnasium goes silent as all attention is turned to the color guard team and the flags waiting in the corner. This sounds incredibly dramatic, I realize this, but it truly happens precisely that way. It is a learned practice, and as a country that puts as much emphasis on sporting events as we do, no one needs to be told to turn to the flag as the teams line up. The silence is almost never tested, proven through the sound of our shoes on the gym floor as we walk to center court. It's almost like when you are trying to sneak downstairs to get a midnight snack but the stairs are suddenly creaky in places they never have been before. Our footsteps are the only sound in the gym until we turn and the National Anthem begins to play.

At this time the rifles are presented and the Maryland flag is lowered, but

the American Flag remains upright as some remove their hats, some put their hands over their hearts, and some just stand still, but everyone looks upon the flag. When the Anthem ends and we exit the gym, the sound resumes and the announcers prepare for the starting lineups, but for a few minutes there is a true sense of unity surrounding the flag. This small example of an NEC basketball game is repeated every day in much larger settings, and always this same sense of unity occurs for a few short minutes.

In this I believe we can all see how the original purpose of the flag has been fulfilled, and here we finally come full circle and I return to the original prompt, now convinced that the American flag is the perfect reminder of our culture as Americans. In its 13 stripes and 50 stars there is a story for everyone. We don't all have the same story, but the same flag represents us all, and that is what allows the flag to truly represent our nation in all of our differences and similarities. So I think that even across the ocean and worlds away, the image of the American flag could keep anyone grounded to this culture, and suddenly Flag Day seems to hold a lot more importance than I ever realized.

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ON OLD GLORY

Senior Year Forever flying freely

Katie Powell
MSM Class of 2016

A little less than a month ago, I walked into the library and approached a group of individuals I had never met before, a task that is more daunting to me than anyone will ever come to understand. The man opposite me at the top of the circle commanded their attention, which he immediately threw at me upon my appearance. "Who are you?" he asked. I kind of smiled and stared at him for a split second before I registered the phrase as a question. "Oh," I mustered, "I'm Katie, the new senior writer." In about thirty seconds flat, Michael Hillman had debriefed me on my new position, leaving me bewildered, but determined to succeed.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Katie Powell, and as I mentioned, I am the new senior writer for the Four Years at the Mount column. I am thrilled to have been given this opportunity, and I cannot wait to share my world with you all. I am a health science major at the Mount, and my focus is in occupational therapy with a minor in psychology. After my final year, I plan to attend graduate school to complete my degree and then enter the workforce. During my time at the Mount I have held many positions around campus. I am a Mount Presidential Ambassador, which allows me to share my love for the Mount with prospective students through campus tours.

I am also an Ambassador for Leadership. As part of the new Veritas curriculum at the Mount, every senior must complete an e-folio page and make a presentation to a committee of faculty and students about their time at the Mount. My job as an Ambassador is to sit in on these presentations and give students advice during the process of preparing their e-folios and presentations.

In addition to these positions, I have been a member of the women's swim team at the Mount throughout the last three years, and I am excited to finish out my career as a senior this year. I am a distance swimmer, meaning my events range from 200 to 1,650 meters. Training at the Division 1 level requires a 20-hour weekly time commitment, but swimming has been such a huge part of my life that I cannot imagine not competing.

Through swimming, I have had the opportunity to be involved in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), which exists on the national level in all NCAA schools. This past year, it was my responsibility to come up with community service initiatives for the student athletes at the Mount, and then help plan and execute them. I also helped advertise for other events that SAAC was hosting. These events include fundraisers, clothing drives, informative or inspirational talks, and entertainment.

A final thing to know about me is that I am a homebody at heart. My family is the most important to me,

and my roots run deep in South Jersey, and I defend my home state to the death, as any good Jersey-ite should. My parents are both teachers, and my dad taught AP US History II for many years. We have always flown a flag in front of our yard, and we've received many a mini history lesson on D-Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day and — you guessed it — Flag Day. Every year we'd watch the documentaries on the History Channel or get our lecture on what it means, and my sister Kelsey and I would look at each other and roll our eyes.

This year, Flag Day has taken on a greater significance to my family and me than it ever has. My younger sister contracted with the Army in January, halfway through her freshman year at Widener University. After graduation, she will be an officer in the United States Army.

Flag Day is meant to be a day to commemorate the adoption of the United States flag we see today. Flag Day to me has always been a reminder of the sacrifice that our ancestors have made in order for us to have that flag and the freedom it represents. From now on, it will be a reminder of the sacrifice that my own sister is making to defend our flag and our nation.

Kelsey's current status is as a contracted Army ROTC cadet at Widener, which is the host school for the dauntless battalion. Upon graduation, she will commission as a 2LT in the United States Army. She will be an officer, meaning she will be leading enlisted women and men.

Because of the military's personal significance to my family now, I decided to discuss with Kelsey how Flag Day is viewed and treated by the military. Her immediate response: "In the military, every day is Flag Day," she snickered.

She admitted that she was unsure about any actual Flag Day events, but explained further that the military avoids specialized behaviors on specific days, so they honor the flag every day. For example, there is a ceremony at sunset every single day to lower the colors properly, which is done in militant style, ending with the folding of the flag into its traditional triangle shape, all with uniformed cadets saluting. Kelsey claimed that if a cadet is in uniform, they always salute the flag as they pass by.

Before getting involved in Air Force Junior ROTC in high school, Kelsey's feelings toward Flag Day were probably no different from any other 14 year-old. She did the class



Flag educate

When displaying the flag, the following is correct.

Display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open.

When a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the U.S. Flag above all other flags.

When flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left. Flags of other nations are flown at same height. State and local flags are traditionally flown lower.

When used during a marching ceremony or parade with other flags, the U.S. Flag will be to the observer's left.

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

When flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flag-staffs in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field of stars); to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out.

When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union (blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.

When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way — with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

activities, colored in the flag pictures, probably listened to the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" poem every year of elementary school, but never felt a personal connection to the flag. She recognized it as being important, but didn't understand why a flag needed its own day. Five years later, many of her thoughts about the flag have changed. Joining the ROTC program changed her perspective entirely.

"Since joining and contracting, I felt a wave of obligation and commitment over me to protect and honor the flag," she explained. One of Kelsey's greatest adventures will be this coming June when she attends a cadet training camp, during which she will get to experience Flag Day with the military, while training to better protect the American flag.

Kelsey credits her military science classes with giving her newfound appreciation for the flag. "Our flag is the symbol of our freedom, the freedom I plan on defending as an Army officer," she

stated. Her military science classes provide her with not only the knowledge she needs to become an officer, but also the importance of the army values, respect, and loyalty. These values are instilled into each and every officer and enlisted soldier, and they give Flag Day special meaning. These individuals have signed their lives away to protect this nation, and they are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Kelsey clarified, "To so many, the flag is a symbol that fills them with pride, as it reminds them of what

they are fighting for, what they are truly defending."

The flag was born from rebellion, in a time where American soldiers were renegades. This nation was built upon the backs of battle-broken men and shell-shocked soldiers returning from the warfront, with nothing but a burning desire to change the status quo fueling their conquests. Soldiers feel a duty to protect the flag's stars and stripes and keep them forever flying freely.

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THE GRADUATE

Has being an adult made me boring?

Nicole Jones
MSM Class of 2014

Right now I'm sitting at my desk. I have already written one article for a newsletter, and I paused momentarily for a five-minute coleslaw break, so I didn't starve to death. It's a Tuesday, and right now I should be in class, but I am fortunate enough to have snagged an uncommon Virginia snow day. As I listen to the plows scraping outside of my window, clearing away perfectly good snowman material, I am here, flipping through a seemingly endless to-do list of graduate school assignments: projects, readings, meetings, paperwork, and lesson plans. A pile of tax paperwork and FAFSA information sits next to me. Books literally encircle me as I run out of safe places to step. Is this what being an adult feels like? Staying holed up inside an apartment day in and out, paying bills, doing homework, running errands, and hopefully finding enough time to eat and sleep in between it all? Well, I refuse to accept it. There is responsibility and then there is lifelessness, and I refuse to have the excitement of life completely drained away by adulthood obligations.

In no particular order, here are some ways I'm choosing to live a vivacious life. There's no secret to them, and they may even be cliché, but they help keep me energized and loving life, even in the smallest of ways.

