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## New film documents history of Thurmont

The story about how the Town of Thurmont came to be is but a part of the panorama of its heritage and history, the subject of a new film, *Almost Blue Mountain City: The History of Thurmont, MD*. The film, directed by Chris Haugh of the Tourism Council of Frederick County, is set to premiere in late October.

The film covers the entirety of the history of Thurmont and its immediate surroundings, from its founding to the present day, including its people, industry and natural resources. It begins with the area's earliest settlers and spans history to cover what would eventually become the Town of Thurmont.

German immigrants on the western frontier in colonial America, a melting pot of religions, revolutionaries, a legendary iron furnace, mechanics, matches, Mechanicstown, citizens turned soldiers leaving for war and Civil War armies coming back through, the railroad, the Clarion, tourism, a major town name change, electricity, orchards, goldfish, the Spanish Flu, moonshine, oil wells, hobos, recreational camps, "Cozy-ness," snake farms, Shangri-La, noted parklands, global me-

dia coverage, the highway bypass.... all of this history adds up to one thing—Thurmont. Emmy-award winning filmmaker Chris Haugh describes in great detail the recipe for today's Thurmont, comprised of the abovementioned "town ingredients" and more.

*Almost Blue Mountain City* is the most comprehensive history produced on the northern Frederick County town in 46 years, going back to George W. Wireman's book, "Gateway to the Mountains," published in 1968. This is the latest documentary offering from Haugh, who has been chronicling Frederick County history in various ways for nearly 25 years.

Although overjoyed that the production is now finished, Haugh said he was saddened by the loss of many of the older town residents interviewed on film who have passed, and will thus never have the chance to see the finished production. "Of the people I was able to talk to, only one is still living. They were folks who were born in the early 1900s. They lived during the Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, and World War II. It's gold to have captured that on video for future generations.



I'm sorry they don't have a chance to see the documentary, but they passed on one heck of a legacy."

The premiere of *Almost Blue Mountain City* is being planned and directed by the Thurmont Historical Society as a fundraiser. It is set for Sunday, October 26 at Springfield Manor, south of Thurmont. The Manor was chosen for the debut, as it was the one-time estate and home of Col. James Johnson, the first "iron-master" and proprietor of Catocin Furnace.

"It will be a very special and appropriate location for the premiere," says Hough. "Thurmont can thank the Johnson and the Furnace for its original creation as a town center."

"Springfield will present the perfect ambience and venue for us,"

added Donna Voellinger, President of the Thurmont Historical Society. "A limited number of seats for this event will obviously create a more personal and intimate experience for this movie. We hope to garner additional funds to keep up our ongoing efforts of preserving the many artifacts, photographs and research materials that assisted Chris in the making of this film."

Tickets are available from the Thurmont Historical Society for \$50. For more information, call 301-271-0309. The Town of Thurmont will have a later public showing of the film and the Thurmont Branch of Frederick County Public Libraries will be hosting a film discussion with Chris Haugh on Wednesday, November 12.

## Apple festivals draw thousands

Adams County apple harvest events are expected to attract thousands of attendees between the two annual apple events held to celebrate decades of national renowned apple production in the county. About 300 million pounds of apples are grown in Adams County annually, or about 6.2 million bushels, according to Growing Magazine. Over the past number of years, as much as 20,000 acres in Adams County have been planted in tree fruits (of all types).

The county's historic success in the fruit industry is annually celebrated by two heavily-attended festivities: Fairfield's Pippinfest and the Adams County's National Apple Harvest Festival.

Pippinfest serves as a great example of small town celebrations in apple country. This year, as in past years, the event was held the last weekend in September. And as in the past, thousands of individuals flocked to the event from near and far, thronging Main Street and the back alleys. Dozens of vendors offering food, crafts, art, and keepsakes attended this year's event, which also featured

exhibits, demonstrations, and competitions. A nearly perfect weekend, rain-free and in the low 80 degrees Fahrenheit, made for a perfect celebration, weather being one of the key ingredients to a successful event.

The National Apple Harvest Festival, the county apple harvest festival, as the name indicates, is a national event. Event coordinators expect hundreds of arts and crafts dealers, along with arts and crafts demonstrations, contests, food stands, and entertainment. Special attractions include the Apple Auditorium and antique cars, steam engine displays, orchard tours, a petting zoo, craftsman demonstrations, and appearances by the state "Apple Queen." Numerous bands, dancers, and other performers will be featured through the four days of the event.

The annual festival was founded more than 49 years ago by the Adams County Fruitgrowers Association after having successfully run "Apple Blossom Sunday" since the early 1950's. In 1961, the first "Apple Harvest Holiday" was held.

"The festival is run by an army of volunteers from all over our



The National Harvest Festival is a truly exceptional fall outing for kids of all ages. See the article on page 23 for a schedule of events at the festival.

community. All proceeds go back into the Upper Adams community in the form of projects offered by the Upper Adams Jaycees, donations to other organizations, as well as to support charitable activities throughout Pennsylvania and the nation," according to the Event coordinators.

The Adams County Apple Harvest Festival will be held October 5 and October 11 and 12 at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in Arendtsville, ten miles northwest of Gettysburg. For additional information regarding this event, visit the National Apple Harvest Festival web site at [www.appleharvest.com](http://www.appleharvest.com).

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# NEWS

## Construction updates

Town Manager David Haller reported at the Sept. 15 town meeting that the Dollar General subdivision plans were signed by the planning commission in early Sept. after town staff met with the project engineer for a final review of the proposal.

The new Dollar General is to be located at 501-503 East Main St., a site presently occupied by East End Garage, a residential house, and several other buildings. "We had strong feeling that that (the acquisition of the land by Dollar General) would go to settlement and the new owners would take ownership of that property (by the end of September), and at settle-

ment they're going to sign all the other documents, the easement documents the county is a party to, we're a party to, and the owner's a party to," Haller stated.

Regarding improvements at the Town Square, town Planner Susan Cipperly reported, "The Town Square project is awaiting a memorandum of understanding with Maryland State Highway Administration that will address what work they will do (construction plans) and what aspects of the construction they will be able to fund."

Meanwhile, she said, "we will be installing a kiosk with two panels of info

about the town and its history, and a glass, locking one for changing subject matter."

"That was funded partly by Frederick County Tourism grant money, EBPA contribution of \$1,000, and the remainder will be town funds," she noted.

The visible changes to the square and Main Street will be due to participants in the Community Legacy grant program which provided for private property improvements.

"So far, 12 West Main (VFW), and 1-3, 315 E Main, and 122 East Main St. and 800 Frailey Road, have work completed or underway. Next approved batch will be 110 and 216 & 218 East Main, and 320 West Main St." she stated.

## Disorderly properties

A proposed discussion about proposed nuisance ordinance was withdrawn from the agenda that had been proposed for the September 15 meeting of the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners. The agenda item was withdrawn at the open of the meeting by Mayor Donald Briggs.

Briggs stated the reason for withdrawing the agenda item as because, "We need more and more input. We have it out to about five people in the neighborhood in our area to look at it. Some of them are apartment owners."

"We're kind of waiting to get a little more feedback because every little thing has unintended consequences come in there," he said. "The table talk at the Municipal League (the mayor attended) was...the nuisance

ordinance like we've been talking about...I got a lot of information...got some great insight," the mayor stated.

At the board's September 2 meeting, when the mayor proposed the topic for the September 15 meeting, Briggs said, "We've noticed, with the help of the county Sheriff's Department, maybe there is some responsibility on the part of landlords for activities that are happening on their properties."


"It's not driven against students," he said, "but it could cover that." "We've had Mr. Clapp (town Attorney John Clapp) have a look at this. We've checked ordinance is several other jurisdictions. We've had deputies look at this," the mayor said.

"We want to get this thing off the

ground," Briggs said. "We identified a lot of people who are using drugs and doing things in town. That was a very successful program and we're monitoring their activities." The mayor said, "But we have to go a little further where these properties constantly come up where these activities are - could be drugs, could be violence, or it could be alcohol. It's just a step."

"We're doing so many good things downtown. We'd like to energize the landlords down there that it might be cheaper to get a better tenant, if it comes to that point. And they're going to have some responsibility for who they collect rent from to support their investments," he stated.

The town has been struggling with regulating disorderly properties dating back a number of years, and was initially brought before



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the attention of the board of commissions via complaints about parties that involved students occurring at rental residences in-town. A "town hall" meeting was even

held in 2008 at the Sleep Inn to address the nuisance complaints, during which it was stated the problems predated that meeting by "several years."

## Emmitsburg area news briefs...

**Fence restrictions will stand**  
The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners declined at their September 2 meeting to align with a resident seeking to have the town fence ordinance revised to allow for taller fencing. Currently, fences

above four feet in height are not allowed on the fronts of properties along Main Street. Town Manager David Haller stated that regulation was made effective even before he was hired in 1989.

Kimberley Nicolet, Main

Street, asked the board to consider changing the height restriction on Main Street fences from four feet to five feet. Nicolet had constructed a fence on her property which had exceeded the limit, although, Haller stated, she had submitted a plan with the fence given at the proper height. The resident had lost efforts in appeals to permit the oversized fence.

Haller noted fencing along the back yard can be six feet. Commissioner Christopher Staiger

said he would not support fences higher than four feet fronting on Main Street, adding that Nicolet had adequate space in back of her house to fence it in with a taller fence. The board then decided to let the regulations stand as is.

**Upgrade planned for Silo Hill Park**  
Emmitsburg Town staff are planning a more than \$13K upgrade to Solo Hill Youth Park, according to Town Manager David Haller. Haller told the town Board

of Commissioners at their September 15 meeting that staff had signed a \$13,900 purchase order, also on September 15, for upgrading the municipal park adjacent to the Silo Hill development.

Included in the upgrade would be new mulch, playground equipment, grill, and picnic table. Haller said that the purchases would be reimbursed to the town through a grant, he said. Mayor Donald Briggs noted that \$182,000 has been allocated to be spent on parks in the current budget.

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# Fairfield library to relocate if new office is built

The Fairfield Area Library would likely cease to exist if and when Carroll Valley Borough constructs a new, multi-faceted municipal building at the site of the current borough office. Beth Cool, financial administrator with the Adams County Library, told the Carroll Valley Borough Council at their September 9 meeting that the county library's Fairfield branch would likely be shut-down if room for a new library is created as part of a pro-

posed municipal office complex.

Cool said, aside from the walls and door, the county would pay to equip, and provide the necessary employees to operate the potential future library. "We'll bring everything (needed)...the Fairfield Library branch would close."

According to project architect Benedict Dubbs, the current design, still regarded as a work-in-progress, is calling for 1,800 square foot public library (2,072 square foot considering

all library-associated amenities) as part of the "community center" portion of the proposed new borough offices. Dubbs also reviewed the current design at the meeting, which is being considered by the Borough Building Steering Committee.

The building itself as a whole is being proposed at 13,400 square feet (gross), with 2,878 square feet devoted to the municipal government operations. The area designation for police operations would

comprise around 3,327 square feet. The new building would also house community resources, aside from the library, which would account for another 3,700 square feet. The design also calls for outdoor amenities including a stage.

Council President John Van Volkenburgh said, "It's (the proposed building) not just the borough office. It's going to be built for the community in general."

Carroll Valley Borough Mayor, Ronald Harris, has often point-

ed-out the need for a new borough office due to the degraded condition of the existing building, which has been plagued with roof leaks, flooding, wood rot, and diminishing available office and storage space. Harris previously stated, "The building is falling apart." The mayor said previously the project should not trigger and tax increase, and would be paid for by existing money in conjunction with grants.

# Regional trail system "at a stand-still"

The future of a multi-jurisdictional Middle Creek area trail system has basically taken a turn for the worst after proponents have seemingly failed to illicit interest from potential host properties. County Principal Planner Robert Thaeler told the Fairfield Borough Planning Commission at their September 9 meeting that efforts to progress the trail system as part of the Middle Creek Trail Feasibility Study is "at a stand-still" after two of the key proper-

ties involved declined participation.

One of the first objectives of the feasibility study had been to contact "four big property owners" in the Fairfield area to see if they would be open to having trails cross their respective properties.

Thaeler identified the four properties of interest as Camp Eder, the Roth Farm, the Luntz Farm in Hamiltonban Township, and the Polley Farm in Fairfield Borough. Of those, he told the

planning commission, the Roth Farm representative said they were concerned a public trail would not be compatible with existing orchard operations, while Camp Eder board of directors said they were not interested at this time."

Thaeler said attempts to contact representatives of the Luntz Farm remained unsuccessful to date. He said the steering group, spearheaded by Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, would have to decide "what, if anything, to do next

(and) figure out of there is an alternative solution or idea."

The vision of an area trail system, which was the result of earlier, informal discussions among interested parties, began to pick up steam when Strawberry Hill Executive Director Chuck Reid "ended-up partnering with Hamiltonban, Camp Eder, Michaux, county planning, and others" to pursue work on creating a trail complex concept.

As a result, the consortium was

able to obtain a grant from the South Mount Partnership to initiate a Middle Creek Trail Feasibility Study for the proposed trail system. "The partnership has a small amount of grant funds they award on an annual basis," Thaeler said, who described the partnership as "one of seven conservation landscapes initiatives initially funded by DCNR." However, the success of the venture depended significantly on the willingness of local private property owners to allow public right-of-ways on their land as part of the trail system

# Fairfield area news briefs...

## "Empire Homes" site sells for \$1.14 million

According to the Adams County Recorder of Deeds, a 264.49 acre tract spanning Fairfield Borough and Hamiltonban Township has been sold to Daniel Snyder, Stone Ridge Manor, a cattle breeding operation located on Cold Spring Road. The site involved was to have been developed into the ill-fated McGinley's Choice, an unsuccessful, multi-hundred unit development proposed a number of years ago by Empire Homes

Snyder bought the former Empire property for \$1.14 million, the deed having been filed on August 28. Reportedly, the land will be used for grazing livestock. The Stone Ridge Manor website is located at stoneridge-manor.com.

## Township planners "ok" with borough plan

The Hamiltonban Township Planning Commission was open to Fairfield Borough's request to "connect" proposed roads and trails on their respective official maps, a county planner stated at the September 9 meeting of the borough planning board. Adams County Planner, Robert Thaeler, said the official map proposed by the borough was presented to the Hamiltonban planning board to see if they were okay with connecting roads and trails proposed in conjunction with future developments to their township map.

"The township (planning commission) was supportive," Thaeler told the borough Planning Commission. He said the next step would be to present the sugges-

tion to the township Board of Supervisors. "The township (then) could update their (official) map to show the proposed connections."

The proposed official map would establish what the borough would like to see in the way of public resources (such as roads and parks) established at the developers' expense whenever new developments would be proposed.

## Regional plan still awaiting hearing date

On September 10th, Thaeler told the Fairfield Borough Planning Commission that a joint, multi-municipality planning commission public hearing regarding the adoption of a regional comprehensive plan remains to be scheduled.

The final draft of the proposed

Southwest Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan was prepared by the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, and was released for input from the participating municipal planning commissions involved.

Thaeler told the Fairfield commission at their May 12 meeting that Fairfield and Hamiltonban Township have indicated they are on-board to recommend apportion of the regional plan, but that, as of the May meeting, the coun-

ty is still waiting to hear from Carroll Valley Borough and Liberty Township.

Two other area municipalities, Freedom and Highland townships are being "kept in the loop," he said, "even if they continue to hold to the position that they don't want to participate." The regional plan would supersede existing master plans of those municipalities that chose to implement the county version.

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# NEWS

## Thurmont to "Think Pink"

The "Think Pink" event, established to bring awareness to the public regarding issues associated with breast cancer, will be taking place in Thurmont in October.

Events are being held in the county under the auspices of the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund, Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH).

On Wednesday, October 1, businesses and homes will "officially light up the town" with pink lights at 8 p.m., according to *Thurmont* Main Street Manager, *Vicki Grinder*. "Everyone is asked to have their pink lights turned on each night during the month of October from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m."

"The Town of Thurmont offices and buildings will be illuminated with pink floodlights during the month, too," she said.

Pink light bulbs will be available at the town office for \$1. Money

raised through their sale will go toward Thurmont's donation to the Hurwitz Fund at FMH.

Grinder said she became involved in promoting this event in Thurmont in the wake of a similar held in another community.

"Bel Air Main Street started this campaign a few years ago, and has grown significantly and it is a great idea! I spoke with the Bel Air Main Street a few months ago, and they were very helpful in the institution of the event," Grinder stated. "We all know someone this disease has affected and it just seems like the right thing to do."