1. Volunteer.

I've written about this several times before, but what can I say, I love volunteering! You learn new skills and meet amazing people. Last month you heard all about my adventure walking dogs at the SPCA; I am a big advocate for a regular volunteer stint such as that. However, sometimes it's nice to mix things up with a completely different venue. For example, two weekends ago I volunteered at a ski resort called Wintergreen. They hosted a Wounded Warriors Weekend, where service

members who had been disabled due to an injury or illness received in the line of duty brought their families for an all-expenses paid weekend of modified skiing and snowboarding with specialized instructors. My job was smaller, but just as important—babysitting the little ones so that their parents could tackle the snowy slopes. I heard amazing stories from veterans and acting service members alike. I even met a warzone journalist turned White House correspondent. She was 70 years old, had Parkinson's disease, had recently had hip surgery, and was there to ski! Where else can you meet someone as tough as her?

2. Take time for myself.

For me, sometimes I just need to read a book that has nothing to do with my degree in speech-language pathology, even when I should be reading my textbooks. It doesn't have to be much, just a chapter or two so that I'm not interfering with homework, but it's still enough to make me feel sane again. I've also taken up teaching myself a little piano. It's slow going, especially since I have such limited time, but I feel so accomplished when I finish "When the Saints Go Marching In" without missing a note.

3. Connect with others.

This one is trickier than you might think for a grad student. Hanging out just isn't the top of my priority list, but staying in touch with my family and friends is. I make time almost every day to call one person for at least a half hour, though it usually ends up being much, much longer. FaceTiming is fun too when it's been a particularly long time since I've seen someone's happy face. Penpalling is also a wonderful option for those anti-phone call friends. However, all the modern conveniences of communication can't replace human contact, so about once a month I visit someone or they visit me for a weekend. Sure, sometimes it's a bit of a drive, but what's a little gas com-

pared to making new memories with the people you love?

4. Go to church.

I'm lucky enough to live within walking distance of my church. They offer services three times a day almost every day, so whenever I can squeeze it into my ever-changing schedule, I'm there. I probably don't have to tell you how rejuvenating a good service is or how calming just sitting in a chapel and praying can be. As important as it is to maintain your relationships with your friends and take care of your body and mind, so it is equally important to maintain your relationship with God and take care of your soul.

5. Walk more.

I am no runner. I am no weight lifter. I don't swim laps. I don't play sports. That doesn't excuse me from taking care of my body. I found the simplest thing I can do to stay healthy is walk more. I walk to class, walk to church, walk to the laundromat, walk to my landlord's office—if it's within walking distance and it isn't hailing outside, I walk there. Unfortunately, being a student means being glued to a desk and textbooks. I wasn't even fully aware of it until a friend recommended I buy a FitBit bracelet, which tracks your walking and sleeping habits. All of a sudden, I found myself taking extra walks during the 20 minute break between class and my next meeting instead of sitting in the waiting room. In addition to that, it made me aware of how poorly I was sleeping. I invested in a sound machine and have been sleeping like a baby ever since, which makes me more refreshed and ready for the day.

6. Share the load.

I'm one of those people who doesn't say "no" that often. Call me a people pleaser, but I like to help when I can. Sometimes that means I overextend myself, which inevitably makes me frazzled. Other times, I say "no" too much...to sharing the job. 'Tis the season for group projects, and for several of them I have created a particular vision that I delude myself into thinking only I can create, and

admittedly, I usually become a bit of a project hog. I'm trying hard not to this time. I find that if I explain my idea and delegate the work load, the project is usually done just as well and faster than if I had done it alone. I guess learning to let go of the reins every now and then is still hard for this cowgirl.

7. Cut out the bad.

Life is too short to be around negative influences. For some people that could mean a particular genre of movies, books, or music that puts them in a foul mood. For me, it means negative people. I hate to admit it, but there is a "Negative Nancy" in my program, and I'm lucky enough that she likes me...which means every day I hear about how the world is out to get her. This is not only annoying, but also emotionally draining to me. There are only so many times I can show her the silver lining and be shot down before I just want to say, "Fine. Live under your cloud of misery, but stop trying to drag me under it too." If I were a more direct person, perhaps I would, but I usually just find a discreet way to walk away or at least include someone else in the conversation as a buffer.

8. Say yes more.

I know I just said I haven't been saying "no" enough, but sometimes life needs some "yes" thrown in. Like, yes, I would like to go that Imagine Dragons concert in a few months. Or, yes, we should arrange a weekend at the beach with some friends. Or, yes, when the weather warms up we should go camping. Yes is the bread and butter of my adventures! I'm not the most spontaneous person, but give me advanced enough notice (and let me do some of the planning), and we'll be on our way to new sights before you know it! Just don't forget the camera.

9. Wear what I want.

Admittedly, this one may only apply to me. I get weird when I look in my closet every morning. I'll pull out five different outfits that work and concoct an excuse to not wear any of them. Well, I'm saving that one for Thursday's client, and that one would be

perfect for work on Friday, and those are good for days I don't have to be in the clinic, and this one is nice for my meeting on Monday. What? I mean, I understand saving a nice suit for interviews or buying a specific dress for a special occasion, but only a crazy person delegates every outfit for a particular day of the week. I'm shooting down perfectly good options and limiting myself...with CLOTHES! Shouldn't I be spending that decision making power somewhere else in my life where it will be more productive? Like, perhaps, which therapy techniques to use for my client's next session. You know, things that actually matter. Now, when I catch myself going through the crazy clothes lady routine, I just stop and put on the very first outfit I had laid my hands on before insanity set in. I'm out the door quicker, and guess what? I still look just as put together as I would have had I spent 20 minutes picking out four more outfits to choose from.

10. Try something new.

Now this one kind of permeates throughout my other nine life simplifying and energizing methods. I don't have the time to try new outlandish things every weekend, like go skydiving or bungee jumping. I can and do, however, take a new walking path occasionally, volunteer at new venues, cook new recipes, mix and match new outfits (especially when I missed laundry day and the options are getting slim), and other little details that are part of my daily routine but can use a little zesting up.

You've probably noticed that these are all pretty small ways to freshen up life, but let's be honest, we all have our own busy schedules we need to stick to, and complete spontaneity simply isn't realistic. Maybe you found something new (or old) here that you can integrate (or reintegrate) into your routine. Maybe you were just mildly amused by my rambling article. Whichever you walk away with, I hope life is a little more enjoyable because of it. On that note, I think I've spent enough time sitting and staring at this computer screen. I'm off to build a snowman. What will you do for fun today?

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Six-sided stars

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Her name was Elizabeth Griscom when I knew her. She was born multiple years after me into Philadelphia at the start of a new year. Philadelphia in 1752 was a city that seemed to be evolving in new ways nearly every day. New buildings such as Independence Hall and the Christ Church were created and gas lighting started to illuminate the city. Newspapers first began being produced, postage routes were established, and the first hospital in the city was developed. Elizabeth was the daughter of Rebecca James and Samuel Griscom. Samuel was a well-known carpenter in the area who had a reputation of doing decent housework, and Rebecca was always busy taking care of the family. Elizabeth was one of 16 children in the family and they were all raised with Quaker beliefs. I can only imagine how hard it would be to stand out or ever have your voice heard in such a large family, but somehow Elizabeth used it to her advantage, and in her case it seemed to only empower her.

I remember when her father approached me and asked if I would take his daughter in under my wing. Soon enough, Elizabeth started coming into my upholstery shop.

At the time, my operation was small but efficient. I always had a project to complete, one in the process and a new one waiting. I had a few other apprentices already when Elizabeth came in. For the most part, they were all good workers and quick learners. Of course, some always stood out as having natural ability, while others had to work endlessly to master the same tasks. Regardless, they each began by starting on window blinds. These were the easiest to construct since they consist of mainly straight, simple lines. From the beginning, Elizabeth was the slowest among the group. She spent her time making sure that her stitches were all perfect and in the designated position. Because of this, her quality was unmatched, even as a novice, and her work was at mastery level within only a few months. With time, her speed increased and her precision remained precise.

However, I quickly learned that there was more to her than just her keen ability for sewing. Elizabeth was not one for rules, as her parents had previously mentioned. She would much rather do as she pleased. When I would try to show her the best way to create a certain stitch or an easy solution for a needed fix, she would listen politely until I was finished and then she would promptly state the way she imagined it in her mind and what seemed best to her. This frequently occurred and, quite honestly, it frustrated me. There

I was, supposed to be the teacher, and yet my student believed she knew what was best in all situations. It was as if she was always saying, "Thanks for the advice but I can figure it out myself and make it even better." But how could I stay mad at her? The majority of the time – as much as I hate to admit it – she was right.