"I attend Main Street meetings where you have the opportunity to listen to what other towns are doing, and the energy and ideals are contagious," Grinder said. "I presented this idea to the Thurmont Board of Commissioners in Feb-

ruary and Commissioner Hooper came up with the idea to spotlight the town offices pink, and thought it will be symbolic if residents as well as businesses participated."

"Town Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick came up with the idea to sell them (pink light bulbs) at the town office and donate the \$1 to the cause," she said.

Regarding funds to be raised on Thurmont's behalf, she said, "We have no expectations of a certain dollar amount our first year, so we will gauge next year's goal on funds raised this year. This is an event which can grow larger every year."

"The end goal is a community coming together and supporting breast cancer awareness, and what everyone hopes for - a cure," the Main Street manager said. "Thurmont is lighting the way via awareness and donations to the Hurwitz

Breast Cancer Fund of FMH. The logo is representative of that goal: Gateway To A Cure."

The Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital was established in 1999 by Jeff and Patty Hurwitz, after Pat-

ty's diagnosis of breast cancer. For additional information and events, visit the fund web site at pinkribbonfrederick.org.

**See ad on page 46 for participating businesses.**

### Thurmont Lions Club Christmas ornaments

The Thurmont Lions Club is currently selling discs for your custom made Christmas Ornaments for the 5th Annual Thurmont Community Remembrance Tree. The tree will be erected on East Main St. next to PNC Bank; and dedicated during the 5th Annual Christmas in Thurmont Celebration.

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## Thurmont area news briefs...

### Property purchase approved

The Thurmont Board of Commissioners unanimously approved at their September 9 meeting the purchase of a tract of land to expand open space adjacent to the town park. The board approved paying the (unnamed) property owner \$6,000 for a plot of land approximately an eighth of an acre in size located on the south side of Honey Creek off the rear part of the Thurmont Community Park.

Jim Humerick, Thurmont chief ad-

ministrative officer, said the money for purchasing land had been provided to the town in fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$20,000. He said the purchase would "improve our green space, increase our stream buffer a little bit, and (would result in the town being) better stewards of our national resources.

Humerick said a second parcel is also being considered, which is located east of Route 15, and is a "little bigger" in size than the one approved for purchase September 9.

### Downtown lights approved

The Thurmont Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the awarding of a bid to install new street lights on East Main Street. Proposals went out to five different lighting companies, of which four responded, Jim Humerick, Thurmont chief administrative officer, said.

Of those bids received, Humerick stated that Catocin Lighting was the lowest at \$25,100. "They've got a

good history of working us," he told the commissioners.

The project will consist of the installation of 14 antique street lamps and posts with LED lighting with bent arms. The board also indicated that they would be in favor of also installing, at some point, the same lighting on West Main Street and Church Street.

### Covered bridge damaged

A Frederick County covered bridge was reopened to traffic September 9.

The circa-1880s Loy's Station

Covered Bridge, located south of Route 77 on Old Frederick Road in the Thurmont area was damaged earlier on September 9 by a large vehicle which had hit and broken a brace in the roof, and damaged the stone wing wall. The bridge was closed around 5 a.m. and placed back into service around 4 p.m. the same day.

The bridge was burned by an arsonist in 1991 and rebuilt using surviving framing. The bridge was also damaged in October 2013 when struck by an oversized vehicle.



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A very desirable property on West Main St., improved by a 12-room house adjoining the home of Dr. Stone, \$1,500. A small farm, about 8 acres more or less near Four Points. A healthy place to raise chickens, \$800. Large farm, 150 acres, 1 mile south of Emmitsburg, land under good cultivation, growing timber, running water on the place, buildings in good condition. Asking \$5,000, but will take less for a quick buyer.

### Improvements

The buildings at the railroad station are being repainted. Mr. Hospelhorn is having a new metal shingle roof put on his house on East Main St. The awning in front of the old Eichelberger drugstore has been torn down and the interior repainted. Mr. Hamer installed a new counter in his wholesale liquor store on East Main St. The Omnibus of the new Hotel Slagle has been repainted.

## October 9

### Archbishop Seton

The most Rev. Robert Seton, titular Archbishop of Heliopolis, has taken up permanent residence at Mount St. Mary's College. The venerable prelate, who is the grandson of Mother Seton, who founded the Sisters of Charity, has been for many years attached to the papal court at Rome, and has only recently returned to America. He was born in 1839, and was educated at Mount St. Mary's College, with which his family has been in close connection for over a century. Notwithstanding his age, he is full of life and vigor and one of the most courtly gentlemen ever met. He says he expects to remain at Mount St. Mary's until his death and be buried beside his father on the mountainside.

### Accidents

On early Friday morning as he was turning his horses out to pasture, Mahlon Stonesifer was struck by a bicycle ridden by Clarence Snyder. It was in the dark of the early morning and Snyder did not see Stonesifer who is hidden by one of the horses. The collision was purely accidental. Sudden and severe, both men were thrown to the ground. No bones were broken but the shock was sufficient

to practically incapacitate them for work for the rest of the day. The horses, being old plow horses, were unphased by the accident and simply walked off a few paces where they grazed peacefully until the men were attended to.

### Cavalry Troop

The troop of cavalry that pass through Emmitsburg Sunday on its way to Gettysburg to take part in the dedication of the monument to Gen. Wadsworth, made their return trip through Emmitsburg on Wednesday. Many old-timers reminisced about how the large number of horses reminded them of 'good old Emmitsburg of old', before the noise and nuisance of the autocar ruined the peace and tranquility of the town.

## October 16

### World Series

More interest than ever was manifested in this year's World Series by the fans of Emmitsburg. The Chronicle placed a scoreboard in the window that drew a large crowd in front of the building on each of the days. As each inning was played the results were received over the wires and posted. Sympathizers of the Braves and the Athletics cheered as the respective teams had the advantage. The returns came in promptly and the games were scarcely finished before Emmitsburg knew the final scores. Many persons who lived outside of town made use of the telephone to learn of the progress of the contest.

### Public Schools Consolidate

The first step towards the consolidation of public schools in the Emmitsburg district was made this week when the Annandale School about 1 mile west of Emmitsburg was discontinued and the pupils transferred to the Emmitsburg public school.

The attendance at the central school now numbers 100. The parents of the children are invited to come to the school at any time and see how it is being conducted. The teachers are anxious that the scholars not be late for classes, but on the other hand they do not want the children to report to early in the morning. Classes do not commence until nine o'clock and it is not necessary for the children to be there

much more before that time.

### Vaudeville Acts

On Saturday night, at 7:30, the Lesser Comedy Company will present three clean and moral Vaudeville acts and four reels of moving pictures. This is their last appearance in Emmitsburg. Do not miss it. Admission, children, \$.10, adults \$.20.

### Horse Frightened by Autocar

A horse driven by Mr. Eger Dukehart ran away above Toll Gate Hill, when an autocar that was passing the buggy backfired. Mr. Dukehart was thrown to the ground and the buggy was demolished. Mr. Dukehart received bruises and a severe laceration on his right arm. The horse, uninjured, ran in the direction of town, until he tired and stopped to graze. The driver of the autocar, a woman, failed to note the accident and went on her merry way. Mr. Dukehart told the Chronicle that if this is any indication of what women drivers will be like; roads will be unsafe for everyone.

## October 23

### Fire at Rocky Ridge

On Monday night the general merchandise store of E. C. Wood at Rocky Ridge was destroyed by fire. The building in which the store was conducted was a two-story frame building, erected some years ago. The lower floor was used for store purposes and the second as a poolroom. Everything being dry and combustible, the fire quickly ate up the building and its contents, which were valued at \$2,500, partially covered by insurance.

### Literary Society Organizes

The Literary Society of the Emmitsburg Public School organized on Friday. It was decided at the first meeting that the members of the society should pay five cents monthly dues. The following meeting will be devoted to the lives and works of some well-known poets. The patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend these meetings, which are held the last Friday of every month.

### Boozers Debate Women Drivers

The Emmitsburg chapter of the Former Former Boozers Association have announced that they are excepting new



It would be hard to argue that life in Emmitsburg during the days of horse-drawn carriages was much quieter and moved at a more relaxed pace. It was slow enough for James Ledie Gloninger to snap this photo of the Former Former Boozers' float in the September 1914 Booster's Parade.

members. The Association's dues for new members is one round for all current members every month. For this week's meeting the Association will debate: "Resolved, women don't have the mental facilities to drive an autocar." Arguing in favor of the motion are Eger Dukehart, Dr. John Glass, and Professor Bushman. The Association was unable to find anyone stupid enough to argue against the motion. All self-respecting men who know a women's rightful place are cordially invited to attend the meetings, which are held nightly at the Hotel Slagle's bar.

## October 30

### The Old Gentleman of the Mountain

Prof. Ernest Lagarde, who died Sunday, was so long associated with the Mount that it seemed to most of the living students of the college that he was a link between the present and venerable past with its hollowed traditions of extraordinary devotion enthusiasm and self-sacrifice. The actual relationship as a member of the faculty dates back to 1869, and during the long intervening period, he impressed his charming personality so ineffaceably on the minds of the students and took such an active part in the very life of the college that he became identified with it in a more permanent way than any other man.

His qualities are too well-known both within and without the circles of the Mount to require special mention. He was first of all an educator, and inspirer, a friend of young men, a fine type of Christian, and it is from this encouragement and example thus given to the

boys with whom he came into contact that is memory will be gratefully and lovingly cherished by thousands of Mount graduates. By his death Mount St. Mary's loses a man who for nearly a half-century looked upon all its interest as those of his own child.

### Free Educational Motion Pictures

The first of a series of educational entertainments to be given at St. Euphemia's hall will take place tonight at 8 o'clock. The subject for the opening performance include: "The Life of Ants, The Ant King," and "Coming of Columbus," a three-part historical feature, pertaining incidents in the discovery of the New World. Altogether there will be five full reels of fine moving pictures. The hall is well adapted for showing pictures and is spacious and well equipped. It will be remembered that no admission will be charged for the shows.

### Improving Mill Property

Mr. George Gingell, who recently purchased the Star Flowering Mill from Mr. George Bell, near Zora, has begun extensive improvements on the property. The walls of the dam have been raised and reinforced with concrete. Mr. Gingell has ordered new machinery of the latest improvement for further perfecting the flowering process. The community commends the proprietor of this well-known mill for his progressiveness. The plant will begin operation under new management and with new equipment around November 15.

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## FROM THE DESK OF . . .

## Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

It is October. The leaves will start to change into brilliant colors – a last “hoorah” before they fall. The farmers in the area will finish harvesting their crops. The birds will migrate south. National Fire Prevention week is observed from October 5th to October 11th. This week is observed to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that started on the Sunday evening of October 8th. For more information on what you should do during the week to protect your family go to [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) website. We honor Columbus’ arrival in America on Oct 12, 1492 and celebrate this event on Monday, October 13th. And then, on October 31st children and adults will dress up in “strange looking” costumes to celebrate Halloween by going

around the community proclaiming “Trick or Treat”.

Congratulations to Austin T. Stroup, one of our local young men, who was selected by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes. “Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities,” stated NSHSS President James W. Lewis. “We aim to help students like Austin build on

their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community.” Austin is also an Eagle Scout. Speaking about Eagle Scouts, another young man joins their ranks.

A job well done goes to Eagle Scout Anthony Venzin who was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Saturday, September 20. Anthony has been a member of the Fairfield Troop 76 since 2008. Within the troop he has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide. He is also a member of The Order of the Arrow, which is a distinctive honor to represent. Anthony served his community in many ways over the years by helping neighbors clean up and recover af-

ter major flooding and severe weather events in Fairfield and Carroll Valley. He planned with Father Michael Messaro, coordinated and led the construction of a 911 Peace Memorial Garden at St. Mary’s.

This memorial is a 24’ by 24’ square with pavers, timers on each side, includes three flags, one from Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York. There are two benches where guests can reflect and pray. There is also a White Oak sapling that was given to Anthony to plant near this memorial. This sapling came from the first White Oak that was planted at the memorial in New York City. The memorial is dedicated to all the first responders. It is also a reminder that we will never forget what happened on that horrific day. Mr. Bob Reilly (Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Scott Perry), Former MD Senator Frank Shore and

Mr. Ronaldo Vega, A.I.A. (Director of Design and Construction for the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, New York City) and I were in attendance to celebrate Anthony’s achievement. Pictures taken are displayed on [ronspictures.net](http://ronspictures.net).

Borough meetings to be held in October are: Planning Commission (Oct 6th), Finance Committee (Oct 13th), Borough Council (Oct 14th), Borough Council Finance Workshop (Oct 21st), Parks/Recreation (Oct 22nd), a Sewer & Water Authority meeting (Oct 27th) and the Borough Council Finance Workshop (Oct 28th) if needed.

Please reduce your speed to make sure you, your loved ones, your friends and your neighbors will be safe. If you have any questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email at [MayorRonHarris@comcast.net](mailto:MayorRonHarris@comcast.net).

## State Representative Dan Moul

Over the past several weeks, I have received numerous emails from well-meaning school teachers who are concerned about the broken public pension systems and perceived cuts to the state’s education budget.

While I believe their concerns are sincere, it is also apparent that

the information they are receiving from the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) – the statewide teachers’ union – is both incomplete and blatantly false.

One thing made abundantly clear by three independent actuaries, however, is that unless we take action soon to reform the public

pension systems, they will surely fail. In fact, they say, if we remain on the present course, our pension systems will go bankrupt within seven years. It is difficult for some people to believe this will happen, but one needs only to look at Detroit to know that it can – and did – happen.

Consider the following facts.

Pennsylvania’s two public pension systems – the State Employees’ Retirement System (SERS) and the Public School Employees’ Retirement System (PSERS) – are presently facing an unfunded liability of about \$50 billion in pension obligations, and that debt is growing by more than \$11 million every single day!

In order to preserve SERS and PSERS, and to ensure that our teachers and state employees are not adversely impacted, we must take action now to reform the systems. Every day that passes puts these employees and the taxpayers who fund the systems at risk, and makes finding a workable solution ever more challenging.

The reforms presently under consideration, would establish a hybrid plan combining elements of the current defined benefit system with a 401(k)-style, defined

contribution plan. Referred to as the Tobash plan for Rep. Mike Tobash, the Schuylkill County Republican who drafted the legislation, the proposed changes would only impact new hires. The plan would NOT affect current or retired members of SERS or PSERS.

If we do nothing, as the PSEA suggests, it would virtually guarantee that members of SERS and PSERS – both active and retired – would face negative consequences. I encourage anyone to take a close look at the numbers. I am confident you will come to the same conclusion.

I believe there is still time to work out a sensible solution without having to raise taxes as some have suggested. The average blue collar worker in Adams County makes less than \$30,000 per year, and most have little or no retirement plan. They are, for the most part, living paycheck to paycheck.

In contrast, the starting salary in every school district in Adams County for someone fresh out of college is 50 percent more than what these people make and the teachers start their careers with great benefits that include a very generous retirement plan.

There is little that can be done with regard to changing the present systems for current employees and retirees – nor do I believe

that would be fair. However, we can make changes going forward. In the meantime, I refuse to ask the average worker for more money out of their paycheck to prop up the present system.

Another issue being falsely promoted by the teachers’ union is the assertion that the Corbett administration cut \$1 billion out of the state education budget. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Corbett administration has increased state funding for education in each of the past four years – shattering records in the last two. Today, 36 percent of our state budget goes toward funding K-12, and rises to 41 percent when you add higher education costs.

In the last two years of the Rendell administration, state education funding for K-12 was slashed and federal stimulus money was used to make up the difference. This was not the intent of the stimulus, and it only served to inflate school budgets and make matters worse.

It is not right to blame the current administration for cuts that did not occur and for inflated school budgets that are forcing some districts to impose higher property taxes. It is time to restore commonsense to education spending, and pensions are a good place to start.

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## County Commissioner Marty Qually

We all know the expression, "Comparing apples to apples". In Adams County that expression always falls flat to me. During September in our County you can expect to find the following uniquely tasty Apples at our local markets and no two are the same. To give you a small taste of our large selection of local apples, this month you may find Summer Mac, Summer Rambo, Jonomac, Fulford Gala, Blondee, Crimson Gala, Brookfield Gala, Buckeye Gala, Ultima Gala, Marshall McIntosh, Honeycrisp, Daybreak Fuji, Crimsoncrisp, Crimson Gold, Royal Court, Cortland, Autumn Crisp, Golden Delicious, and Freedom, just to name a few. That does not include the 32 varieties that won't be ripe until October. So buy a few and compare them for yourself.