Beyond her impeccable skills, Elizabeth had a joy that she always seemed to be carrying and sharing with others. Her bright blue eyes drew everyone in and it was not long before she drew the attention of another apprentice of mine, John. The two began sewing side by side on frequent occasion. Elizabeth would share with him helpful tips and as much of her knowledge that he was able to handle. The two began spending more and more time together. I watched their romance blossom throughout the duration of their apprenticeships and after I had taught them all that I could, the two ran off and eloped. This, of course, was dramatic at the time because John was the son of an Episcopal rector. Elizabeth, having been raised under the Quaker faith, was not allowed to marry outside of her religion. After their marriage, Elizabeth was banned from the Quaker church, but this didn't seem to cause her much distress. Before long, John and Elizabeth opened their own upholstery shop on Arch Street. I was glad that they decided to continue on in their instructed occupation and I kept in touch with them on occasion.

It was only within a year or so that the American Revolution truly took off and shook the nation to its roots. It wasn't long before word spread through the town of John Ross' death due to some sort of explosion. This left Elizabeth, best known as Betsy at this time, a widow after only a few short years of marriage. I can only imagine how challenging this could have been for her. Yet, unfortunately, being a widow was a common fate shared by many women at this time.

Betsy did what I would have expected of her and continued on as best as she could. And her best was unparalleled by many. She continued to run the shop that her and John had opened and made her living as both a seamstress and an

upholsterer. Rumor had it that all was well for her for a while.

Then, about half a year after her husband's death, a group of men walked into Betsy's shop. It is said that the men consisted of Betsy's uncle-in-law George Ross, Robert Morris, and General George Washington. The group of men had come to the shop with an unusual request of something that Betsy had never done before.

It is believed that the Grand Union Flag was no longer the image that Washington wanted to present because it suggested that America was still under the rule of Great Britain. He wanted something that would rid these beliefs by creating a new flag as the nation declared its independence. The men asked Betsy to create such a flag, showing her a rough drawing of what they had envisioned. Betsy responded that she did not exactly know how to make a flag but that she would try. Upon hearing this, I laughed, thinking it could not be much harder than window blinds!

And so it is reported that Washington's drawing had a flag consisting of 13 stripes and 13 six-pointed stars laid out in a circle. Betsy looked at the proposed idea and in typical Betsy fashion, politely observed it and then proposed what she believed would be a better design. According to the rumor of the town, Betsy suggested stars that had one less point than Washington originally wanted so that they could be cut from a single piece of cloth. She demonstrated how simply a five-pointed star could be created. It is believed that Washington was taken aback by this suggestion and quickly sat down to redraw the design to better imagine Betsy's vision. The group of men then agreed to hire Betsy and she was instructed to create as many flags as she was capable of. She did her best and soon they were flying across the nation. Within a single year, Congress officially adopted the flag that Betsy had created.

As the years went on, she continued to make flags on top of her upholstery and seamstress work. She got remarried and had a couple of children who followed in her career footsteps. Together they all worked in the shop and



helped to provide for the community and for the soldiers. Many uniforms would have been left unpatched if it weren't for their hard work repairing them.

Even in this day and age there was speculation that a single woman could have done something so important singlehandedly. There are doubters who think that though Betsy may have existed, her claim to fame is completely made up. And though the stories I have heard were coming to me through the grapevine, I am here to tell you that for the woman that I knew, the young lady who worked tirelessly under my watchful eye, anything would have been possible. And for me personally, I couldn't, even for a moment, doubt that anyone other than her could have created the first stars and stripes for our nation.

By the time I grew old, I doubt that I ever crossed Betsy's mind. I was merely a stepping-stone on her path throughout life, old Mr. William Webster, her instructor. I am sure that she could have gone far without my guidance because that was just the type of lady that Betsy always was — a go-getter. Sure, I may have taught her a few useful tricks here and there and given her more definite direction in life, but everything after that she made for herself. I've had people tell me that I should be annoyed that it

was she and not I who played this significant role in history. When they bring this up, I simply laugh and brush off their comments. Of course, some credit would be nice, but it is not needed. And even if I could find any anger, what good would it do me? There isn't a chance that I would have been able to resent Betsy. You see, much like those times when I would give her instruction and she would do as she pleased, Betsy was someone it was difficult to stay mad at because she always completed her projects better than could have been imagined.

I've looked back at the events and thought about what I would have done if I were to be in the same situation that Betsy was and I cannot help but find it humorous. There is no way I could have pushed aside my nerves to forget the pressure of the task at hand. Betsy was always brave and made her opinions heard but I was always more soft-spoken. It seems that if it had been me who the three men approached, requested to make the flag, and asked for judgment on the layout, I would have just accepted whatever was suggested. It seems that if it were up to me, our nation would have had six-sided stars.

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Totem Pole Playhouse season lineup

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Totem Pole Playhouse, Pennsylvania's premiere summer stock theatre located in Caledonia State Park between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, has announced the casting for the theatre's 65th Anniversary summer season. Included in the casts will be the star of a current, long-running CBS television series, a star from one of the classic TV sitcoms of the 1970s and '80s, a Tony Award-winning, internationally-acclaimed baritone, and a veteran stage actor offering his final performance in his one-man show directed by an Oscar Award-winning director. Franklin County Visitors Bureau is the season's sponsor.

Totem Pole's Producing Artistic Director, Rowan Joseph, also announced added benefits to the playhouse's current on-going subscription campaign and a new venue for the theatre's annual presentation of A Christmas Carol, which returned this

past December after a ten-year hiatus.

Starring in the opening play of the season *The Nerd* will be Eric Szmanda from the long-running CBS series, *C.S.I., Crime Scene Investigation*. Szmanda has played the role of lab tech, 'Greg Sanders' since the series premiered in 2000 and is the last remaining original cast member of the show, which currently stars Emmy-Award winner, Ted Danson. *The Nerd* will play May 29 through June 14. The comedy about an unexpected guest who turns out to be a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence, and even less tact set box office records 27 years ago when it first played Totem Pole. David Hemsley Caldwell will direct the production, which is sponsored by F&M Trust.

Internationally acclaimed baritone, Ben Davis, who received a Special Tony Award Honor for his work in Baz Luhrmann's Broadway production of *La Boheme*, will lead a cast of 25 actors in Totem Pole's production of the award-winning Broad-

way musical, *Shenandoah*. Based on the well-known film starring Jimmy Stewart, *Shenandoah* tells the story of a strong-willed Virginia farmer trying to keep his family neutral as the Civil War rages around them. Producing Artistic Director, Rowan Joseph, and choreographer, Christine O'Grady, who staged last season's musical *Godspell* will team-up again. The show will feature a seven-piece orchestra and run from June 19 through July 5 sponsored by Paul D. Orange Family Medicine.

Twenty-five years ago this year, acclaimed stage and television actor, Granville Van Dusen, premiered his one-man play, *The Memoirs of Abraham Lincoln* at Gettysburg College's Kline Theater. The original production was directed by Academy Award-winning film director, Delbert Mann. During the last 25 years, Mr. Van Dusen has performed the play to great critical success across the U.S. and for the PBS network. This third offering in Totem Pole Play-

house's 2015 season will mark Mr. Van Dusen's final performance of the play, coming full circle and ending where it all began. The Lincoln Leadership Institute at Gettysburg is sponsoring the return production which runs from July 10 through July 26.

For the first time on Totem Pole's stage and closing out the four show subscription series will be the long-running Broadway musical, *Grease*. Playing the only adult role in the show, 'Miss Lynch,' will be Joyce DeWitt from the classic 1970's and 80's TV series "Three's Company." The musical features a young, vibrant cast of 19, starring Broadway actors Alex Aguilar and Megan Campanile as 'Danny Zuko' and 'Sandy Dumbrowski' in the roles John Travolta and Olivia Newton John played in the movie version of the musical. Totem Pole's musical director for the season, Darren Server, will handle the musical chores and lead the band for the show. The production runs from July 31 through August 16 and has themes and dialogue which are not appropriate for audience members under the age of 12.