Another expression we use is when we call someone, a "peach", which means that they are beautiful, excellent, or sweet. But which kind of peach? While the peach season is winding down you may still find, Glohaven, Coralstar, Veteran, Bounty, Suncrest, Sweet Breeze,

Sweet Dream, Glowingstar, Cresthaven, Messina, Redskin, Jerseyqueen, Summerfest, encore, Victoria, and five varieties that don't have real names yet, just scientific numbers.

I love how the variety names give you a glimpse of how the fruit tastes, looks, or gives you a feeling of the Season, in which it was harvested. Names like Red Delicious, Honey Crisp, or Summerfest. I once spoke with a peach grower about how they come up with the names. He told me a story about how every day in the Summer he would bring home test fruit from the nursery. Every season the nursery would create new varieties and grow a few trees to see if they liked them prior to committing to full production. Eventually the neighborhood kids would know to come around and get samples. At this point in a new varieties life it doesn't have a name, just a laboratory number (for example PF-15 or PF 9-007). So the kids were dancing around asking for the delicious peaches that he had last year, and the lab name

just didn't sound right. Well watching the kids dance around, gave him the idea to call them Tangos and the name stuck. I bring up these names and the naming process to highlight how intimate our connection is with our farming community.

Too often we think that the "good old days" of local produce are gone and that the best we can do is the occasional local food section of our grocery markets. Truth is, it's easier than you think to reconnect to the way things used to be. Or better yet to connect with the way things still are.

Take Hollabaugh Brothers fruit stand in Biglerville as an example. In the beginning of their orchard they simply had a one room fruit stand on the side of the road. Most of their sales came from buyers driving through our County buying truckloads of fruit to ship to the cities. The sales from the fruit stand were nice, but not the driver of their business. The fruit stand turned into a small market. They started carrying other items from other or-

chards and farms, as well as more traditional country gift shop items. When I was a child, the coolest thing was their bee hive display. You could see the bees coming in through pipes on the outside of the wall right into their hive. Drive by there now and you will see a much larger Farmer's Market that is comparable to some small town grocery stores. There is still space dedicate to educating children about the importance of bees in pollinating the trees.

Or take Boyer's Nursery outside of Ardenstville, home of my earliest and most lasting apple cider memories. The apple varieties and bins may have changed, but the free cider is still sitting in the same spot and the scents as you walk in the door haven't changed a bit. The Boyer's however have also now branched out to include a full scale home and garden center Nursery operation. They started it as a way to supplement the income from the Nursery, but slowly it has become a real driver of their profits.

The world changes, but some traditions are worth watching as they prog-

ress through the years. Some of the apple and peach varieties we enjoyed as children have been replaced with new ones. The roadside stands have become roadside markets. The fruit nursery has become a home and garden center. But the smell of Fall still drives us into the mountains to get fresh apples and that short drive to visit the nursery is worth it. The time it takes to pull over to a roadside stand and buy a dozen ears of corn is worth it. We live in a beautiful and bountiful place. Take the time to visit a farmer's roadside stand or one of our larger markets to learn from the growers the details of what they are providing. And don't just buy peaches and apples, it's just as easy to buy eggs, milk, cheese, corn, zucchini, squash, eggplant, tomatoes, peas, lima beans (my wife's favorite), lettuce, fresh pork and beef, pastries, locally roasted coffee, local honey, and the list just keeps on going and the article has to stop somewhere.

So remember, "You are what you eat", and in Adams County we are blessed with so many farmer's markets that there is no reason not to stop and taste the wonders of Adams County.

## State Senator Rich Alloway

The fall session is upon us, and with only two months until the November elections, there is little time to waste. I won't mince words – there is a huge issue facing taxpayers across the Commonwealth, and it needs to be addressed now: pension reform.

Passing a comprehensive pension reform package is an absolute necessity. Our two state pension systems are in great distress. I have advocated for this since taking office in 2009. We are currently faced with an unfunded liability topping \$50 billion, in our two state-wide pension plans. We cannot keep kicking the can down the road. This needs resolved, and it needed to be resolved yesterday.

As many of you are well aware, the Public School Employee Retirement System and the State Employee Retirement System are in great trouble. Pennsylvania's two pension systems' debt has almost reached \$50 billion with that number expected to climb to around \$65 billion if nothing happens in the next five years.

The legislature in Harrisburg is tasked with finding both short and long-term solutions. These solutions must not only deal with this massive financial burden that we currently face, but at the same time make the tough decision and do everything in our power to prevent the Commonwealth from finding itself in this position in the future. Based on the General Assembly's failure to address the spiraling costs of these public employee pensions, one of the three major credit rating agencies downgraded Pennsylvania's overall credit rating last month.

This downgrade had the potential to cost the state millions of dollars in increased borrowing costs, adding another layer of financial hardship to future budgets. Because pension spikes are projected to devour the lion's share of all new state spending over the next decade, simply ignoring this problem is not an option. When lawmakers return to Harrisburg this month, pension reform must be our top priority. It is my hope that

both the Senate and House of Representatives will approve legislation to address this issue before the conclusion of the legislative session.

I supported passage of legislation in June that would exempt elected officials (including myself) from the current defined-benefit system, but this measure should only be a first step toward comprehensive reform. It is my hope that changing the pension benefit plan afforded to legislators will not only set an example, but also create an environment to enact broader pension reforms throughout the Commonwealth. Pension reform begins with us.

I know that taking from those who have saved isn't the right thing to do. However, there are changes that need to be made to ensure we don't find ourselves in this predicament in the future and one plan that I'm giving great consideration requires a transition from a defined-benefit plan, to a defined-contribution plan, for all new hires.

We, as legislators, have the great responsibility to honor our promises and be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. The proposed change to a 401k style plan accomplishes this by not touching the retirement dollars previously earned, but also releasing the taxpayers from the responsibility of recouping the potential financial loss due to an unstable market.


Not unlike many problems we face in Harrisburg, this one is complex. It is clear that in order to fix the mess that has been created, we need to make major changes to the retirement system for public employees, and I think those changes should start with myself and my colleagues in the legislature.

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## FROM THE DESK OF . . .

## Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

By the time this paper reaches your hands, the election for Mayor will have been decided. My overriding goal is still firmly intact, always to the future to assure that Emmitsburg stays the best place to live and grows from there. To that point, where did we get to in the first term?

Youth: 1) for the first time a local Boy Scout troop used town land for camping, expanded gym use; 3) for the second year "Team Emmitsburg" youth group has picked up sidewalk trash downtown.

Financially: 1) worked within the town budget every year; 2) lowered the town electricity bill 13% with replacement of street light bulbs with LED lights. Because of the timeliness of our installation we received a \$53,000+ rebate to complement a State grant of \$25,000+/-, the project was close to or entirely paid for by other sources and not from town funds. We installed 1

mW \$2.2 million solar panel array system that was financed by investors. The array was "plugged in" last March. Besides realizing savings the town now uses renewable energy for nearly 100% of its electricity needs. In terms of what the state has requested to be at 15% less reliant on grid electricity by 2020 we are there or near six years ahead of time. In total during the last two years we have received over \$110,000 in grants and rebates for energy conservation accomplishments; 3) We refinanced a loan that had cost the town over \$85,000 needlessly with sensible line of credit financing; 4) For the first time the town began annually to set aside fixed amounts for road repairs and equipment/vehicle replacements; 5) The town negotiated the extension of the lease of the town office space from the County for additional 15 years for the same rate of \$1 a year. Yes, \$1. The expiration date of the lease is now 2044.

Square rejuvenation - something from nothing to creating a plan and raising the money was the task: 1) Development of a professionally designed concept plan with strong resident input was accomplished and approved by town commissioners. Received approval from the State Highway Administration for a significant financing package. Now SHA is working on the design and an outline for their funding of the project - \$600,000 - \$800,000; 2) We applied for and were awarded State recognition as a Sustainable Community. With the award the town became eligible for Community Legacy grant funds for downtown properties for exterior property restoration and/or repair work. To date we have received two grants totaling \$100,000 and have applied for an additional grant of \$150,000. The grants are used on a 50-50 basis with downtown property owners. To date fourteen properties are in various stag-

es of participating in the program ranging from applying to completion. With \$200,000 of work in the pipeline the goal is to have a total of \$500,000 completed during my two terms. Worked with the broker and developer to bring General Dollar to town, hopefully they will start construction this fall.

Town connectivity: Opened Brookfield Drive onto Irishtown Road, completed and/or added new sidewalk connections from Northgate to the town, along West Lincoln Avenue and completed sidewalk into Community Park.

For the second term I hope to: 1) Be ambitious, but continue to work within approved budget; 2) See more youth and community involvement; 2) Complete State Sustainable Community Certification which picks up our streetlight replacement and renewable energy achievements and takes the effort further for more assistance possibilities; 3) Complete the Square revitalization project; 4) Install the \$2.3 million phase II solar array project that is necessary to offset some of the expenses relat-

ed to operating the new \$15.5 million wastewater treatment plant scheduled for completion in early to midsummer 2015; 5) More sidewalk connections in Community Park, along east Lincoln and along East and West Main Street; 6) Next summer the East Main Street bridge replacement project is scheduled to start. This will bring with it traffic inconvenience. We will all have to be patient and accepting.

Finally, connecting the town and the Mount with a path trail way. Not only as a tribute to the historic pathway of Mother Seton, but also because a safe connection for walkers, joggers, and bicyclers is long overdue. The town, the Mount, the County and State have already met on this project. There is 80% federal funding available and the County has already earmarked funds for its share. Nothing that has been done or will be done is possible without an industrious staff and residents who are willing to get involved. Humbly looking forward to serving you again.

## Scott Rolle, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge (R)

The process for selecting Circuit Court Judges in Maryland is both a complex and highly political process. Making the right decision is vital, as the Circuit Court handles the most complex cases in the judicial system. Criminal and civil jury trials are handled by the court, along with divorce and custody cases, juvenile matters, violations of probation, and appeals from administrative proceedings such as motor vehicle administration hearings.

Selecting judges for the court starts with a group of individuals known as the Judicial Nominating Commission. The Commission is made up of 13 members, 9 of which are chosen by the Governor, and 4 are chosen by

the local Bar Association. The Governor selects whomever he wants for the commission, and in Frederick County, most, but not all, of the members are attorneys. The Governor would naturally appoint like-minded people to the Commission, and these people naturally select individuals who will be favorable to the Governor's positions.

Attorneys who are interested in a judgeship fill out a lengthy questionnaire, and then appear in front of the commission for interviews. The only qualifications necessary to apply are that the candidate be a member of good standing in the bar Association for 5 years and that they have lived in the county that has the vacancy. Prior trial experience, or time in the court-

room is not necessary to make application. The commission then selects the names of the individuals they will send to the Governor. The Governor then interviews those candidates and he makes his choice. The selected individual is then appointed to the bench to fill the empty slot until the next general election at which time, the citizens of the county now get to weigh in and vote on whom they feel is the best candidate.

The last 8 years under Governor Martin O'Malley has seen a blatantly partisan selection process. This Governor has selected approximately 98% Democrats to fill judicial vacancies. This contrasts to Governor Bob Ehrlich's selection rate which was about

50% Dems and 50% Republicans. Even Gov. Parris Glendening was not as partisan, with his appointment breakdown being 55% Dems and 45% Republicans. It is hard to argue the case that Republicans need not apply for judgeships in Maryland, at least under a this Democratic Governor.

In fact, the last 3 judicial vacancies in Frederick County have all been filled by democrats, all of whom made significant campaign contributions to Senator Ron Young's campaign.

While experience in the courtroom is not necessary for the Governor to appoint a judge, it should be a heavy factor to weigh in voting for the next Circuit Court judge. Additionally, experience in the areas of law which

dominate the court's docket should be a criteria, as 80% of a Circuit Court judge's docket is either criminal cases or family law and custody cases.

Circuit Court judges are elected to 15 year terms so as you can see the election of our next judge will have an impact on the citizens of this county than even the election of the new County Executive (4 year term), County Council (4 year term) or even a member of Congress (2 year term). The courtroom experience (or lack thereof) in the areas of law that predominate come before a Circuit Court judge can and should weigh heavily in the voter's minds when selecting the best candidate to fill this most-important position.

### Adrian McC. Remsberg for Judge of the Orphans' Court

*I believe in the considerate and objective administration of the Court.*

*My long career in business, social and government service enables me to make the proper decisions.*

**Your vote for "MAC" Remsberg will be a vote for a reasonable & diligent Judge.**

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### Republican Billy Shreve Council at Large

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

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

The Experience Required  
to ensure justice in our community

**SCOTT ★ ROLLE**  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Authority: Candidate; Stacy L. Rolle, Treasurer



## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

# Blaine Young, Candidate for County Executive (R)

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

Working with the County Council I will continue to work to bring more jobs to Frederick County. I am proud to say that since January 2011, the Frederick County unemployment rate has dropped from 6.9% to 5.6% and the number of unemployed has fallen by over 2,000. This was done by cutting or eliminating over 260 taxes and fees, getting spending under control, and eliminating job-killing regulations.

I am very proud of our school system as we rank number one in the state and my two sons currently attend Frederick County Public Schools. Under my leadership the Board of County Commissioners has increased education fund-

ing and I will continue to propose to the Board of Education that we increase pay for starting teachers. Teachers have received two step increases, one time bonuses, cost of living increases and an additional \$125 to offset healthcare costs. As we continue to get our budget under control, from the spending mess I inherited, I will continue to advocate for higher teacher salaries.

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

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

The current school system capacity is at eighty-eight percent. One of the reasons we are significantly under capacity is because this Board made school construction its top priority. We approved a record \$34.5 million in repairs to aging schools. As a result of our commit-

ment to great schools we completed an addition to Oakdale Elementary, built a new North Frederick Elementary, started an addition with 300 new seats to Urbana Middle School, moved up Frederick High School renovation, added an additional elementary school for Urbana and a new school for the west end of the City of Frederick.

Growth planning and budgeting are major differences between myself and Jan Gardner. During her time in office, Jan Gardner mismanaged both the budget and growth. On the budget, she spent and taxed too much and on growth she used a scattershot method. I on the other have governed with the vision of fiscal conservatism and managed growth.

Despite Gardner's anti-developer rhetoric, 2,329 residential building permits (County/Non-City of Frederick) were issued under the Gardner Board (2007-2010). This compares to the 1,751 permits issued under the Young Board (2011-through July 31, 2014). This means that 578 less home were built under my watch to date.

While Gardner did not slow the pace of overall residential development, she

did however go after a select number of individuals and down zone their property. A perfect example is the Ingram property in the Jefferson area. Mr. Ingram had a couple of residential lots he had been paying property taxes on for many years. He planned to sell those lots for his retirement. Jan Gardner, after taking over as the President of the Board of Commissioners, suddenly down-zoned his property, which would have in part robbed him of his retirement. Gardner did not slow the pace of residential growth, she did however wage the full force of the county against a couple of politically unconnected individuals like Mr. Ingram.

When I came into office, I restored the property rights to many of these individuals. We were able to do this while effectively managing growth. Yes, we have approved some developments, which were in the comprehensive plan for years, but at the same time I have rejected others - including most recently a new development in Buckeystown.

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

have a plan moving forward. Our current residents don't have fear their property will suddenly be down zoned or that development planning will be done in a hodgepodge manner. It is known where new developments are going and where they are not per the Comprehensive Plan.

Finally, I will continue my fiscally conservative management of the budget. When I took office our credit rating had been downgraded, we had a huge projected deficit, and funding for core services, like public safety, were being raided to balance the budget. We were able to balance the budget each year while reducing taxes and fees, and Frederick County recently received its highest bond rating in history with two AAA ratings.

The County Executive's most important job is putting together a budget. In carrying out this task I will stay true to my beliefs as a fiscal conservative. By contrast, Jan Gardner is a proven tax-and-spend liberal who repeatedly and consistently raised taxes and fees on families.

To learn more about Blaine Young visit his campaign website at [www.blaineyoung.com](http://www.blaineyoung.com).

# Jan Gardner, Candidate for County Executive (D)

My vision for Frederick County is a community where every child has an opportunity for an exceptional education and a seat inside a school building, where citizens can drive across town without long delays on congested roads, and where every citizen feels a sense of belonging and community. Frederick County can grow while preserving our rural character, our historic and cultural amenities, and our wonderful quality of life. My goal is to ensure Frederick County remains the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

This is my plan for my first 100 days as County Executive.

Managing growth responsibly is fundamental to our future prosperity and to managing our budget. I will propose legislation to the county council to restore a strong, functional Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance to time the pace of residential growth to our ability to provide schools, roads, and public safety. I will put an immediate end to taxpayer giveaways to residential development. The Young Board has approved giving away over \$160 million of future property tax revenue to two residential developers rather than requiring them to pay for and provide the needed infrastructure to support their projects. These dollars should go to education, public safety, road maintenance and other core county services. My priority is to create a vibrant local economy with good-paying jobs rather than creating a bedroom community for the surrounding metropolitan area. I will achieve this goal by creating a regional job center in Frederick, restoring our investment in our business and technology incubator which has proven to create jobs, and by filling the vacant agriculture economic development position.

My vision for Frederick County includes world-class schools. We know that excellent public schools lift our students, our families, our property values, and will secure our long-term

economic prosperity. We have one of the best school systems in the country, but our schools are at risk due to years of funding at the bare minimum required by state law. Minimal funding by the current administration has resulted in overcrowded classrooms and out of date technology. I will work collaboratively with our Board of Education to develop an outcome based plan for the next four years with a focus on keeping highly qualified teachers in our classrooms and providing up-to-date technology and materials of instruction. By eliminating an unneeded position, I will add an education liaison to maintain a strong working partnership with all our education partners. Strong schools equal a strong community.

Our future must include plans to take care of our seniors. I will fight to save Citizens and Montevue to keep our promise to our seniors and to save taxpayers money. The privatization of Citizens and Montevue is costing us more and fewer patients are being served. The current budget pays Aurora Holding \$7.4 million to operate Citizens and Montevue when the county could have operated these facilities for \$2.9 million. The deal the Young administration cut with Aurora is costing taxpayers over \$4.0 million more in the current budget. I will restore the cuts to Meals on Wheels to make sure that no senior goes hungry. I will empower our Commission on Aging and will immediately fill the vacant positions on the commission. I will empower the commission to move forward with next steps and develop recommendations from the Needs Assessment recently completed using federal funds. No action has been taken by the current commissioners.

As I have campaigned for County Executive, I have heard a constant concern about a lack of trust in county government. People believe that decisions are being made outside the public pro-

cess and outside the public interest. People feel their comments do not matter to their elected officials. Within the first 100 days, I will propose the creation of an independent ethics commission as well as restore strong ethics laws that make it clear that county elected officials cannot do business with the county or profit from their positions. I will


add back the penalties for serious ethics violations eliminated by the current administration. Citizens have a right to know what their government is doing and need to trust that their government is working for them not for special interests.


Join me to shape the future of Frederick County. Together, we can ensure a

bright future by managing growth and our budget responsibly, ensuring exceptional schools, and taking care of our seniors. Vote for leadership you can trust. Vote for Jan Gardner.

To learn more about Jan Gardner visit her campaign website at [www.jangardner.com](http://www.jangardner.com).

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FOR County Executive

"Experience, Integrity, Leadership"

- ✓ Reduce overcrowded classrooms
- ✓ Time the pace of development with the ability to provide schools and roads
- ✓ End taxpayer giveaways to subsidize residential development
- ✓ Create good-paying jobs
- ✓ Strong financial management

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Jan Gardner for Frederick County; Sharla Worley, Treasurer

## FROM THE DESK OF . . .

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

As I read a recent editorial by Democrat candidate Mark Long in the FNP, I couldn't help but to wonder why he would respond to my previous article, but not answer any of the questions that I asked? He stated previously that developers writing the terms of their approvals in the County. I simply asked him to give factual details of where this has occurred. He never answered that question, but he did however state that he will work with developers to provide moderately priced dwelling units (MPDU's). If there weren't thousands of foreclosures in the market, that might be worth discussing. The reason the current board of County Commissioners initiated the fee in lieu of payment of \$17,500 per unit, instead of having builders provide MPDU's, was to help clean up the thousands of foreclosures in the market. The last thing we need

right now are more MPDU's to compete with foreclosures.

It appears Mark is following the generic Jan Gardner talking points with no factual data or commitment to back up any of his claims. Speaking of commitment, I wonder if Mark will give his public support to Karl Bickel for Sheriff since Jan Gardner wouldn't do it when asked. The Democrats seem to be avoiding Karl Bickel like an outbreak of Ebola. While Karl Bickel is busy using the Ethan Saylor tragedy for his own political gain, the Sheriff, Chuck Jenkins is busy actually keeping the County residents safe, and he does it while maximizing the use of taxpayer dollars.

Mark speaks of having a priority to strengthen the ethics commission. Let me tell you from experience Mark, be careful with this, you own a home inspection business as you mention in

your article. If someone were to make an ethics inquiry (as they did with me) as to you doing inspections in Frederick County, that just may be (according to Karl Bickel and Jan Gardner a conflict of interest. Would you support an ethics board that meets in illegal/secret meetings with no notice to you or your counsel in order to keep you from earning a living in Frederick County, as Karl Bickel and Jan Gardner did to me? Is that the strengthening of the ethics commission you're looking for Mark? Be careful what you wish for since you've already gone on the record to state that the \$22,500 Council pay is not enough for you, you may have to forfeit your Home Inspection Business and be forced to live off that \$22,500 Council pay. That is of course if you are successful at strengthening the ethics commission, which as of to-

day, complies within all State mandated guidelines.

The last thing I noticed in Mark's Op-Ed was the last few paragraphs where he speaks of Education, where he claims that specifics were given by hundreds of residents at hearings over the last 3 1/2 years. I didn't ask for someone else to do your thinking or speaking for you Mark, I asked that you provide specific details to your remarks, which apparently you can't. You speak of the "minimum" funding for education by the Young board, yet you fail to mention that the Gardner Board filed for (2) waivers of Maintenance of Effort. You fail to mention one FCPS employee that spoke during our budget hearing, and claimed salaries were flat, actually received 33% more income from 2009 - 2013. It sounds to me like you would govern, if elected, with

a mob rule mentality. If enough people come in and scream loud enough, you would change your vote to suit those that make the most noise. As Thomas Sowell recently wrote "There is nothing democratic about mob rule. It means that some people's votes are to be overruled by other people's disruptions, harassments and threats". I vote based on facts and based on what I told everyone I would do if I were elected. We are governed by a representative republic, not a democratic majority (mob rule) government. I don't vote based on who shows up in matching tee shirts and screams the loudest, that is a clear difference between you and I Mark and that is something we can agree upon.

To learn more about Kirby Delauter visit his campaign website at [www.kirbydelauter.com](http://www.kirbydelauter.com).

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

The 2014 Frederick County Fair has come to a close and the Carnival has moved on. The 4H youth have taken their prizes and headed home.

This was the first time I attended the Fair as a candidate for public office. I worked every day in the Republican tent in hopes that you would stop by to chat about the issues that concern you. I was pleased with the wonderful attitude that you had when you stopped by to talk. Our great County has many wonderful people living here. It was a lot of fun meeting and talking with all the people about a variety of issues.

The top issues mentioned that you hoped I would work on were:

1. Better paying jobs not only for you but our sons and daughters and grandchildren so that they could live and work here instead of having to drive down the highway for those jobs. Also I would mention the need to retain the jobs we have as well and you quickly agreed that needed to be done. For new jobs to come to our County we need to market our County to businesses in the surrounding states and other Counties in Maryland.
2. Tax free zones are a big incen-

tive for businesses to come, as well as revenue bonds marketed to local banks to reduce the cost of moving to our County. As a member of the new County Council I will be seeking many avenues to bring new businesses here so you can live, work and play here and attend your children's games in the evening instead of driving home from Washington or Baltimore.

3. You were also very concerned about the high taxes we have here in Maryland, some with tears in their eyes, as they mentioned to me that they were considering

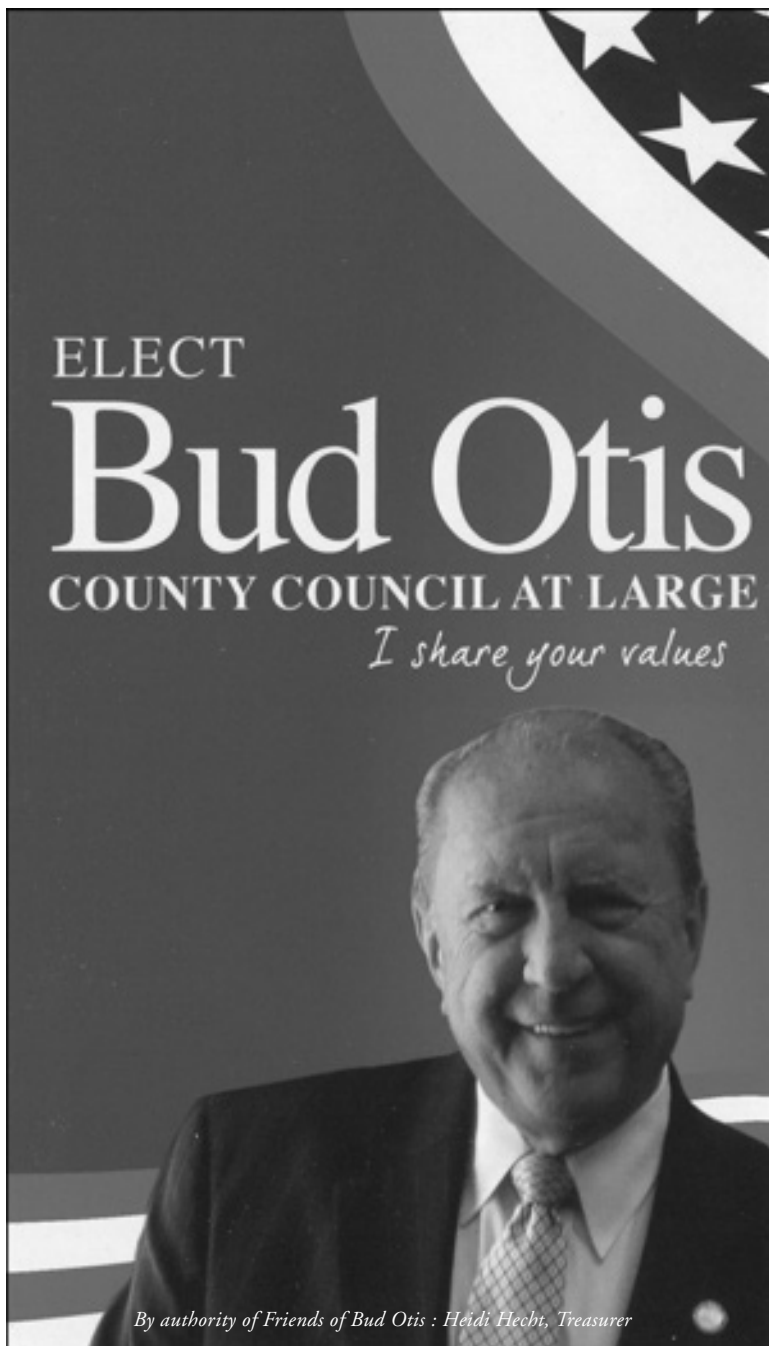
moving out of the state because of the high taxes. Our seniors are also very concerned about the high cost of living here. We must do all we can to make it possible for our Senior citizen to stay in their homes as long as possible. I give my word to the seniors that I will do all I can to lower our tax rates in Frederick County so you will be able to stay in your home.

4. Some of our Small Business owners are also concerned about the high Maryland taxes and the regulations that make it very difficult to even get started. The small business owner makes up eighty

percent of the companies that provide us the jobs needed to pull us out of the recession we are in. I have been the president of a company and signed the front of the checks so I know how to help the small business owner get our economy moving again.

With your help on Election Day I will work every day to serve you so we can make this the best County in the state!

To learn more about Bud Otis visit his campaign website at [www.budotis.com](http://www.budotis.com).



By authority of Friends of Bud Otis: Heidi Hecht, Treasurer

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

The single most important Frederick County election in our lifetime happens on November 4th. Frederick County will elect a new form of Government, a County Executive and County Council. I am running for Council at Large. My team created this new form of Government and I want to be elected to see this through.

Often I am asked what I would like to do my next 4 years in office. I will continue being the person you have seen the last 4 years that reduced or eliminated 265 different taxes and fees and lowered your property tax rate. I will continue to keep my promises and keep the government off your back and out of your wallet.

I will continue to give you principled conservative leadership. When Governor O'Malley taxed rain, I stayed with the letter of the Law and implemented a tax collection process, but charged the property owners of Frederick County \$.01 per property per year. Why should Frederick County citizens pay the \$1.8 billion that O'Malley wants us to pay? We all like clean water but the O'Malley administration still doesn't have the scientific data to prove this is a Frederick County problem. We do have sci-

entific data to show 48% of the pollution in the Chesapeake Bay comes from Pennsylvania yet the Governor wants Frederick residents to pay for the PA problem. I will keep fighting the good fight.

I will continue to ask lots of questions to Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) and the elected Board of Education (BoE). I will ask why is it that I can get free Wi-Fi at McDonald's but not in public schools. I will continue to ask if it is all about the children why is it that every time it rains we have 5 classrooms that are shut down because our school roofs leak, yet FCPS has a staff of full time roofers. I will ask why your elementary school students in portables sit on the floor waiting for 15 minutes, 3 times per day waiting to use the bathroom when I can add more bathrooms to a school for \$40,000 per year. The BoE budget is \$540 Million? That is only 0.00007 of the FCPS budget, or way way way way less than 1% to add more bathrooms and keep your child off the floor. We now have Wi-Fi in all schools and extra bathrooms where we need them. It will be about your child's education, safety, and well-being the next 4 years.

I will continue to ask why our dep-

uties and firefighters are so far behind in their pay scales and why they were never fully funded by previous commissioners. This board paid them what they were promised and what they earned. I will continue to fight for our deputies and fire fighters.

I will continue to advocate and pass laws to allow our senior citizens to age in place and not be taxed out of their homes. I will fight to allow this BoCC's amazingly popular senior tax credit to be extended to disabled veterans.

I will continue to look at every line of every document that passes before me and ask if there is a better way to do this and can we provide better service for less. I like to roll up my sleeves and git' r' dun for the citizens of Frederick County. We are open for business and our future is bright. We are known as the place to open, or do business in the State. Elect me to County Council at Large and I promise to keep it that way. Promises made, promises kept.

I'm not afraid of hard work or critics. Mother Teresa once said "If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway". I'm with Mama T on this one.

## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

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

As a County Council member, representing District Five, one of my top priorities will be working to strengthen the long-term health and well-being of our communities. Two areas I will focus on to do this are public education and senior care.

### Public Education:

Public education is one of the most important ways that local government can ensure strong communities. Quality schools provide the necessary skills for young people to succeed in the workforce, which in turn impacts our families' and county's economic future. Because our schools are central to community life and the economic success of our children and the county as a whole, education should be a top priority of local government.

As a member of the county council I will work to; make sure schools are not overcrowded, provide the adequate funding to keep up with rapidly changing technology, attract and retain quality teachers, and develop a working relationship with the Board of Education, teachers, parents and students that is collaborative and respectful.

Unfortunately, for the last several years Blaine Young and Kirby Delauter have put our education system to the side and shortchanged the future of our children by providing only the bare minimum funding, at the same time approving more and more development that will strain the resources for our schools without proper planning. As a County Councilman, I will work to restore support of our education system and make sure develop-

ment is balanced in a way that doesn't tax our school system.

### Senior Care:

Besides providing the necessary resources for our children to be successful in the future I believe that a strong healthy community also has a moral responsibility to care for the generations that came before us. Many families are able to care for their seniors, but there are also many people who are unable to provide for their own families, their children, as well as their older parents and grandparents who can no longer earn a living or take care of their own financial and housing needs.

For nearly 200 years, our poor senior citizens in Frederick County have benefited from a unique program to

serve them, Montevue Home. This legacy of Montevue demonstrated that Frederick County residents care about our elderly poor and helped make sure that they weren't left without the support they need.

After coming into office in 2010, Kirby Delauter and Blaine Young decided to sell Montevue Home and Citizens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Not only did the Young Board decide to sell Montevue and Citizens, but they agreed to sell Citizens at a substantial loss, after it had just been re-built as a state of the art nursing care facility. And now the county is subsidizing the new private operator, Aurora, at over 4 million dollars per year. This is not only fiscally irresponsible, but it has broken the promise we made to our seniors.