In addition to the four-show regular season, Totem Pole will also offer the world premiere of a special tribute concert, *Lovesick Blues*, featuring the music of country western singing legends Hank Williams, Sr. and Patsy Cline. Totem Pole audience favorite, Robbie Limon, will portray Williams and Denise Patton who worked on last season's Johnny Cash musical, *Ring of Fire*, will return to play Cline. Backed by a six-piece band, the duo will cover dozens

of classic Country Western hits made popular by each singer as well as several songs which had been sung by both artists. The show will run from August 18 thru the 23 and for eight performances only.

Ticket prices range from \$30.00 to \$50.00. M & T Bank serves as the show's sponsor.

"We are very excited by the caliber of talent appearing on our stage this summer," said Totem Pole's Joseph, "These are artists that audiences pay hundreds of dollars a ticket to see in New York and London. Additionally, anyone who subscribes this season will be locked into that price for the next four years, through the 2018 season." The other added benefit of subscribing is you are guaranteed to get a seat to all four shows. We expect even more sellouts this season than last since both of our musicals are running one week less than last year."

Subscription prices which had been substantially lowered last year from the previous year will remain the same for this season. In addition, a FLEX subscription plan will be offered whereby subscribers have the flexibility to choose the performance they wish to attend rather than be locked into a set date for each production.

Those interested in subscribing to the season or purchasing tickets for single shows may do so either on line through Totem Pole's website at www.totempoleplayhouse.org or by calling the playhouse's box office Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm at 717-352-2164, ext 1.

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THE NERD

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June 19th - July 5th

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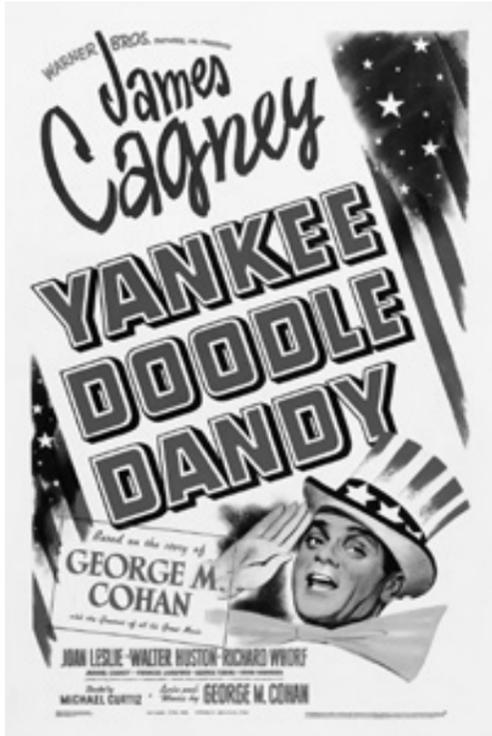
Jack Williams
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Hello! My name is Jack Williams, and I will be taking over Caroline King's role as reporter of the arts section of this great newspaper. At a moment like this, I am reminded of the words of the academic Gordon Gee when he wrote, "The arts, quite simply, nourish the soul. They sustain, comfort, inspire. There is nothing like that exquisite moment when you first discover the beauty of connecting with others in celebration of larger ideals and shared wisdom." I have been gifted with the opportunity to share with you all some of the pieces, artists and local events that are so sustaining and so inspiring. Where to begin!

I'd first like to thank and congratulate Caroline, whose contributions to this paper are known to many in our area. She has been nothing but supportive and kind throughout this transition, which should not come as much of a surprise. I'd also like to thank the other staff of this paper for welcoming me so openly. This is an amazing opportunity, and I am so excited to celebrate larger ideals and shared wisdom. Flag Day is right around the corner! And summer is nipping at its heels. With Flag Day quickly approaching, the summer season right behind it, and the Fourth of July only a couple of weeks separate, I, like many of you, am starting to feel pretty patriotic. Perhaps some of you may remember the 1942 musical film *Yankee Doodle Dandy*? For those of you who have not seen it, it is certainly worth the watch! Before I write more on that, allow me to introduce myself more fully, emphasizing my love of the arts.

I was born and raised in suburban New Jersey in the town of Basking Ridge, the son of a teacher and a sales manager at Verizon Wireless. From a very early age, that being about the age of five, I read voraciously. I found (and still find) incredible power in participating in someone else's story. Not as an actor necessarily, but certainly as an observer. I remember once rushing to my mom when I was around seven, inexorably frustrated that a character I admired was being mistreated by some of the other characters. She was calm, and told me that it was just part of the story. This was pretty tedious initially, but it is an aspect of storytelling I have come to love: in almost all cases, the readers cannot adjust the plot to their bidding. This can be a challenge, a difficult but revitalizing component of novelization that pushes all of us into perceiving the world in a different manner.

I have attended private schools for all of my life. I spent grades K-8 at a relatively small Catholic parochial school called St. James. And though I loved to watch movies, participated in a small stage production and enjoyed my art classes, my strongest preference for the arts came through the medium of books. That remained the case until I enrolled at Seton Hall Preparatory School, a pretty prestigious all-boys school located about 45



minutes from New York City. I loved this school so much because it exposed me to abundant varieties of artistic expression. I took (among other things) courses in Cinema, Renaissance Italian art, and Classical Literature. It was here that I began to fully appreciate the numerous ways that artists can express their messages.

I graduated from Seton Hall Prep and moved to Steubenville, Ohio to study philosophy at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I spent two great years there, studying some of the most influential thinkers in the recorded history of man. Ultimately, though, after great deliberation and through supportive input, I felt compelled to move someplace else, to study at a different institution. After touring Mount St. Mary's University and exploring this beautifully quaint town, I knew right then that this is where I belong. As it stands today, as I write this, I am a prospective junior at the college, majoring in psychology with the goal of becoming a clinical psychologist.

I imagine that many of you who read the arts section have a relatable interest in the arts in general, or perhaps some of you merely peruse this portion of the paper to discover what is happening locally. To all of you, even to those who have little interest in artistic matters, I hope that my

usually at its apparent insensibility. But as you should expect, there is in fact meaning beneath the words! The song's opening number goes, "Yankee Doodle went to town / Riding on a pony / Stuck a feather in his hat / And called it macaroni!" So why would he call it macaroni? With a first guess, one might figure that having a Yankee call it something so clearly unrelated is a mockery of their intelligence. But the answer is much more involved than that! Macaroni refers not to food, but instead to a mid-17th century fashion movement occurring in the upper echelons of British society. As such, the British soldiers (who initially used the song to mock the colonials) insinuated that early Americans believed a feather in their hat merited them as fashionable individuals.

But perhaps my favorite tidbit of information regarding the song *Yankee Doodle Dandy* centers on its use during the Revolutionary War. Historians suggest that the song was being played as the British marched into the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Yet it is around this time that the colonial Yankees started to take considerable pride in its use, and added their own words that taunted the British. Now at the last battle of this war, the Siege of Yorktown, General Charles Cornwallis and his remaining forces surrendered to General Washington

in great shame, playing the song *The World Turned Upside Down* as they processed from their fort. An American band greeted the group by playing *Yankee Doodle Dandy* as onlookers sang its newly American lyrics. Most assuredly, our forefathers had a sardonic, incisive sense of humor.

Almost a century and a half later, the director Michael Curtiz and James Cagney craft the musical film *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, a movie produced during the height of World War II, during a period in which American nationalism and patriotism were prevalent in American artistic expression. If the name Michael Curtiz sounds familiar, it is most likely because he directed the internationally renowned *Casablanca* in that same year. And like *Casablanca*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* is a brilliant example of using lighting and shadows to embellish the look of a film. This is especially evident when George Cohan, played by the wonderful actor James Cagney, visits Washington D.C. on a stormy evening. The selective use of lighting in this scene stresses the uninviting nature of the storm outside, while subtly contrasting with the welcoming ambiance of the White House when Conrad is permitted entrance.

I do not want to spoil any of the plot, because it is quite an enjoyable movie, but I will give a general outline of what the story is about. *Yankee Doodle Dandy* is biographically centered on the life of George Cohan, with whom some of you may be familiar. He is most strongly remembered today for his musical contributions, which include *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *You're a Grand Old Flag*, and *The Yankee Doodle Boy*. During his lifetime, Cohan was involved in the production of more than 36 Broadway musicals as a writer, pro-

ducer, composer, or actor. In the movie, Cohan is read a letter from Washington D.C. by an associate, who informs him that President Roosevelt wishes to meet him at the White House. There, President Roosevelt asks Cohan to play as him in the musical *I'd Rather Be Right*. In conversation, Cohan recalls his upbringing in the industry through the use of flashback. If you cannot watch the film, I would then recommend watching James Cagney's tap-dance down the White House steps as *Yankee Doodle Dandy* plays in the background. It is easily findable on the Internet, as there is a video of it already posted on YouTube. It is pretty impressive, made all the more magnificent by the fact that it was an impromptu decision completed on his first take!

Yankee Doodle Dandy is a classically American film, and it was met with acclaim upon its release. It was nominated for eight Academy Awards, of which it won three, including one for Best Actor for James Cagney. Although it has a great history and is widely loved, it is not characteristically recommended around this time of year. Oftentimes the recommendations pertain to relatively recent movies, like *The Patriot*, *Saving Private Ryan*, or *Independence Day*. And while each of these films is worth watching around this time of year, I believe *Yankee Doodle Dandy* offers us an American tale that need not be centered in action and fast pace. Instead, it shares with us the success story of a man who has achieved the American Dream, and did so with a fervent love for his country. As President Roosevelt tells Cohan in the Oval Office, "You carry your love of country like a flag, right out in the open. It's a great quality!" So as we prepare for Flag Day, let us bear this position in mind. As we continue to live our lives, pursuing happiness in the American Dream, let us display our love for this great country openly, like a flag.

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SPORTS

Catoctin U8 Soccer Club

Michael Donahue

On Saturday, May 16, the Catoctin Youth Association Soccer Club (CYASC) U8 Extreme Soccer club was paired against Middletown Valley Soccer Club (MVSC). The two teams were excited to play and took the field eagerly after the referee made one last equipment check.

Catoctin began the game with the ball. However, they quickly lost possession and MVSC began an attack on the Catoctin goal. MVSC kept possession of the ball for first few minutes of the game. Their ownership of the ball peaked when they missed the ball just wide of the post.

Catoctin quickly countered

and, after a few hiccups in the middle of the pitch, they were able to drive through Middletown's backline. Larrivee was played through the backline and was clean through on goal. However, she had little time since the defense was closing in on her. She shot the ball quickly and with power. The shot was hard, generating a promising chance. However, the shot hit the Middletown keeper directly in the face!

The game continued with neither team able to control possession long enough to move the ball into the offensive half. The game continued this way until a surprising ball was hit up in the air and toward the Catoctin goal. The ball skipped a few yards in front of the CYA



The Catoctin Youth Association Soccer Club (CYASC) and the Middletown Valley Soccer Club (MVSC) went head-to-head in an exciting game on May 16.

keeper, Braden Zentz, and nearly went over his head. Zentz had to jump into the air and just got his fingertips on the ball. However, minutes later, MVSC was back on the ball and generated another chance. This opportunity was not in the favor of CYA, however. Middletown was able to run past the backline of Catoctin and slipped the ball past the keeper, taking the lead 1-0.

After the goal, the two teams

traded a few chances. Logan Resch hit the keeper in the gloves after dribbling past three Middletown defenders and Larrivee generated another chance but could not put the ball past the keeper, yet she was able to engineer a corner for her team. William LeGore delivered the corner and the ball skipped past two Middletown defenders. Logan Resch was on the opposite end of the pass and kicked the

ball past the keeper, tying the game at 1 goal apiece.

Middletown had the last chance of the first half immediately after the CYA score. Middletown took the kick off after the CYA score and ran past the CYA defense. Zentz had to make a spectacular save to keep the game tied at 1-1 heading into the half.

The second half kicked off slowly. Both teams' defenses stiffened and it was nearly impossible for either team to generate any sort of chance for the first few minutes of the half. Catoctin had the first chance of the second half when Brooke Williams dribbled through a few of the MVSC defenders. She set herself and slammed the ball into the keeper.

It was the only chance of the second half until Middletown made their way down into the CYA zone. After a throw in, the Catoctin defense was confused and the Middletown striker was able to chip the keeper and take the lead 2-1. Catoctin tried to attack the Middletown defense but they did not have time left in the game. They were able to generate one last chance when Brooke Williams was able to dribble down the touch line and cut back across the field. However, her shot hit the post and went wide of the net.

Even though Catoctin lost the match, it was a great game and the support of the community was fantastic. There were more fans in attendance for the U8 game than there were players. The fans never stopped cheering and did not stop supporting their team even after it appeared Catoctin would not win the game. Motivation and support from the fans at such a young level is more important than winning and it was spectacular to see the CYA parents in the proper mindset.

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One can probably recall at some point in one's life sitting in the stands of a ballpark. Maybe it's a memory of a hot summer day with echoes of cheers and the smell of delicious hot dogs being sold to fans. For some, their favorite memory of baseball may be the feel of a brand new leather glove or the crack of a bat hitting a hard ball. Whatever this memory may be, it is clear that baseball, known as "America's pastime," has impacted the lives of Americans for centuries.

The history of baseball can be followed back to the 18th century. There are multiple accounts of who founded the game or even if it was created in America. One myth tells that baseball was founded by Abner Doubleday, a Civil War hero. Another idea about how baseball was created stems from a baseball-like game called rounders, which was first played in England. Some people say that baseball's roots lie in the game of rounders. Though, when looking through the history of baseball and all the accounts of how the game came to be, it is almost impossible to pinpoint the exact origin of the game. When considering all of these accounts, it is not surprising to find that baseball took many forms before there were regulatory rules put in place to clarify the game.

At first, baseball was mostly played on sandlots. These games were not played by the little leagues we know today or by the professionals we watch on television. The games of early times were played by grown men on teams from opposing towns. The spectators for the games consisted of children and other townspeople.

This early form of baseball was somewhat different from the game of baseball we know today. The balls were made from different material, the field was much more rugged, and the play was seemingly more violent. In fact, in the old version of the game, players could get the runner out by plugging them. This method of getting someone out involved actually throwing the ball at the player while he was running. If the ball hit the player, they were out. As baseball aged with time, so did the rules. The game became more defined and this restricted the practice of the game, which in turn allowed for a more universal understanding of how to play baseball. Aiding the regulation of baseball rules were leagues. These leagues used regulation as ways to settle disputes in their own organizations. Eventually, as these leagues became more defined by their rules, they also became more popular. Though no direct correlation was found between the rules and popularity of baseball, they seemed to have relatively changed around the same time.

As the Civil War ended, baseball leagues, especially in New York and

New England, started to make their mark on sports. Some leagues had more than 100 teams joining them, signifying that baseball was becoming an exceedingly popular sport. The extent to which the leagues were considered based on level of play ranged from minor hometown leagues to professional leagues consisting of big-time ball clubs. These leagues, though differing greatly in fan base and overall magnitude, still brought many memories to people all over America. This love for the game was shared by many, ranging from big cities to small towns like our very own Emmitsburg. Each person that has ever encountered the game of baseball plays a role in the history of this great sport. One can even argue that small town baseball history like Emmitsburg's possesses as much richness as the nationally recognized teams possess.

In Emmitsburg there was a single-A semi-pro team that disbanded between WW1 and the Korean War. This may have been due to the fact that easy access to cars brought more fans to watch the Major League players in big cities. Though, the disbanding of this team did not compromise Emmitsburg's ties to America's game. An intercollegiate baseball team at Mount St. Mary's University proved to show that Emmitsburg was still on the baseball map.

Currently Mount St. Mary's University fields a NCAA Division I baseball team. The team has a remarkable history in the game of baseball. To start, the Mount has fielded men that eventually went on to play in the major or minor leagues. According to a 2008 article posted on the Mount Athletic website:

"The Mount has had five players play in Major League baseball. Edward Kenna (C' 1898) was the first Mount player to play in the major leagues, playing for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1902. Joe Engel (C' 11) spent seven seasons in the major leagues with the Washington Senators and the Cincinnati Reds while Dan Costello played for the New York Yankees in 1913 and three years with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1914-16). John Chapman played for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1924 while Ed Edelen played for the Washington Senators in 1932."

The article also spoke of Josh Vittek, C'08, who set many school records, one of which being a record of 64 homeruns. Vittek went on to play for a rookie league baseball team called the Kansas City Royals. Two more Mount alumni, Ivor Hodgson and Mike Gioioso, went on to play for other rookie teams.

Other than the successful players the Mount has produced, Mount St. Mary's University baseball also had an appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2008 along with a Northeastern Conference Championship in that same year. The Mount has not seen a conference championship or NCAA tournament appearance since 2008.