Although the final sale of the property has been held up by legal action of concerned citizens who believe in the mission of Montevue and Citizens, Blaine Young and Kirby Delauter have entered into a long term lease with Aurora. As a Councilman, I will work to overturn this action.

We have a strong, vital community in Frederick County and much to be proud of. As a member of the new County Council, I will work hard for the citizens of Frederick County, both young and old, to ensure that our county continues to be a wonderful place to live, work and raise families for generations to come.

To learn more about Mark Long visit his campaign website at [www.marklong.us](http://www.marklong.us).

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

I'm going to use my invited column space this time to compare myself with another candidate—in a positive way – which I think is what people prefer at this point in the campaign!

My friend and fellow candidate Mark Long and I are a lot alike.

We're both businesspeople at heart.

Mark's spent a large part of his work life in small business, working with his father in construction and running his own home-inspection business. I have a small public relations and writing firm (on hold during the campaign!) so I completely get the work 10 hours a day PLUS weekends that small businesspeople grow used to. (Don't let anyone tell you it's a picnic setting your own hours running your own business—the only hours you get to set are

the ones you sleep, and those are a necessary evil that takes you away from focusing on your business!!

We're both green at heart.

That's how Mark and I first met, sitting next to each other at a green building forum put on by Mark Lancaster of Lancaster Builders to become more connected with that new trend for his homebuilding business. I was there to learn about Mark's company's perspective for a Green-blog I was writing for the Frederick News Post. We continued to run into each other at Green Drinks, a networking event for businesspeople interested in sustainable businesses. We both saw the possibilities for being good stewards of our land and water, and using our businesses to do good.

We're both North County people at heart.

Mark's credentials far surpass mine because he is born and raised in the North County. I arrived in Mountaindale in 1987 and lived there (a short time in Frederick County years) until 2012, when I crossed Gambrill Mountain and moved to Harmony near Myersville. But we both know that the North County has never had its fair share of attention (friends of mine were amazed at how early my girls had to get up to ride the school bus; the fiercely independent towns of Thurmont and Emmitsburg uncomplainingly provided many of their own services such as the Upcounty Family Center and the Senior Center, as examples. I know when I knocked on

doors in Sabillasville four years ago (I haven't gotten there yet this campaign) people told me they had NEVER seen a politician, elected or campaigning, in their neighborhood!)

We both love working with volunteers!

I think Mark and I have some of the most vibrant volunteer teams in the Council races. I see his team working hard to knock doors, wave signs and put on events for him. I have a 15-member volunteer committee that works tirelessly to help me with all the things that need done—and we have such a great time doing it!

We're both serious and thoughtful.

In all my times knocking doors, attending forums and events with Mark, I notice he's a lot like me.

We're not showy, life-of-the-party types; we're the ones who listen carefully, think hard, and are always there when you need someone you can count on. I think that's the type of people we need in our new Council, by the way; people who aren't out to get attention for issues or particular agendas, but just want to do our homework, be fair and listen to the residents of Frederick County.

I hope you'll vote for both of us in the upcoming election on November 4th. We would be a great district-at-large North County team for you!

To learn more about Linda Norris visit her campaign website at [www.lindanorris.com](http://www.lindanorris.com).

# Susan Jessee, Candidate for County Council at Large (D)

Life happens, work experience builds knowledge, and together with education they provide a strong foundation of strength, character, and resilience. As a candidate for Frederick County Council At-Large, I look upon this historic election and reflect upon the things that I have accomplished during my life both professionally and personally which adds value as a council member upon the important decisions that will need to be made.

I value being raised by my parents, Bruce and Odette Reeder who instilled in me the importance of family, commitment, and service, and by caring for them as they aged I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and respect of what the elderly population needs on a daily basis for survival. Instead of cutting budgets to many programs that seniors require we need to acknowledge the fact they are the fastest growing population in Frederick County and treat their needs with the attention, dignity and respect that they deserve.

I value the education I received in Frederick County as a graduate of Gov. Thomas Johnson High School and Hood College. I understand the importance of having top educational systems locally in providing a well-qualified workforce that attracts new

companies and helps existing ones grow with employment opportunities so that graduates and residents can work locally and live out their lives in Frederick County.

I value the abundance of knowledge and experience I have gained while working my entire career locally in science, business, and economic development, for large and small organizations. It has provided me with the ability to see the larger picture which is critical for short and long term strategic planning as well as a great understanding of our business strengths here in Frederick County.

I value being part of the first Frederick County business incubator-Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. (FITCI), from the ground floor and am still involved in the selection process of it occupants. It's very encouraging to see the total economic impact locally in job growth, leased space, annual revenues, direct tax base and multi-million dollar downstream economic impact that includes direct jobs, sales tax, rent and local purchase from other businesses. Even during a period of economic recession and record unemployment, FITCI clients and graduates have succeeded in growing both jobs and annual revenues. They have favorably contributed to the tax base of Fred-

erick County. Every dollar generated by these businesses helps reduce the tax burden of local residents.

I value the pride in being a small business owner in Frederick along with my husband that we opened in 1985. He operates the business on a daily basis and we have a great understanding of what small business owners face on a daily basis, especially during tough economic times.

I value and appreciate the many people that I have met over the years who put their lives on the line every day to help others. Our phenomenal first responders, career and volunteer are something we can be very proud of to have in this county and they perform their duties without hesitation and always in a professional manner. I have been on the receiving end of their services many times and their devotion is unsurpassed.

I value our sense of community that you feel when you are in Frederick County and the beauty of landscape and know it's very important to have a plan in place to make sure development keeps pace with infrastructure. This maintains the quality of life that we all love and no matter where you live in the county your voice as a citizen always deserves to be heard in your community. That's what I have always

loved about Frederick County, that's why I never left Frederick County, and that's why I decided to run for county council. If elected I will bring this value added experience to every decision

that I would make.

To learn more about Susan Jessee visit her campaign website at [www.susanreederjessee.com](http://www.susanreederjessee.com).

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## FROM THE DESK OF . . .

# Dan Rupli, Candidate for State Senate (D)

The election is getting closer, and my opponent, Michael Hough continues to operate as if my campaign doesn't exist. I am very tired of trying to shadow box with a slimy candidate with virtually no resume and no life experience who does not have the courage to debate me on the very important issues that affect the people of this District. He is hiding from me and won't come out of the shadows for a series of serious debates. And he has been fundamentally dishonest in past election campaigns, relying on personal attacks on his opponents, and misrepresentations of their records of accomplishment in order to gain victory at the polls. Will you as a voter let him get away with this scurrilous tactic again? Or will you say to him "That's enough, Hough!"

Freshest in the minds of most Frederick County residents was Hough's dishonest and dishonorable conduct toward our distinguished Republican Minority Leader, David Brinkley

in the recent Republican Primary, which led to his defeat for renomination. That was a tremendous loss of prestige to our County, because Senator Brinkley held an important leadership position in the senate as Senate Minority Leader. Hough learned these rotten tactics from the all time Frederick County "Sultan of Sleeze", Alex Mooney. The issues separating our candidacies are stark.

**My Agenda:**

**Jo Creation** - Establish Alternative Energy Incubator that creates high paying jobs here in Frederick County. (Hough has no such plan)

**Education** - First two years of college or trade school paid for from the state lottery and new casino proceeds. Fully funded pre-K for all Maryland students paid for the same way. (Hough has no such plan and his employer, ALEC wants to privatize public education))

**Controlled Growth** - Stop badly

planned developments and preserve agricultural heritage. (Hough supports uncontrolled growth policies.)

**Taxes** - Three year moratorium on increase in State taxes and fees. Conduct an independent audit of all state agencies to lower costs of State government. (Hough has no such plan.)

In a recent article in the Frederick News-Post Hough lied about his employment with ALEC, which is a collection of millionaires, billionaires, and out of State corporations who wine and dine state legislators in order to promote their client's profits. He doesn't want you to know that if he gets elected he will be working for the fat cats and not for you.

The lines are now drawn in the race for State Senate in District 4. The voters can either vote for a seasoned public servant who will have a place at the decision making table in Annapolis who is willing to work with all legislators of either Party to bring home



Frederick County's fair share of necessary State resources to the people of this County. Or we can replace our distinguished State Senator, David Brinkley with a brash and unprincipled "Fire Breather" who is bought and paid for by the out of state bil-

lionaires and corporations to go to Annapolis and "raise hell" (his words), isolating us from the rest of the State, and bringing nothing home to our District.

Please help me with your vote and your volunteer support.

# State Delegate Kelly Schulz (R)

As I have continued to travel throughout northern Frederick County, I am reminded that voters may not have paid attention to the upcoming election, and thus may not be aware of the importance of the outcome. This year will be a very important year for families, taxpayers and business owners. The State and the County will be going through some major changes - and your voice (and VOTE) is needed.

Another reality that I am faced with is the number of taxpayers that are not registered to vote. Without going into all of the reasons why every eligible person should vote, I will simply offer a convenient way to do so: go to [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) and register online. You have until October 14th to register.

Frederick County now has early voting options if you do not think you can get to the polls on November 4th. Personally, I vote the old fashioned way on Election Day, but I do understand that the convenience has been beneficial for some voters. If you choose to do so, there are three locations in the county. North County has the option to vote at the Thurmont Regional Library located at 76 East Moser Road beginning October 23rd until October 30th. Hours are 10am until 8pm.

So, why is this year so special? Why is it so important to vote? The simple answer is that our County and State will have the opportunity to direct our future in many ways over the next 4 years and you, the taxpayer, needs to be a part of that discussion.

Perhaps it is easier to understand

how important it is to vote in the newly formed County Executive and Council races. Frederick County will be electing the first County Executive in history. Regardless of your Party affiliation, this year will determine the future of our local government for many years. It is extremely important to keep all candidates on task and get answers to those questions that are most important to you and your family.

However, equally as important this year are the State races. Maryland will have the opportunity to elect an entirely new administration, and for the first time in many years, it appears that there is a legitimate chance that someone other than the majority party could take over the State House. Larry Hogan is a business man with ties to Frederick County. He understands

how important our rural way of life is and has vowed to work to eliminate the burdens that have been placed on our region over the past 8 years.

Mr. Hogan realizes that our gas tax dollars need to be spent on local roads and infrastructure! There is a severe lack of understanding from the O'Malley/Brown administration as to why revenues from our local gas tax payers should come back to our community, as opposed to mass transit.

He understands that the state is taxing us out of our community! Between the gas tax increase, Rain Tax, and 40 other tax increases over the past 8 years, it is becoming more and more difficult to continue to live in our State. We need to change the direction. We need to put YOU first. We need to vote for Larry Hogan.

For me, personally, this is also a year of change. If I should be so fortunate to have another 4 years of service, I will

no longer be the first term (freshman) Republican. I will be able to build on my success with important issues that directly affect you and your family - victim's rights, reduced business regulations, agribusiness opportunities. The reputation that I have built is solid and my colleagues from across the state know that my number one priority is my constituency back home. I can literally hit the ground running. . .

There will be a large turnover of legislators this year - about one third. I believe that our district deserves the opportunity to hire someone that knows how to get things done in Annapolis - and has a record to prove it.

Thank you for your support and friendship over the past 4 years. I once again ask for your vote on Election Day.

To learn more about Kelly Schulz visit her official website at [www.delegate-schulz.com](http://www.delegate-schulz.com).

# Gene Stanton, Candidate for House of Delegates (D)

When I declared my candidacy for the House of Delegates in District 4 in January,

some friends told me I probably couldn't win because I was running as a Democrat in a heavily-

Republican district. I told them that I disagreed, because I know that the vast majority of the people of Frederick County care about more than party labels.

I'm not running to fly anybody's partisan flag. People are sick and tired of all of the mindless hyper-partisanship in recent years. What has it gotten us? Nothing, other than broken promises and a dysfunctional government.

Rather than electing people who are only interested in hearing themselves talk, endlessly, let's shake things up a bit and send someone to Annapolis who will address the concerns of our community. Someone who will fight from within to oppose tax increases and fight for tax breaks for small businesses, farmers, and companies that bring jobs to Maryland.

One of my opponents has bare-

ly campaigned and has made no real effort to let people in Frederick County know what he stands for and what he will do if elected. This opponent is counting on two things: the "R" after his name on the ballot, and his name on the same signs as three well-known Republicans. He is banking on hyper-partisanship to carry him into the State House.

I am working very hard to let the citizens of Frederick County know that I will work for them every day, regardless of their party affiliation. I want to earn the support of all voters - Republicans, Democrats, Independents - everybody.


I have always been very proud of the fact that I believe in voting for the person, not the party. I think most people agree. Hyper-partisanship has nothing positive to offer our democracy.

To learn more about Gene Stanton visit his campaign website at [www.stantonfordelagate.org](http://www.stantonfordelagate.org).

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## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

### Karl Bickel, Candidate for Sherriff (D)

There is no room for politics - Tea Party, left wing, or other - in the race for Frederick County Sheriff. There can be no party lines drawn in the fight against the heroin epidemic gripping our county. There is no room for political ideology as we tackle the 23% increase in serious crime that has been visited upon our county. It will take a community-wide effort led in a nonpartisan fashion to turn the tide on these and other problems facing our sheriff's office and the community it serves.

The sheriff must serve all of those who live, work, and visit our county without regard to political party, preference, or philosophy. Our Sheriff's office needs professional leadership that is built on a broad base of experience, relevant education, and train-

ing that demonstrates commitment to keeping abreast of new developments in the field. Unfortunately the election for a Sheriff that will lead us through the most turbulent periods for the sheriff's office, in our lifetime, remains a partisan race.

Throughout my life I have been registered as a republican, unaffiliated, and democrat voter, though like with many, these labels don't adequately describe where I stand on any particular issue. What is important is that I stand for fairness in the application of the law and do not let politics influence my judgment in matters relating to protecting and serving our community.

My experience as a police officer started on the streets of Washington, D.C. when it was labeled the crime

capital of the nation, when murder and bank robbery were daily occurrences, and when a police officer could get a lifetime of experience before their probationary year was over.

Within a week of graduating from the police academy, as a 20-year-old rookie, I was making felony arrests and answering calls for shootings, stabbings, robberies, burglaries and more. I spent two years in the Special Operations Division Tactical Branch, where I was a member of the Civil Disturbance Unit working on barricade teams (the forerunner of SWAT) and tactical patrol teams. But the bulk of my time in D.C. was spent as a detective in criminal investigations solving crimes, apprehending fugitives, working on Presidential details, and more, much more.

Even as second in command of the sheriff's office under a previous sheriff, I got out from behind the desk, responded to calls, and assisted deputies in the field. For the last seventeen years I worked at the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, where I oversaw the development of training and technical assistance programs in such areas as community policing, domestic terrorism, and crisis response.

I retired early from DOJ to run for Sheriff of Frederick County because I could not sit back and continue to read about the direction our sheriff's office was taking - the damage it was doing to our county's image, the impact it would have on business and future development, and the dam-

age it would cause to the quality of life we have all come to love - knowing I had the background and experience to bring about positive change.

I respectfully ask that the voters - republicans, unaffiliated, independent, and democrats - to put political partisanship aside and vote for the best candidate on November 4th . Vote Bickel for sheriff! The serious issues facing our county need a Sheriff with the experience and a plan to take politics out of the office, address the heroin epidemic, 23% increase in crime, deaths and lawsuits, federal civil rights investigation, and the other problems plaguing our sheriff's office.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

To learn more about Karl Bickel visit his campaign website at [www.frederickcountysheriff.com](http://www.frederickcountysheriff.com).

### Sharon Keller, Candidate for Register of Wills (R)

As Frederick County Register of Wills, I am reminded daily of the delicate and sensitive nature of our business. When you dispel all the formalities, laws, rules and the like; you realize that death is the catalyst for all we do. The loss of a loved one is never easy. Adding a complicated legal process to the mix can make it overwhelming. Since taking office, excellent public service has been my number one priority. Service is defined as "the action of helping or doing work for someone". We broach this subject each and every week at our staff meeting: "how can we better serve the people of Frederick County?" The answer lies in our work as efficient, knowledgeable, and compassionate professionals. We remain

mindful that we are dealing with real people and their very real lives.