The Mount's baseball program



Whenever the Mount baseball team started to get too big for their britches, their coach could always count on the Emmitsburg men's team to put them in their place with a solid whooping.

has suffered some losses while picking up some wins against big name schools in the past few years. With teams like Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University on their schedule, the Mountaineers still battle hard for the victory.

Today, the Mount's baseball games are enjoyed by a diverse group of spectators. The people at the game include students, professors, townspeople, alumni, and maybe even a few scouts. The Mount's baseball stadium is located right behind the ARCC. All one has to do to enjoy and support the Mount's baseball team is take a trip to its beautiful campus. Here, they can still watch baseball history being made.

Emmitsburg baseball history does not just stop at Mount baseball. Emmitsburg has had a little league since 1955. The league started off with humble beginnings as it was built from ground up. The little league, at first, was not part of the national little league because it only competed against teams from opposing, local towns. The league had four teams at first which, according to an article by John Allen Miller, included:

The Giants: Dennis Daly, Bill Wilvell, Butch Myers, Terry Byard, Fred Trent, Bob Louis, Mike Kelly, Ronald Stouter, Gene Lingg, Bob Zimmerman, Sonny Tooper, Gene Miller, Pat Zimmerman, and Tom Plunkett. Coaches: Dick Harner and Carlos Englar.

The Yankees: George Wagaman, James Hewitt, Carlos Englar Jr., Dennis McLauhlin, Allen Beale, Dennis Joy, Ernest Sweeny, Edward Meadows, Terry Fleagle, Clarence Umble, James Houck, Jack Topper, James Wills, Austin Umble. Coaches: Jack Rosensteel and Chick Topper.

The Cards: Robert Beale, Robert Gingell, Wayne Hawks, Kenneth Swomley, David Eversole, Wilbur Topper, James Topper, Don Sweeny, Allen Beale, Don Fisher, Robert Wills, Robert Wagaman, and Joe Beale. Coaches: Leonard Zimmerman and Edward Lingg.

The Red Sox: Mike Roddy, Jack Dillon, Harry Harner, Steve Wil-

hide, Fred Hawk, Bill Zimmerman, Barry Rosensteel, Ed Orndorff, Harry Maddox, Bob Rosensteel, Jack White, Joe Elliott, and Robert Eyler. Coaches: "Tip" Harbaugh and Jim McKeon.

The little league suffered some financial trouble in the 70s but made it through to see a championship in 1985. The little league has remained in Emmitsburg to the present day.

Not only did baseball provide an outlet for many youngsters to play, but it also provided a way for townspeople to gain notable publicity. A century-old article written by William E. Hays remembers a character named Ben Sebold. It notes how Ben was a tough youngster who played with the big boys. He was the center of attention for unknown reasons but people loved to watch him. It is people like Ben that allow us to see how baseball brings much joy and excitement to a community.

This excitement and joy can be seen in the faces of Emmitsburg residents today. With the Mount's base-

ball team and the little league teams, it is not hard to find a smiling face in the stands or on the diamond. People from all over love to watch the Mount play just as much as they love to watch the little guys compete for the win while dreaming of making it to the pros.

Baseball, throughout history, has brought together many people in a community. It serves as a place of entertainment, a way to overcome hardship, and a place for a community to bond as whole. This seems to be the underlying factor throughout all of baseball history: it brings together the people in a community, causing them to socialize, and more importantly, unifying them in a way that creates competition between opposing sides but an overall love between the people at the end of the day. In recognition of Flag Day, I encourage you to reflect on how America's pastime has impacted not only your life, but also the lives of all those surrounding you.

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Lessons from a blind cat

Renee Lehman

The cat pictured with this article is my cat, Charlie. She was almost 17 years old when she had a stroke on Friday, May 8. Her corporeal soul returned to the earth and her ethereal soul returned back into the heavens just before midnight, on May 8th. Since then I have been grieving the loss of her physical presence in my life.

Charlie was always a petite cat, weighing just over six pounds. She was named after her mother, Charleton, who she looked exactly like. When I took her to the vet office, they always thought she looked like a kitten. She did however, suddenly become blind almost two years ago. And, this brings me to the reason why I'm writing about her in this article. I learned so much from her during those two years of her being blind. I wish to share those lessons with you.

1. Learn to trust.

First, and foremost, she trusted me! She trusted me to put food and water in her dishes, to clean her litter box, etc. I had done this for the previous 15 years, why would the last two have been any different. She trusted her whiskers to find the walls, cabinets, furniture that she walked around. She also trusted my voice to direct her around an object or corner. I would say, "Go Left," or "Go Right," and she would, 99% of the time, follow

my commands to avoid hitting her head on an object. Because she was blind, it meant more to me to be trusted by Charlie than by any of my previous pets.

She couldn't see, but she could hear and "feel." Trusting your gut or your intuition is like listening to what you are "feeling inside." When you trust your intuition, you are valuing your inner voice, and therefore, loving yourself!

What if we trusted what is "unseen." That would mean that we had faith. That's the next lesson that I learned from Charlie.

2. Have faith.

The definition of Faith is a firm belief in something for which there is no proof (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Charlie was blind, and couldn't see me. Yet, she had complete faith that I would be there for her. When I left in the morning to go to work, I would tell her that I would be back later in the day. When I walked in the door, she would get up from where she was resting, stretch, gently meow, and walk toward me. There was no frantic movement, or upsetting meowing sounds indicating that she didn't think that I was coming back.

When a vacation was planned, I started telling her the week before the vacation that I would be gone for the week. I also told her my neighbor would be coming in to take care of her, and that I would be



Charlie, 1998 – 2015. When you love something or someone, give them your undivided attention.

returning home. Now, when I did return home, she was usually "mad" at me for a short period of time, and acted aloof and distant. But, she acted this way even before becoming blind. She was just telling me that she didn't like me going away!

The concept of having faith reminds me of the last part of Max Ehrmann's poem *Desiderata*:

...You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding
as it should.
Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life keep
peace with your soul...

Have faith that everything is as it should be, for remember what Master Oogway (from the movie *Kung Fu Panda*) said "There are no accidents."

3. Stay in the present moment.

How many times have you heard this saying? Well, Charlie called me to be present every day. When I was at home, she would meow to me in a way which meant that she wanted me to pick her up and hold her. If I would try to multitask while holding her, she would move and meow in a way indicating that she wanted to be put down. She had had enough of that activity! Notice how I said that I tried to multitask. I learned quickly that it was impossible to multitask while holding her. She wanted my undivided love and attention. When I gave this to her, when I was totally in the present moment, she purred and cuddled in close to me. This helped me to be more aware of the subtle differences in her purring, meowing, her movement, and the way that she would hold herself. I learned more about who she was and what she needed from me.

Being present and in the moment, is a GIFT. It is a gift to you

and a gift to the people that you are with. It demonstrates that you are appreciative for what you have in your life.

4. Anything that you love needs your attention.

Charlie loved to be held up against my chest, and sometime she would stretch out one of her front paws over my right shoulder area. I could feel her heartbeat against my chest. There were times when I would hold her like this for 30 minutes or more. When she wanted more attention, she would raise her front paw, and gently stroke my chin. Then I would take my chin and rub it over the top of her head. She loved this. She loved when I would pet down over her back a little roughly. She would half purr and half meow.

When you love something or someone, give it/them your undivided attention. This shows them that they are worth your attention and respect. You will gain more insight into the relationship, leading to an improvement in the quality of the relationship. Wouldn't it be nice to have more supportive relationships?

5. Move with purpose.

When Charlie became blind, her movements became more purposeful. She walked to the litter box, to her food and water dishes, down the hallway, etc. with intention. To get off the bed, she would walk to the foot of the bed, steadily walk on the four inch wide foot board until she reached the end, then step down onto a stool that I placed at the foot of the bed for her, then down onto the floor. She NEVER fell off the footboard! When I bought a new sofa, she very methodically sniffed every corner and rubbed up against the fabric. Two weeks after the sofa arrived, she suddenly jumped up on it. What a surprise! She knew just where to jump up on it, and how to jump down from it, and land on the floor just right. She moved with self-confidence.

Because Charlie was blind, she could have allowed fear and uncer-

tainty to control her movements. She did not! We need to be physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually prepare when uncertain situations arise. If we have a strong sense of who we are, and are resilient, then we will have the strength to move forward with purpose!

6. Life can be full and enjoyed even with an "issue."

Even when Charlie became blind, she loved playing with her woolen mice toys and loved getting catnip mice to whip around and rub up against. She loved sitting on her cat box in front of the gas fireplace. She would even turn her body, and sit facing the fireplace as to say, "I would like for you to turn the heat on, NOW!" She knew the exact moment that I pulled out an afghan to place over me while sitting on the sofa, because she was on my lap within seconds (from wherever she was in the house). She loved to cuddle up in the afghan. She remembered where the sunshine came into the house, and would follow the sun/warmth around. She loved the warmth of the sun! I believe that she enjoyed her life, even with acquiring blindness.

Don't let an "issue" so consume you that you forget to live your life. As William Shakespeare wrote in *Hamlet*, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." There may be an important spiritual purpose of the "issue." Finally, Lao Tzu is quoted as saying, "Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are. When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you."

Charlie gave me many wonderful gifts. Her spirit and these lessons will remain with me forever. My hope is that by honoring her with this article, you will have received a gift, too.

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The best protection from the sun is a hat or clothing made to repel the sun's rays. Another way to protect yourself is to work, exercise or whatever you are doing in the shade of a canopy or trees but I realize that is not usually possible. Since most of the time spent outside is in the sun there are several products out there to keep our skin protected from the harmful sun rays. Sunscreen should be a part of our everyday routine when getting ready for the day. Some moisturizers contain SPF but if you are going to be out for a while it is a good idea to use a sunscreen along with your regular moisturizer. Men usually don't use a daily moisturizing cream so it is important for them to get in the habit of putting on sunscreen before they start any outside activities or work. Wearing a wide brimmed hat is also a good way to protect your face, ears and back of the neck which many people don't think about those areas. My dermatologist said he sees the most skin problems on the ears, nose and chin because these areas extend out from the face and people don't think to protect them. There is so much information

out there today to help prevent skin problems but sometimes we don't utilize it. There are different SPF strengths and different types of sunscreen and it really pays to do a little research to find the one that is best for you. Having gone through some skin cancer surgery on my face I wish I would have taken all the warnings more seriously over the years. Please use my experience or that of anyone you may know who has had any problems with sun related skin conditions to protect yourself before anything comes up for you. I see so many advertisements on the TV for sunscreens and, of course, theirs is always the best. One thing I question is the sunscreen staying on and at what strength after you have been in the water or after sweating a lot. Another thing we tend to forget is to reapply the sunscreen after a period of time. This time period depends on what we are doing, if we are in the water, sweating from working or exercising hard or if we are in the shade after a time. We get busy and the last thing that comes to mind is to put more sunscreen on. We especially need to remember to reapply sunscreen to the kids. They are outside playing and time passes faster than we realize. Their skin is more delicate than adult skin and usually burns

quicker. There are sunscreens out there for children that claim to have a higher level of protection. Getting a child in the habit of always using sunscreen is the best way to prevent future problems for them. Kids remember things very well and if you can get them in the habit they will tell you to apply their sunscreen before they go out to play or even better, make a game out of it and let them apply their own. They will have fun putting it on and it will be second nature for them to use it before they step outside. I know when I was a child we never heard about sunscreen and growing up I was in the sun a lot, like many of you, without any sun protection. Thanks to research we can protect our children from problems in the future if we train them now. Putting enough sunscreen on is also something many of us have a problem with. Read the label if it tells you how much to use or check with a doctor or dermatologist to use the proper amount. Using any amount is better than nothing but you may as well use enough to give you the best protection you can get. I always want you to exercise and the summer is a great time to be working in the yard or going for a long walk to get a little extra exercise in if you can. Being outside usually makes you feel better and is a great time to be with family and friends, just remember to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays and stay hydrated while getting the most of your exercise time. If you have any questions or suggestions you can contact me at 717-334-6009. Enjoy the summer and remember to KEEP MOVING!



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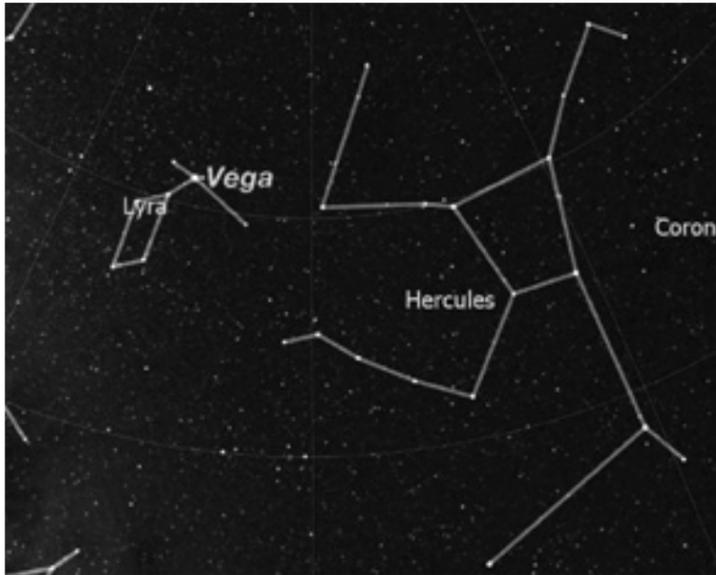
The night sky of June

Professor Wayne Wooten

For June 2015, the Moon will be full, the Honey Moon, on June 2nd, so the first two weeks find the moon waning in the morning sky. On June 1st, the almost full waxing gibbous moon passes about 2 degrees north of Saturn in the SE twilight sky. The last quarter moon is high up in the south at dawn on June 15th. The new moon is on June 16th. The waxing crescent moon makes a striking grouping with brighter Venus and fainter Jupiter in the SW twilight on June 19th (Moon just below Venus) and 20th (moon to lower left of Jupiter). The beginning of summer occurs at 11:38 AM CDT on June 21, the longest day of the year, with about 14 hours of daylight.

The moon is first quarter, high up at sunset, on June 24th. The waxing gibbous moon passes 1.9 degrees north of Saturn on the evening on June 29th; this marks the sidereal month, for the take 27.3 days to orbit the earth and return to the same point in the sky, in this case passing slow moving Saturn again.

As June starts, you will note that Jupiter lies about 20 degrees to the upper left of brilliant Venus in the SW twilight. Venus orbits the Sun in 225 days, while it takes Jupiter 12 years for the trip, so in June, Venus catches up quacking to the second brightest planet. Venus is then 53% sunlit, and



The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega rises in the Northeast 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, located just south of Vega.

about 22" of arc across. By month's end, she has passed greatest eastern elongation (50% sunlit, and 47 degrees east of sun at maximum separation) on June 6th, and then overtakes Jupiter in June 30th. Venus will be a crescent, 34% sunlit, and passing only .3 degrees (less than the moon's .5 degree diameter!) south of Jupiter in one of the most spectacular planetary groupings you can image.

Mercury and Mars both lie too close to the Sun for easy naked eye viewing this month. But in the SE, Saturn, just west of the claws of Scorpius, is a great show all night. Sat-

urn's rings are now open about 22 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.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo (with Mars now to its lower left), 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.

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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! Saturn lies to west of the claws of Scorpius this month, and is about as bright as Antares, but more yellow in color.

Meteor Showers in June

- June 3 - Tau Herculis: Radiant--near Corona Borealis. About a month long, 15 per hour max, most quite faint.
- June 5 - Scorpids: Radiant--near Ophiuchus. 20 per hour with some fireballs.
- June 7 - Arietids: About 30 per hour. Slow moving with some fireballs.
- June 13 - Ophiuchids: Radiant-- near Scorpius. Only 3 per hour but fast moving bolides are common.
- June 16 - June Lyrids: Radiant--near Vega. Another part of May Lyrid meteor stream. 15 per hour, faint blue meteors.
- June 20 - Ophiuchids: Radiant-- near Sagittarius. Rate varies from 8 to 20, with occasionally many more.
- June 30 - June Draconids: Radiant--near handle of Big Dipper. Rate varies from 10 to 100 per hour. .