The Register must be able to apply the law to each and every estate, each with its varying issues and degrees of difficulties. Estates & Trusts law is a remarkably complicated, constantly changing field. Just in the past few years, the threshold value of small estates has increased, funeral & family allowances have doubled, a Slay-ers' Statute and posthumously conceived child statutes were enacted, and changes occurred in Modified Administration, to name a few examples. My staff of six has over 50 collective years of experience specializing in Maryland probate law. We exercise that knowledge while remaining respectful of a family's loss.

The State of Maryland does not require hiring an attorney to probate a will. However, we suggest that estates involving Maryland Estate Tax returns, strained relationships, minor children, large amounts of debt, or other specialized issues may wish to consult with an attorney. Frederick County is fortunate to have many excellent lawyers who have dedicated their careers and practices to Estates & Trusts Law. The Register's office works closely with these professionals. If your family decides to administer an estate without the help of an attorney, we will gladly assist you with completing the necessary forms; however, we are not permitted to answer your legal questions.

I have worked at the Register of

Wills' office for over 11 years and I have personally assisted thousands of Frederick County families in navigating the probate process. For over a decade I worked under the direction of the late Virginia P. Fifer. Those closest to me know that I considered it a privilege to serve under Mrs. Fifer. She was a dedicated public servant, a hard worker, and a wonderful woman and mentor. Looking back I think there was no better training or schooling than the "hands on" education I received during the Fifer years.

The Register's is an active management position that entails certain reporting requirements. The Register must have in-depth knowledge of procedures, policies, protocols, and ethics that are mandatory in perfor-

mance of her duties. I have worked diligently to maintain a flawless reporting record with the Comptroller of Maryland and State Treasurer and continually monitor policies to insure that my office continues to receive crystal clear audits from the Office of Legislative Audits. This record allows the public to gauge our performance.

It has been an honor to serve as your Register of Wills and to complete the unexpired term of Virginia Fifer. Experience counts - people matter, is more than a campaign slogan. It is the very foundation from which I have served since 2003.

I am proud to be the Republican Nominee for Register of Wills in the November election and ask that you place your vote of confidence in me.

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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month which falls on the cusp of Baltimore Raven Ray Rice's indefinite suspension for knocking his fiancée unconscious and dragging her seemingly lifeless body out of an elevator. Rice was first given a two game suspension which sparked public outrage. NFL's Commissioner Roger Goodell acknowledged: "My disciplinary decision led the public to question our sincerity, our commitment, and whether we understand the toll that domestic violence inflicts on so many families." The NFL's new policy on domestic violence includes a six game suspension for a first offender, and a lifetime ban for the second offense. Goodell then retreated into ten days of silence and emerged with... nothing. No definitive plans, no committee, no best practices, and no "set of clear and transparent rules for league and club personnel, owners and players." May I suggest that Goodell take heed from Dr. Phil's stern message to him: "You either put profits and on-field performance ahead of human dignity by hiding bad actions so as not to embarrass the 'brand,' or you are boldly intolerant of this kind of abuse." So what's it going to be Commissioner Goodell? And when?

More than half of the homicides in

Frederick County over the past 8 years were domestically related. Recently, Senator Barbara Mikulski announced funding for the University of Maryland Medical Center's innovative program, the "Bridge Project" which is a first of its kind in the United States. The project provides a 24 hours a day comprehensive assistance plan for domestic violence patients. The nationwide trend is to get men involved in the fight against domestic violence, yet in 2013, the current State's Attorney completely eliminated the domestic violence unit.

Domestic violence is NOT "just a women's issue." It's a family issue, it's a community issue, and it's our issue. Domestic violence is "intimate partner violence involving husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, and same sex couples." In 1998, I co-authored the grant that established the Domestic Violence Unit at the State's Attorney's Office, and as a prosecutor, I served as the chief of that unit for 12 years.

Studies show better victim cooperation; higher prosecution and conviction rates; and increased victim safety when the specialized domestic violence unit is appropriately staffed. Domestic violence prosecutors, advocates, and investigators should receive specialized training and their sole focus should be

on domestic violence cases. Domestic violence victims should NOT be interviewed by untrained college interns as is the current practice.

Domestic violence crimes should not be merely absorbed into other units, such as a family violence unit, that already handles a high volume of victim intensive, complex case-loads involving child abuse, rapes, and sexual assaults. To lump domes-

tic violence into other units simply marginalizes it. By eliminating the specialized domestic violence unit, then dumping the cases into other units, the current State's Attorney has demonstrates he doesn't care about domestic violence, the research, the best practices, and/or the experts' opinions. Domestic violence is clearly NOT his priority.

As your State's Attorney, domestic

violence will be one of my top priorities. I will reestablish the domestic violence unit and staff it with trained prosecutors, advocates and investigators who want to handle these cases. Somebody has to be the voice of the children, families and the community when it comes to domestic violence prevention. Please vote Teresa Bean for State's Attorney on November 4th.

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## FROM THE DESK OF . . .

# James French, Candidate for Orphans' Court

Maryland law is unique among states in naming its probate court Orphans' Court. This court is established and charged under the state constitution with the resolution of conflicts in the settlement of estates. Most estates are settled in an administrative manner by the Register of Wills, a full-time, elective office that is part of the state judiciary. This is especially true if there is no will or if the estate is small or has relatively few claimants.

Controversy can arise in the settlement of estates. By law any interested person may petition the court to resolve any question concerning an estate or its administration. This court is then responsible for any controversy involved in the settlement of an estate. It has full authority to seek factual evidence in the course of making determinations and decisions.

On rare occasions the Orphans' Court will be called upon to appoint a guardian for a minor person, where

he or she is in fact an orphan or not. More often in such cases, the guardian is responsible for the property left to the minor, rather than the person of the minor. This responsibility can also be applied in the case of disabled inheritors.

Under Maryland law, Judges of the Orphans' Court may or may not be lawyers. In Baltimore City, it is a requirement. In Frederick County, these judges may be laymen. Throughout Maryland, about two-thirds of all Or-

phans' Court Judges are laymen. The office elected for four-year terms and is not term-limited.

A person desiring to serve on the Frederick County Orphans' Court should be comfortable with legal language and proceedings and bring an understanding of estate and probate processes to the position. The fundamental skills needed are the ability to listen carefully, reason clearly, and express oneself accurately. My career has equipped me with all of

these skills. I worked for many years with technical committees striving to reach consensus on difficult issues in complex industries. I was successful in guiding them to reach their goals in calm and peaceful ways. More recently my service on the Frederick City Ethics Commission has brought me in touch with conditions in our county along with the sensitivities of our citizens. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my fellow men and women in this honorable way.

# Chad Weddle, Candidate for Register of Wills (D)

In last month's article, I discussed my legal background and qualifications for the Register of Wills. This month, I would like to share with you some of my family and community background. I was raised by my grandparents and was the first in my family to go to college; I attended Frederick Community College and Shepherd College. Next, I attended law school at the University of Maryland and paid for my education through scholarships and personal funds.

Throughout his life, my grandfather was very active in the community, and I have strived to follow his example by volunteering for several organizations and providing affordable legal ser-

vices to low-income residents and Police Officers in Frederick County. Further, I have been an active Maryland certified Volunteer firefighter since I was sixteen years old. In 2013, I received commendations for assisting with a water rescue and was named Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company's "Firefighter of the Year."

Since 1997, I have had the privilege of serving as a Commissioner for the Town of Walkersville. I was re-elected by the citizens seven times and am presently in my eighth term of office. I have also served as Treasurer for Glade United Church of Christ for fifteen years and as Treasurer of the Walkersville High School Alumni Association

for ten years. I serve as the Scholarship Chair for the Alumni Association as well.

I have served as President of Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Company Inc., President of the Walkersville High School Alumni Association Inc., and Consistory President of Glade United Church of Christ. I volunteer at the Frederick Soup Kitchen and with Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

In addition to my professional and civic endeavors, I am a lay ministry school graduate and worked as a licensed minister at Jefferson UCC for over two years. Currently, I serve as pulpit supply for several churches and denominations in Frederick County, such as United Methodist

and Church of the Brethren.

Last month, I briefly reviewed the 2010 changes to the law regarding powers of attorney documents enacted by the Maryland legislature. As a reminder, if you had a power of attorney that was executed prior to 2010, it should be reviewed to make sure it complies with current Maryland law.

This month, I will give a broad overview of the Maryland and Federal Estate Taxes. These are very important taxes to try to avoid since the maximum tax rates can reach forty-percent (40%). An Estate Tax is a tax imposed based on the total value of assets transferred to heirs upon a person's death. For the year 2014, the Federal government re-

quires a filing for estates with a value exceeding \$5.34 million. Maryland's minimum filing requirements are increasing over the next several years and are as follows: 2014 - \$1 million, 2015 - \$1.5 million, 2016 - \$2 million, 2017 - \$3 million, 2018 - \$4 million and in 2019 the filing threshold will match the present Federal level of \$5.34 million. As outlined above, this area of law is somewhat complex and subject to changes enacted through legislature.

If you relied on an attorney to draft your will, you likely also want an experienced attorney to enforce and administer your estate, so please consider Chad W. Weddle, the only attorney candidate for Register of Wills for Frederick County.

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## Lisa Munyan, Candidate for Clerk of Court (D)

Good news everyone! After what has felt like a never-ending election season, we are, at last, in the homestretch. I hope the following will give you food for thought as you consider your choice for the next Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Unlike most positions on the ballot, the clerk's is a completely non-political and non-partisan job. A clerk's party affiliation has no impact whatsoever on the way this administrative job is performed. It matters not if there is a D, or an R, or an I, or an L, after a candidate's name. So, set aside your party affiliation and simply ask, who is the best person for the job?

I am Lisa Munyan, and I am running for Clerk of the Court and I ask

for your vote on November 4th. I have lived and worked in Frederick County for over 22 years. Besides having had a lifetime of experience as a manager and administrator in jobs all over the globe, I have, for the last 12 years, been office manager and senior paralegal in a busy Frederick law firm. I believe in hard work and common sense and that has always stood me in good stead.

I am running because I am frustrated and dissatisfied with the job the current clerk is doing and I have two major areas of concern.

Firstly, Ms. Dalton is not providing the highest level of care or respect for our important documents in the courthouse. This is the clerk's most im-

portant responsibility yet she continues to make it a low priority.

As I wrote last month, just about every other county clerk has taken advantage of the Papervision system which allows files to be scanned and stored digitally, off site. It prevents damage to them from wear and tear, catastrophe and deliberate harm. This system has been available for a decade but Ms. Dalton has failed to implement it in Frederick.

Ms. Dalton further jeopardizes the safety of our documents when she brings in offenders who need to work off community service hours to do filing in the clerk's office. While this may look like benign community outreach, it is highly inappropriate. I do not be-

lieve the good residents of Frederick County wish to have their important and most personal information being handled by people who have no clearance to do so. If elected I can assure you that your personal information and legal documents will only ever be handled by the professional staff within the clerk's office.

Secondly, unless it's election season when appearances are everything, Ms. Dalton is rarely to be found in the office. No clerk of the court, in charge of a staff of thirty five, can possibly do an adequate job whilst working part-time hours. A leader who is not consistently available during business hours cannot address citizens' problems in a timely fashion, keep the office up

to date, or maintain the respect of her staff. As a taxpayer I object to paying over \$100,000 to someone who is not willing to put in a full measure of work on a dependable and consistent basis.

Ms. Dalton has had 16 years to bring the clerk's office into the 21st century and put it on a par with our neighbors but has failed to do so. So, do you want 4 more years of mediocrity or do you want an experienced, hardworking clerk who will breath fresh life into an ailing office, focus on her responsibilities and restore the morale of the staff? On November 4th you will have to decide.

To learn more about Lisa Munyan visit her campaign website at [www.LisaMunyan.com](http://www.LisaMunyan.com).

## Sandy Dalton, Candidate for Clerk of Court (R)

If you have ever needed a marriage or business license, to record a deed, mortgage, take the Notary or Elect-ed Official Oath, been involved with a criminal, civil, child support or juvenile case, jury duty, or genealogy research, then you have just used the services of your Clerk's office!

While individually elected, all courts are now under the Administrative Office of the Courts and Judicial Information Systems. Each document we handle is treated with the utmost respect as it represents an important event in someone's life.

Have you visited MDCOURTS.gov to see all of the info that is in one place? You'll find: Land & Equity Records, Plats, Jury Video, and Case-Search (for tracking civil and criminal cases).

As Clerk, my report card is: 1) Jury system was computerized, the term reduced from one month to one week. Now upgraded to allow a juror to qualify themselves or a one-time postponement via the internet. 2) The Generous Juror program - jurors can choose to donate some or all of their stipend to supplement extra needs for foster children. 3) Implemented electronic transfers of Jury Trail Prayers from District Court to the Circuit Court. 4) Received several "no-findings" Legislative Audits. 5)

Number 1 for yearly review of Case Time Standards for medium sized counties. 6) Marriage & Business Li-

cense programs installed, older marriage records scanned. 7) GEARS (people soft) was implemented for the entire Judiciary's Accounting Program. And, 8) Provide input and often testify for or against Bills in the Legislature that affect the Judiciary.

Here are some stats (approximate) you may find interesting.

In FY-13: New Cases filed in Civil: 1,500, Civil Family: 2,100, Over 500 Domestic Violence Petitions filed, Criminal: approximately 3,000, Business Licenses: 3,300, Marriage Licenses: 1,800, Civil Ceremonies: 500, Land Record Documents recorded: 47,000; Land Record Cashier Collections: 9,829,908.12; Business License Cashier Collections: 430,985.74

Currently I serve as the Chair of the Maryland Jury Commissioners and Clerks, am a member of the Court Automation Committee, Justice Matters editorial board, Criminal Justice Access Committee, Court Executive Committee, & Court Reporters Committee. Previously I served as

President of the Circuit Court Clerks Association, Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks, member of the Access to Justice Commission, Judicial Council, and have served in training and leadership positions. I am a graduate of the Institute for Court Manager Certified Court Manager, Michigan State University Court Management program, & Leadership Frederick County.

In our community I am a member of the Woman's Giving Circle, Frederick Woman's Civic Club, Frederick BPW. A contributor to Maryland Charities, United Way, Shared Vision, Weinberg Center, Great Frederick Fair, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Patty Pollatos Fund, Red Cross Blood and Pheresis Donor, St. Timothy Roman Catholic Church and other non-profit organizations.

In closing, my goal is to continue to work to make this office more efficient, customer service driven and an environment that appreciates each and every employee's contribution to the

citizens and justice partners we serve. Please continue to trust me to represent your interests in the Justice process and show that trust by casting

your vote to re-elect me, Sandra D as your Clerk!

Thank you and God Bless. Vote for Me, Sandra D!



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Circle the 8 words listed below. Letters may be used more than once and in any direction.

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- DALTON
- DEEDS
- DEFENDANT
- DOCKET
- PLAINTIFF
- JURY
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# BLAINE YOUNG

## for County Executive

**Best Bond Ratings in the history of the County and ranked by Movoto as the 9th Best County in America!**

Below are the questions that Jan Gardner has dodged and repeatedly refused to answer even when asked by the Frederick News Post.

- Does Jan Gardner support the Rain Tax?

**Jan Gardner** - No response

**Blaine Young** - The Young Board only charged a penny, as displayed on your tax bill, and only when forced to by the state. I pledge never to increase it past a penny.

- Does Jan Gardner support Sheriff Jenkins and the 287(g) Ice Program?

**Jan Gardner** - No response

**Blaine Young** - I do because illegals have impact on our local budget as well as the state and national budgets, especially those who commit crimes here in the county.

- Does Jan Gardner support the State's increase in the minimum wage?

**Jan Gardner** - No response

**Blaine Young** - I do not, because with Maryland having a higher minimum wage than our neighboring states, even more businesses and jobs will flee to Virginia and elsewhere. We will be hurt locally by this as income tax is the second largest source of county revenue, and we will lose out to out-of-state competition. In our transportation business we pay more than minimum wage, but that is our choice and should not be forced upon us.

- Does Jan Gardner support Governor Martin O'Malley's gun grabbing law?

**Jan Gardner** - No response

**Blaine Young** - I am adamantly against it as it will only create a rise in the local crime rate. This will impact our local budget as we fund the Sheriff's Department. I believe we should be a "shall issue" state not a "may issue" state.

- What policies/taxes of President Barack Obama, Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Gov. Martin O'Malley does Jan Gardner disagree with and did she ever speak out against any of them?

We have researched many many hours and cannot find any evidence of this ever happening.

**We can not afford 4 years of tax and spend policies of O'Malley, Brown and Gardner!**



The Young Board has cut or eliminated over 250 taxes and fees. Jan Gardner voted at least 32 times to raise taxes and fees, including property taxes and income taxes. Visit the [TaxandSpendJan.com](http://TaxandSpendJan.com) to see for yourself.

### TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE

I, Blaine R. Young PLEDGE TO THE TAXPAYERS  
OF Frederick County THAT I WILL OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST  
ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO INCREASE TAXES.

 AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM  
722 12TH STREET, NW, SUITE 400  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Date 8/5/14

The Taxpayer Protection Pledge is a project of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR). ATR works with taxpayer groups and activists around the country to ask all candidates and elected officials to make this important commitment to taxpayers. The national list of signers can be accessed at [www.ATR.org](http://www.ATR.org).

I challenge my opponent to sign this; the citizens of Frederick County can not afford any more of her tax and spend policies.

Visit [Blaineyoung.com](http://Blaineyoung.com) for more information regarding my campaign and my vision for the future of Frederick County. Email me at [blaine@blaineyoung.com](mailto:blaine@blaineyoung.com) or reach me on my cell 301-748-3218.

# HONESTY + TEAMWORK = RESULTS!

By authority of Blaine Young for Maryland, Carol Young, Treasurer



## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

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

One thing we all can agree on is that the Office of the State's Attorney should not be used as a political stepping-stone. As a career prosecutor and your State's Attorney, I am very proud that I turned around a once-political office into an efficient, effective and professional prosecutor's office sensitive to its community's needs.

But while politics should be ignored by the voter, qualifications, leadership and trial experience cannot be.

The Office of the State's Attorney is by far the County's largest law office. Administrative and management experience is critical to effectively manage 26 attorneys along with numerous investigators, victim witness coordinators and case managers. Budget, personnel and administration decisions are made on a daily basis. Such experience is essential to the job of State's Attorney. As your State's Attorney for the last 8 years, and former Deputy State's Attorney (second in command) for 8 years before that, I am the only candidate with any of this experience.

While administration and management experience is very important, equally important is the ability to be a leader. Having been selected by State's Attorneys from across Maryland, I currently serve as President of the Maryland State's Attorney Association. As such, I work hard to ensure that Maryland's assistant state's attorneys receive the necessary training opportunities to continue their fight against crime. Moreover, for years I have diligently worked down in Annapolis providing testimony to ensure victim's rights legislation is passed, and

criminal friendly legislation is defeated. I am very proud of my accomplishments in that regard. I am the only candidate with that level of experience.

To lead prosecutors, you must lead by example. Literally life and death decisions have been made on our cases over the years. In order for a State's Attorney to make those decisions (and for staff to have confidence in them) substantial felony trial experience is an absolute must. As current State's Attorney, former Deputy State's Attorney, and former Chief of the Family Violence Unit, I have the requisite substantial felony trial experience necessary to be an effective leader.

I have successfully handled numerous homicide trials. Murders of infants and children, murders of wives, murders of innocent bystanders. All guilty. I am the only candidate with any of this experience.

While senseless murders are abhorrent, domestic/family violence against our children and families will always be my top priority. I have obtained dozens of life sentences for rapists, and decades of incarceration for child molesters and sex offenders. My team obtained the longest sentence in Maryland history for a child molester – 450 years. I successfully prosecuted Maryland's first internet child predator case. The defendant received 65 years in jail (should've been longer!) I am the only candidate with any of this experience or results.

I am thankful for the dedicated team of professionals that have made these results possible, and I am proud to be their leader. It is an extremely rewarding profession, and the citizens of Frederick County should be proud of

them as well. We work hard, and we are good at what we do. But our work is not done. There are always new challenges.

Recent overdose deaths evidence the plague that drugs represent on our community. My office has been very successful in obtaining long sentences for drug dealers, while at the same time rehabilitating low-level offenders through our Drug Court Treatment Program. Having a sister who fell prey to heroin addiction, and as a longtime board member at the Frederick Rescue Mission, I have seen the devastating effects of heroin on addicts and especially their families. Heroin has no boundaries. Rehabilitation and education must be

part of the solution, but we need to continue our harsh prosecution of dealers and pushers who hook our children and loved ones.

To be proactive on these and other issues, I think it is important to be active and in touch with your community. Like many parents, I have coached all four of my children in sports over the years and continue to coach to this day. For many seasons, I have been and continue to be a high school Character Coach for the football, volleyball and track teams. My wife and I are active in missions and teaching study at our church. In addition to the Board at the Frederick Rescue Mission, I sit on the Board of the Frederick County Child Advocacy Center,

Board of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and most recently the Board of the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership.

So my closing argument is this: As your current State's Attorney, I want to continue to lead an effective and efficient prosecutor's office making its mark across the state. I will continue to improve the Office of the State's Attorney through hiring quality, dedicated staff and using technology in the office and courtroom. Finally, I will continue my personal commitment to this community through my ongoing outreach and volunteer efforts. Please allow me to continue to do so as your State's Attorney. I ask for your vote on November 4.

Re-Elect  
**SHERIFF CHUCK JENKINS**  
"The People's Sheriff"



I ask for your  
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Committed to the people  
of Frederick County

# CHARLIE SMITH

## STATE'S ATTORNEY

### PROVEN LEADER IN LAW AND COMMUNITY

*State's Attorney Charlie Smith has been keeping our County and families safe since 1999.*

- Chosen by Peers as President of the Maryland State's Attorney Association
- Respected by Law Enforcement, the only candidate endorsed by the Frederick County Fraternal Order of Police, and the only candidate endorsed by Parents' Choice Maryland.
- Community Leader: Board/Past President Frederick Rescue Mission; Board, Frederick Child Advocacy Center; Board, Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership; Board, Fellowship Christian Athletes and FCA High School Character Coach to Football, Volleyball and Track Teams.

### PROVEN TOUGH ON CRIMES AGAINST FAMILIES

- Only Candidate with Experience prosecuting Family Violence Homicides - All Received Life without Parole.
- Only Candidate with Experience successfully prosecuting Family/Domestic Rapes - Numerous Life Sentences.
- Only Candidate with Experience prosecuting Child Sexual & Physical Abuse Cases.
- Obtained Longest Sentence in Maryland History - 450 Years for a Child Molester.
- Prosecuted Maryland's First Internet Child Predator Case - 65 Years in jail.
- Prosecuted Man Neighborhood Babysitting Child Sexual Abuse - 340 Years in jail.
- Former Chair, Frederick Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
- Former Chief Prosecutor, Child Abuse and Sex Offense Division.



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## COMMENTARY

# Words from Winterbilt

## The problem with our border security

Shannon Bohrer

It has been widely reported that there is a large number of young people entering the United States from the Mexican border. The people are not U. S. Citizens, they are illegal/undocumented and there has been a political storm over this. One side generally accuses the President of not enforcing the law and encouraging the children to enter the country. The other side's general perspective is that the children are victims of crime and are looking for asylum.

Like most complex problems we have in this country we look at one event, or part of the problem, and create a simple solution that is supposed to solve it. Building a wall 20 feet high the length of our southern border will not keep undocumented individuals and groups from entering the country. If we built a wall around the entire country it might slow the process down, but it would not stop it. However, talking about it seems to be good for politics, depending on your position.

A not well known documented fact: As of 2014, the Obama administration had removed over 2 million immigrants, the highest number under any president. In fact the current administration has negative numbers,

meaning they are deporting more illegal immigrants than are coming in. The current estimated number of illegal immigrants in this country is between 11 and 12 million, which is estimated to be lower than when this president took office.

Even with the negative numbers, the 60,000 children crossing over our border seems – well a little strange. We think of illegal immigrants as young people (not real young) and looking for work, but not children. And 60,000 children crossing our borders – is a problem, something we should be dealing with. Just exactly what we should do and what we can do is what we should be talking about.

Why would people enter the United States illegally? The majority, historically, come for employment. If where one lives there are no jobs or menial jobs that don't pay enough to live on, you look elsewhere. We, The United States have a long history of hiring illegals and migrants. Literally, people come to the U.S. for a better life. They can work, earn money and live. As long as employers are willing to hire undocumented workers we will have a problem with illegal immigration. If, there were consequences for the employers who hire undocumented workers, there would be fewer illegal immigrants.

The second reason we have people entering the United States illegally – is drugs. The demand for drugs is the fuel for criminals to bring their products here. To them it is nothing more than a business decision. If you have something to sell, illegal or not, and there is a demand for the product then you have a market. And as with jobs, if we did not have such a high demand for drugs we would not have the drug dealers crossing the border.

Both of the above cases, which is really the central history of our illegal immigrant problem, is not the current situation we face. Why are children crossing our borders? Examining the problem we find that the children primarily come from three countries: El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. When the children are interviewed they say they are leaving their home because of war, drugs and crime. As an example Honduras has a population of about 8.6 million people and in 2012 they had 7,172 murders. If we had the same murder rate in the U.S., we would have around 288,000 murders each year. Currently we have about 12,000 murders each year.

So, if the conditions in these three countries are so bad, why do they all come to America? The answer is they don't. According to the U.N., the re-

quest for asylum from the same three countries to other nations including Belize, Nicaragua and Mexico has also increased. From 2008 to 2013 the request for asylum to other Central American countries has been about sevenfold, which is similar to our increases in numbers.

Recently, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and Sheldon Adelson, three very rich men, all criticized the congress for not addressing the immigration problem. The three men say that congress is at fault and that the current immigration mess is in large part due to inaction by the congress. Of course if we want to blame congress, who elected them?

Since 2000, legal immigrants entering the United States number approximately 1 million per year. Of the 1 million legal immigrants, about 600,000 are already here in an "LPR" status. An "LPR" is a lawful permanent resident, recognized by the government, or someone who is not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the U.S. under legally recognized documentation. Student visas, Green card holders, etc., make up the LPRs. When I first found this information I believed it was a mistake, so I went to several other sources – and found it was correct.

Currently there are just over 37 million legal immigrants residing in the United States. With a number like 37 million, maybe the illegal immigrant problem is not a major issue. Maybe the legal immigrant situation is an issue. The current immigration pro-

cess allows foreign nationals with family in the United States, persons with special or needed work skills and refugees to enter the country. The process also gives priority from countries with low immigration rates to the U.S. Maybe, I am not saying, but just maybe – congress is not doing its' job with the immigration laws. I am not rich and I can see it.

Another perspective is that the illegal immigration issue is not a problem, but a symptom of a larger problem. Refugees around the world are estimated to be over 50 million, and that is a low estimate. With an unstable world the refugee problem will only increase. From our perspective with our problems, how – can the United States help stabilize Central America so the illegal immigrant problem won't exist? Then maybe we should also ask – can that be done?

The illegal immigrant children are a problem, but they are also a symptom of larger problems. If you come home one day and find water on your floor that is leaking from the second floor, would you mop up the floor or go upstairs to find and fix the leak. We, the United States, like do a lot of political mopping.

*"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."*

—Albert Einstein

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# Common Cents

## Criminal law

Ralph Murphy

Legal standards form the base and often guiding principles in domestic and international socio-economic dealings. They are based on secular and religious standards of varying impact on the relevant citizenry depending on culture and implementation. While of importance to Christian communities, they are relatively more influential to Jewish societies and enormously so to the Muslims.

Most societies support some type of legal structure, and those which don't are invariably short lived. Coherent to current international dealings, specifically Middle East unrest, include Christian Canon, Jewish Torah, and Muslim Sharia law. Each incorporates religious, Civil (coded non-criminal), and Common law which evolves from judicial rulings. Christians tend to separate the religious dictates from secular laws. Jewish law as defined in the Torah is more inclusive in its domestic dealings, and the Muslim Sharia law along with Muhammad's oral tradition in the Hadith delineates and sanctions domestic dealings.

The Quran is the central book of Islam and believed by relevant Muslims to be God's revelation to the prophet Muhammad. Sharia or "God's Law" is interpreted slightly differently by modernists, traditionalists, and Muslim fundamentalists. Another division is associated with the geopolitics of differing

Muslim nations, cross cultural dealings, and ethnicity. The written Quran, legal and moral structure, is however far more rigidly predictable than the vast variance of interpretation and social impact of Muhammad's oral expressions as defined by the Hadith.

Sharia law, "the Path or Way," provides Muslim adherents a legal basis for criminal matters, politics, economics, and personal affairs. It is applied by Islamic judges or Qadis, and Imams, Islamic leadership positions most often religious. The Imam leads communal prayers, but can also apply to secular political leaders. Sharia law can be quite severe to include amputation for theft, stoning to death for adultery, and capital punishment for apostasy or religious conversion. Again, while very strict and even medieval by Christian standards, the Muslims know roughly what they're dealing with. That's true of both demographically dominant Sunnis and Shi'as separated religiously by an electoral process for their religious leader or Caliph who serves as head of Umma, a religious community. Both Muslim groups accept the "Five Pillars of Islam," the required existential social guidance which appears at odds with Muhammad's Quran assertion "nothing happens to us which is not preordained by Allah."

The "Pillars" must be followed for salvation according to the Hadith of Gabriel. Muhammad's Quran lends that role to predestination or a mindset of accepting God's Will to achieve eternal salvation. A point that important

and defining of adherents would certainly have been written in the Quran. Instead it is included in the Hadith of Gabriel, one of the four archangels God is believed to have sent with divine message to Mohammad per the Hadith. However, Mohammed didn't plausibly report it. While widely accepted by the Muslim community, it doesn't appear to reflect the Quran's predestination religion which dictates to that community as the gift of God and indication of divine salvation without obligation of rebirth.

The Hadith as a whole, itself oral tradition, is subject to enormously varied interpretation and social application within and between Islamic adherents. Many Muslims, perhaps half per social groupings, believe the Five Pillars to be the way of salvation. But, differences in other Hadith expression as the basis for Muslim social interaction are manifest in the dominant Shia and Sunni factions with clerics and jurists allowing that Hadith specific to living concerns be Sahih (authentic), Hasan (good), and Da'if (weak). The scholars often disagree on the levels here, and it's implementation manipulated by the cleric who wields authority. Religious rulings as translated into political power afford potency for action often surpassing the rational, and with a pliant following can prove fatally destabilizing.

Sharia law is itself draconian not having evolved to conventional reality. Amputation for petty theft can lead to social parasites even among those willing to work. The Jewish Torah was

similarly followed in brutal implementation before relatively evolving to a constructive base. "An eye for an eye" (Exodus 21:24) literally exacted in early Jewish society was subsequently interpreted as equal value, monetary compensation, and criminal prosecution. Perhaps the Muslims can also incorporate constructive deterrent of crime with a rational living dynamic itself not inconsistent with Muhammad's most important concern, eternal salvation by following God's Will. The remainder of Islamic teachings, especially the Hadith, appears to be a system working and routinely obeyed, is also manipulated and abused with resultant needless human suffering.

Christian Canon law is the legal structure of Ecclesiastical authority adhered to by Roman Catholics, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox churches as well as the Anglican community. The New Testament based structure is influential across the broader society, but remains marginal in direct secular legislation. The shared Old Testament beliefs of Judeo-Christian as proffered by Moses in the "Ten Commandments" have had far more legal impact. Legislation punishing theft, murder, often adultery, specific lying, and even blasphemy can be traced back to his insights described as gleaned from God on Mount Sinai.

The Jewish faith dates back almost 4000 years to Abraham of Ur Babylonia, modern day Shia region of Iraq. The religion is ancient, but has remained relatively intransigent despite efforts to incorporate a viable concept of eternal salvation as proffered by "Reform" Jews apparently interpreting the Talmud or oral tradition. A resurrection concept with reintroduction of

souls ironically stored in a transitory state, a Holy Spirit to other beliefs, was broached by the Pharisees of the second temple before 70 BCE. The righteous would be returned to earth with associated trappings upon the coming of the Messiah. They would live together in harmony for an unspecified time length as described in an Olam Ha ba. Though, the Christian book of revelations has the concept as finite with Satan defeated by construct forces, but released for a limited mandate after "a thousand years."

Foundational elements exist in the Jewish faith for a salvation concept akin to that of neighboring religions. The respected Haredi's seek to "perform the Will of God". That being the only prerequisite for eternal salvation also associated with Calvinist Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, and as described Muslims as well as others. Salvation based on "free will" varies greatly between and even within world religions, and while frequently theoretically achievable is often ill defined.