Farmers' Almanac

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Fair, rather warm (1,2) with STORMS, cooler (3, 4); Fair and mild (5, 6, 7) with more storms (8, 9, 10) turning fair and warmer (11, 12, 13, 14), storms again (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) turning fair and warm again (20, 21, 22); storms return (23, 24, 25) with fair weather and very warm temperatures

Full Moon: June's Full Moon that will occur on Tuesday, June 2nd and has been long-known as Rose Moon and for very good reason. Roses start to show their gorgeous blooms at the beginning of the month! It has also been given the name Strawberry Moon because during June, the first strawberries of the season become ripe for the picking (and eating!).

Special notes: Here comes Summer! The Summer Solstice will occur on Sunday, June 21st, which also happens to be Father's Day! Remember to honor your favorite student this month when he or she graduates from

high school or college. This is a major milestone for them so mark their great achievement with a special event or memorable gift.

Holidays: Celebrate Flag Day on Saturday, June 14th by proudly flying 'Old Glory'. Father's Day falls on Sunday, June 21st so plan a special day for dear old dad. A nice dinner out, tickets to a movie or his favorite sporting event, or just spending some quality time with him will show him he is appreciated for all that he did to help you become who you are.

The garden: Continue to keep the garden adequately watered (that is, if June's forecasted wet weather is not enough!). Expect plants to do well with all of the extra rain in July. Lawns should get 1.5 inches of water a week. If Mother Nature is stingy, water deeply once or twice a week but not daily.

Here's a good tip: spray the underside of your mower with a thin

coating of vegetable oil to prevent grass from sticking. Watch for insects; wash them or pick them off plants before they can lay eggs and multiply. Use fungicide where diseases usually are a problem, especially on roses. Be sure that all tall annuals and perennials are securely staked so that they will remain upright during the afternoon thunderstorms that are so common for this time of year.

Tick-proof your yard this summer. Deer are likely to bring ticks into your space so plant species that deer do not eat like the thorny barberry, bugleweed, forsythia, foxglove, and most needle-leaved conifers. If you have to divide plants, give them a chance to recover from having their roots disturbed by keeping them in the shade for at least a week.

Always remember that when working outside in hot sun for any prolonged period of time, be sure to take salt tablets, drink plenty of water, and take frequent breaks in the shade.

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COMPUTER Q&A

Clean-ups

They're about more than just getting rid of viruses

Aysë Stenabaugh

Usually there's a pop-up that just won't go away, or maybe worse, it won't start at all. You shut the computer down and re-start hoping your problems will fade into cyberspace. No dice, the same annoying ad is telling you your computer is infected won't go away. You try to close it but nothing works. Panic sets in as you search for the number for Jester's Computers for the fix: the clean-up.

The title "clean-up" may be a bit misleading as it's a cocktail of many recommended maintenance practices that can help keep your computer running at peak performance.

Most people finding themselves in a pinch when they seek this service but even if you don't need it because of a virus. A clean-up can actually help identify problems with your computer before they put your device out of commission. Additionally while having your computer serviced you may learn about inexpensive upgrades that can increase your computers productivity.

As users we tend to forget how many programs we have installed and uninstalled on our devices over the years. These programs leave remnants behind and can cause errors and interfere with programs you actually want to use. Almost every program you install assumes your computer can handle everything it wants to do, which may be the case but over time as you continue to install more software your system becomes overloaded.

Your computer that once only had a few programs running at startup is now running programs you don't even use or programs that don't need to load as your computer is starting up, and before you know it you've watched an entire episode on TV while your computer was trying to boot up and load everything.

Updates are always a big one as well. Many users are afraid to update their software because they don't want to "mess something up". While this is sometimes rarely the case, with a bad or corrupt update, many of them provide security benefits and shouldn't be ignored. In addition to making sure your computer is updated with Windows Updates, during the clean-up adobe flash, reader and java are updated to the latest versions.

During the clean-up your hard drive is checked for corruption and can help to identify if the device is beginning to fail. Any driver errors or blue screens can be addressed and hardware failures are evaluated in order to provide the best recommendation. Too often we hear stories of people who spent money on a new computer instead of investing into performing maintenance on their old machine for a fraction of what they

clean-up once a year, sooner if it begins to slow down or experience viruses or malware. Even if you don't need a clean-up on your device you will always be provided with a recommendation that focuses on your individual needs.

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June 6
Gettysburg National Park's D-Day

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June 10
Spring 2015 Walking Party at Gettysburg College/Peace Light - Park. Enjoy a walk leading to and around the historic Peace Light and back. (-3 miles, mostly paved sidewalk/road, some gravel path, some hills) Dogs on leashes are welcome (must be cleaned up after), and 'good doggies' will receive a healthy treat. For more information call 717-337-4137 or visit www.healthyadamscounty.org.

June 12, 13 & 14
The Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club's 37th Annual Gas Engine, Tractor and Truck Show at Gladhill Tractor, located at 5509 Mt. Zion Road, Frederick. Admission is free. Food will be available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Plenty of family friendly activities for all ages including: Wagon Rides, Gas Engine Displays, Tractor Displays, Flea Market, Crafts and more.

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June 13
Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge will hold a festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the Big Slide. Come enjoy good home-cooked food: Soup, Sandwiches, Iced Tea and Ice Cream & Strawberries beginning at 4:00 p.m. Also enjoy games including bingo. Music by "JR Country" from 6 - 9 p.m. Come join us in Christian Fellowship - surely a good time for everyone of all ages.

Gettysburg National Military Park Brass Band Concert - The Wildcat Regimental Band will perform free at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center at the Pennsylvania Memorial at 5:00PM. These Programs are free. For additional Information call 717-334-1124 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov.

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June 28
Taneytown Community Patriotic Concert - Members and friends of the Taneytown community are invited to The Fourth Annual Taneytown Community Patriotic Concert on Sunday afternoon, June 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM at historic Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 W. Bal-

timore Street, Taneytown. The Trinity sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of American patriotic music, including "The Star-Spangled Banner, This Land is Your Land, God Bless the U.S.A., The Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless America," and many more! Please join us as the songs that celebrate our coun-

try and our heritage sound from "C to shining C" as our singers, ringers and instrumentalists inspire us to get in the spirit to celebrate our nation's upcoming birthday! The concert is open to the public and admission is. For further and/or additional information, please call 410-756-6626 or visit www.telct.org.

2 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS!




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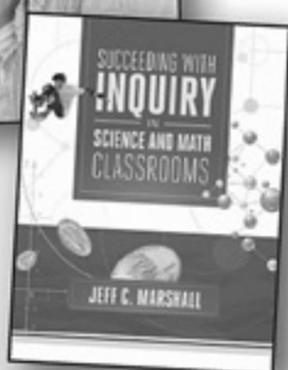
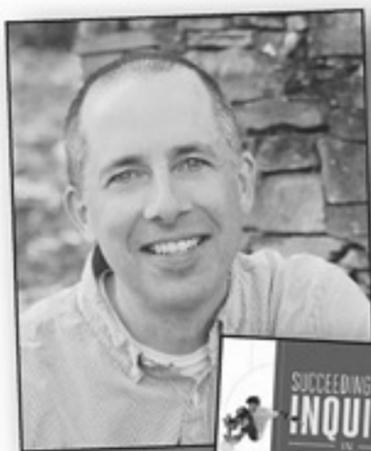
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Educators—join us for a day of professional development, skill building and enrichment. This year's theme is Inquiry for All Classrooms. Jeff Marshall, Ph.D., assistant professor of science education at Clemson University, is this year's keynote speaker. Dr. Marshall's work focuses on increasing student achievement by improving instructional effectiveness particularly related to increasing the quantity and quality of inquiry-based instruction. He has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and is the author of *Succeeding with Inquiry in Science and Math Classrooms*.

Registration deadline: June 16

For more information, and to register, visit www.msmary.edu/MTI

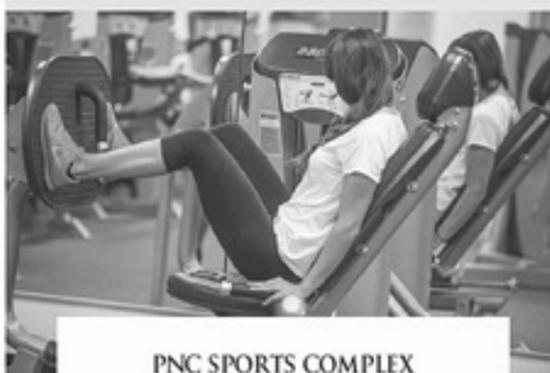
Admission Includes:

- Keynote and all breakout sessions
- A copy of *Succeeding with Inquiry in Science and Math Classrooms*
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