Far East social structures have the building blocks for the cohesive concept of salvation through acceptance of a divine plan, but like the Jews are ancient and intransigent in collective unity, adaptation, and implementation. The desire for purpose in life and constructive direction appear to exist, associated inclusion and implementation surely to follow given evolved and accommodating social alignments. A monotheist creator is essential to free will or God's Will believers, and can largely be crafted with existing base points anywhere.

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# Pure OnSense

## The good governance advantage

Scott Zuke

Next month (on a Tuesday, for antiquated reasons) we'll have the chance to cast our ballots in the 2014 midterm elections. In 2010 fewer than half of eligible voters turned out to vote. Turnout statistics are frequently cited in order to shame the non-voting population for being too lazy and apathetic to participate in this most fundamental aspect of democracy. They are confronted with the warning that if they don't vote, they forfeit the right to complain if the winning candidate fails to act in their best interests once in office. However, that argument hasn't impacted election turnout rates.

There is a more optimistic way to interpret low voter participation, though. As long as people are truly and fully free to vote, then it could be the case that those who choose not to simply don't see the need; that is, they don't feel that the outcome will have a significant impact on their well-being. In the United States, this is actually a relatively safe assumption. For all of the vicious disagreements over public policy and all the cynicism that politics has engendered, our political

leaders and public officials at every level are, in reality, pretty competent at the day-to-day practice of governance.

Our system of government is also quite stable, with changes in the direction of policy usually coming slowly and incrementally. Even the most ambitious lawmakers have to compromise in order to get their policies through the legislative process, and if they overreach, they can easily be replaced in the next election. Perhaps non-voters, rather than being apathetic or lazy, just have more faith in the system and realize how low the stakes are when a system has so many effective mechanisms for self-correction.

In any case, even when the majority of eligible voters choose to abstain, our elections are decisive, and surprisingly so. A candidate who wins by 55% is said to have won in a landslide. And even one who wins by 50.5% is considered legitimate since our electoral process is fair and credible.

This is not intended to diminish the problems with our system, but rather to highlight some of the advantages that we take for granted. It is especially startling when looking at other countries that are

in the process of trying to transition to democracy, and the many obstacles they face.

Pakistan, for instance, saw a brief window of hope last year when it finally had an election resulting in a peaceful transfer of civilian power. But now it is on the verge of collapsing as not one, but two political movements have emerged to demand the ouster of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. One side argues that Sharif has been veering toward authoritarian style rule, and the other alleges that he won through electoral fraud. This is a common one-two punch in weakly established democracies: first there are claims that the leader in power is illegitimate, and then that he's too dangerous to let remain in office until the next election. Often the military ends up intervening, and by that point, the democracy the protestors were trying to save is lost all the same.

Fraud was also alleged in Afghanistan's presidential elections, which took place in April but didn't yield a victor until a couple weeks ago. With the two leading candidates refusing to concede, the United Nations was brought in to oversee the recounting of ballots, and the United States eventually negotiated a power-sharing agreement. Ashraf Ghani was declared the winner, and will take over for Hamid Karzai, and the runner-up, Abdullah Abdullah, will have the powers of a prime minister. It remains to be seen how this will

all work out in practice, but clearly the ordeal doesn't put a good face on democracy.

Despite these difficulties, experts who know the region say that the citizens in Afghanistan and Pakistan remain enthusiastic in their hopes for democratization. The biggest enemy to that aspiration in the region, said analyst Moeed Yusuf at a recent event in Washington, are poor performing civilian governments. They have been marred by corruption and disorganization, and have forced citizens into an oversimplified dichotomy between repressive military regimes or incompetent civilian rule.

Ideally, they would be able to leave the former option behind all together and begin to have choices between different flavors of civilian governance—that is, a choice between multiple, viable political parties. As in a free market, competition is more likely to produce innovation and a higher quality product over time, and weed out what doesn't work.

There is a counter-argument to this, though, which is that fully free markets are susceptible to shocks and monopolies that can cause instability and inefficiency, so some intervention is required to regulate the market. This is, in governmental terms, what is occurring in Egypt, where a hasty implementation of democratic mechanisms without a pre-existing

framework for good governance resulted in the ascension of the non-democratic Muslim Brotherhood. Thus the Sisi regime now in power should focus on institutional reforms and developing competent public officials.

It may be doing so, but at an alarmingly slow pace. The laws currently in place seem designed to disempower political parties, and the long-awaited parliamentary elections, which were supposed to have happened by now, are instead being pushed further into the future.

Within those parties are many of the youth who took part in the Arab Spring protests, and are now training themselves to become the next generation of Egyptian leaders. Taking some precautions to preserve the stability of the state is sensible. However, it's imperative that they be allowed to participate and develop their skills so that there are effective leaders and parties ready to engage in the peaceful transfer of power when democracy is ready to advance.

Some day, with luck, citizens in these young democracies will be able to take their right to vote as much for granted as many of us do, and trust that their lives will continue without the disruption of a breakdown in governance.

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# Down Under

## Only a pound of flesh?

Submitted by Lindsay!  
Melbourne, Australia

*"The portrait of a blinking idiot"*  
—Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act 2, Scene 9

Demanding your pound of flesh' has long epitomised lengths to which uncaring people will go to obtain payment for something they deem to be their due. Shylock, Shakespeare's merchant, has a name equal to that of Pilate in opprobrium for his heartlessness, and it is sad that today's batch of Shylocks fail to see the similarity when they look in the mirror. Well, we have a merchant of Venice here right now, and he is also a merchant of blinking idiocy. His name is Tony Abbott, he is a product of a conservative Jesuit School and heritage who got himself elected by a whisker thanks to the power and stupidity of another idiot, Rupert Murdoch.

He took great care to put such negative spin on existing things, like a mining or carbon tax, that he could axe them with impunity (which is producing outrage from the great majority here and abroad), and to not make policies that could be examined, hoping that a win could be mandated into their implementation. Which has happened, bringing Australia to a situation that has never occurred before, indeed could not have

been imagined. You have tasted such things under the banner of the tea party, but they seem small beer compared to our Tony, who may become their hero.

He's an old fashioned clever, scheming, misogynist, with just one woman in cabinet; a big business buff, a free-trader without due diligence, a super small government man who is attempting to cut welfare, family support, youth allowance, research, school funding, and so on, while assuring us, like Mac the Knife, that all is well, we just have to trust him to get the country into the black. That is sure to be bruised and livid, not solvent.

Fortunately our voting system is such that independent senators now control which legislation will be passed, making them objects of woo who want to develop their popularity with the populace. Many of Tony's plans will bite the dust in their present form, but things of a local nature are not, nor are they going to be, the real problem, devastating as they will be. Here's some of the bigger issues:

We, together with all western countries, have uncounted numbers of refugees trying to get in. Since our intake of legitimate refugees has been cut severely, we have many trying to come by boat after paying a lot of money to get on. Boat is a loose term in this context, many sinking on the way and being rescued by our

navy. This was often a front page story while Tony was in opposition, but in power he has forbidden the reporting of any news on the issue, using the phrase 'sovereign borders' to turn them back, this time to their point of origin; some to Indonesia, some to Sri Lanka or India where they face certain detention at best. Included are many children, and whether you have a view on illegal migrants or not, sending children to detention camps is not part of the UN charter on refugees or human rights. He's getting lots of criticism over that, and rightly so.

Free trade agreements with South Korea, Taiwan and Japan will allow those countries to import their own labour at that countries rates, and to have ready access to our infrastructure, finances, and housing. That's selling the farm at knockdown prices, all for the sake of a big ego building smile from those countries.

Trade with China will continue, as our raw materials, especially gas, coal and iron ore are exported to be turned into cheap consumer goods and high tech items, although to date we are not buying Chinese made defense systems. Subsidies to heavy manufacturing have been withdrawn, meaning they are leaving us, with thousands unemployed and nothing new to take their place; that's seen as a good thing in the long run, as they were not Australian and also paid low taxes. It seems not to bother us that the swelling ranks of the unemployed and their families must be tolerated, especially when their welfare payments will be cut to the bone.

There will be no carbon price, no

greenhouse gas cuts, but rather the reverse. New coal fired plants are being licensed, brown coal exports are being ramped up (brown coal is the worst fuel for CO2 emission), global warming is a myth, rising sea levels are no competition to rising dividends, wind power is just hot air, and solar is best when you have no sun, as in Europe.

Caught the whiff of idiocy yet? WAIT! There's more:

America has been our friendly trading partner for over 60 years. We have pitched out tent in the shade of yours, welcomed your bounty and protection, sent you our movie stars and directors, laughed at your sitcoms, kept you amused, brought your goods, traveled to your land and made friends. Our politicians have been aware of the strength of the bonds, and have shown their loyalty by buying billions of dollars worth of 'tactical' aircraft. The deals are tactical, at least. We hitched our wagon to your star, and it doesn't matter too much that Ford, GM, Alcoa and friends have left us, because we know you will always look out for us on the world stage.

But Tony, showing off his budgies (OK, they're the things that show up in his swim suits), with his training in Jesuit logic, believes he can schmooze up to China while saluting the stars and stripes. Hence, during his recent visit to you, he assured the president that we had a scheme to cut greenhouse gasses, but not that it was about to get the axe. He said that the Western Pacific was able to be shared, that harmony was achievable. He respected you, wanted more deployment of your troops here. But, as we all know,

when you go to bed with dogs, you wake up with fleas, or at least a bad smell. He, and we, cannot juggle two masters, and the time is approaching when he will be put to the test as China's forays into arm flexing become serious steps to expansion of not just their economy and influence, but their control over the region.

He's welcomed Japan's rearmament, but will soon have to state which side he's on. It's not Australia first, it's Tony. It's his pound of flesh, the price of election. I cannot imagine your tea party going down that line, as national pride is so important to them. Tony's pride seems to be not in national sovereignty but in roiling coffers, so he is being treated with disgust, disquiet, and disdain. His friends are big money and shock-jocks, and no educator, scientist, unionist, social worker, doctor or man in the street can abide him. Well, maybe a few, but he's a Shylock carving off our flesh, and fits the bill of a blinking idiot to a T.

OK, He's shown some leadership over the Malaysian airlines affair in Eastern Ukraine, thanks to our straight talking Julie Bishop, but it's peacock stuff really, a big display with a thousand eyes that cannot see, but domestically? It's Marie Antoinette all over again – the latest is that those on the dole will have to apply for 40 jobs a month before they get it. There are no jobs, employers will have to hire staff to process those applications, a lose-lose situation.

Got any room at your place?

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# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Vanity of vanities

**Pastor Sean DeLawder**  
Trinity United Church of Christ

*"Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity."*

—Ecclesiastes 1:2 NRSV

The teacher who is speaking in the biblical book called Ecclesiastes cries out in the opening chapter that all is vanity. The NIV version translates the word "vanity" as "meaningless". I look around at our modern culture and I feel like the teacher is right here today; talking to us about our own vanity. As a society it seems as if we have become a people who seek out their sense of self-worth in "things", in "stuff", especially in "electronic stuff." Only a couple of weeks ago people were spending all night in long lines in front of an Apple store so that they could be one of the first people to purchase the new iPhone. I can hear the Teacher's voice crying out, vanity!

But it is not just the acquiring of this "stuff", the newest and latest smart phone; it is also our dependence on it for our social interaction. Scientific studies and various reports

even use the term "addiction" to talk about our dependence on this technology. Our society seems to feel a deep need for connection and relationship but ironically this need is seemingly being met without any actual human contact. In fact, there was a popular movie that was in theaters this past year which dealt with a man who had a romantic attraction to the woman whose voice he interacted with on his smart phone. To use the NIV translation of the verse from Ecclesiastes, I can hear the Teacher cry out "meaningless!"

This is not to say that I view technology as useless or meaningless; I use the internet and my smartphone every day. In fact I am writing this article on a computer and the churches that I pastor have a Facebook presence. But aside from the obvious usefulness of all of this technology there is a downside that is not always initially obvious. When I talk to people about what is truly important in their lives, what generally comes to the surface is relationship and connections. True relationships can be enhanced and fostered through this technology but it can never replace the actual bonds that



On November 9, Trinity United Church of Christ will honor veterans from surrounding communities and showcase their new music staff in a salute to veterans during a special Veterans Day service. Participants will include (L-R) Trinity Pastor Sean DeLawder, Russ Delauter, Larry Clabaugh, Roy Clabaugh, Frank Valentine, Trinity organist Lana Sorenson Emery, and Trinity instrumentalist Rocky Birely.

are built through face to face contact. We have become a society who has hundreds of "friends" on our social media pages but who do not know any of their neighbors. We have become a society that walks around with their eyes glued to a phone screen so you do not have to make eye contact with the person sitting next to you in the doctor's office, or grocery line, or bus stop. We are becoming a society that yearns for connections while being surrounded by crowds of people who yearn for that same connection only to remain unnoticed.

If you are one of those people who are yearning for connection and relationship, with both your neighbor and with God I invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at Trinity United Church of Christ in Thurmont where you will be welcomed just as you are. The United Church of Christ is a Protestant denomination that formed in 1957 with the uniting of the Evangelical and Reformed churches with the Congre-

gational Christian churches. This commitment to the unity of Christ's church comes from the words found in the Gospel of John 17:21 which says, "that they may all be one." The United Church of Christ believes in Christ's extravagant welcome and affirms that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

If you are more comfortable getting to know us before attending a Sunday morning service we invite you to tour the church during Colorfest weekend. Our sanctuary will be open and volunteers will be available to answer questions. Come and relax in our sanctuary and then stop by our fellowship hall where our kitchen will be selling homemade pies, soups, sandwiches and other snacks. We also encourage you to join us for a very special Veteran's Day service on November 9th at 11 where we will honor veterans both past and present with special speakers, music, and a complementary fellowship dinner.

Remember, life is not meaningless vanity; it is relationship and community. It is about building a spirit filled life and using that life in the service of others. You do not have to know where you are on your life's journey, just make sure you look up from that smartphone screen so you can see the direction where you are headed. And you never know, you may just find someone headed along that same path who will be happy for the company. And always remember that no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Join us on Sunday morning's to hear more about God's love and good news for us - worship is at 11 am at 101 East Main Street, Thurmont. For information about our service or for other questions about what you read in this article or about Trinity United Church of Christ call the church phone at 301-271-2305 or email Pastor Sean at PastorDeLawder@aol.com.

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# Grace Darling



## October 20

One of the most pleasing incidents in humble life, within the present century, was the heroic achievement of Grace Darling. Her very pretty name, too, had something to do with the popularity which she acquired; for, without attaching over-importance to the matter, there can be little doubt that lovable actions become more fixed in the public mind when connected with such gentle and pleasant names as Grace Darling and Florence Nightingale.

Grace Darling, born in November 1815, was the daughter of William Darling, keeper of the light house on the Longstone, one of the Fame Islands, off the coast of Northumberland. They are scarcely islands, indeed, being little more than barren and desolate rocks, in most parts very precipitous, and inhabited by little besides sea fowl. The sea rushes between the islands with great

violence; and the spot is so dangerous to ships passing near, that a light house has long been maintained there.

Almost shut out from the world in such a spot, Grace Darling saw very little society; yet her parents managed to give her a fair education for a girl in her station. She was described as being 'remarkable for a retiring and somewhat reserved disposition, gentle in aspect, and mild and benevolent in character; of a fair complexion and comely countenance, with nothing masculine in her appearance.'

It was on the 6th of September 1838, when Grace was about twenty-two years of age, that the event took place which has given her celebrity. The Forfarshire, a steamer of about 300 tons, was on her way from Hull to Dundee. She had a valuable cargo, and sixty-three persons on board the master and his wife, a crew of

twenty men, and forty-one passengers.

A slight leak, patched up before her departure, broke out afresh when off Flamborough Head, and rendered it difficult to maintain the fires for the engine. She passed between the Fame Islands and the mainland about six in the evening of the 5th, and then began to encounter a high sea and a strong north wind. The leak increasing, the engine fires gradually went out; and although the sails were then used, they could not prevent the vessel from being driven southward.

Wind, rain, fog, and a heavy sea, all beset the hapless vessel at once. About four o'clock on the morning of the 6th, she struck bows foremost on a precipitous part of one of the rocky islands. Some of the crew and one of the passengers left the ship in one of the boats; two other passengers perished in the attempt to throw themselves into the boat. The females on board clustered round the master, shrieking, and imploring aid, which he could not afford them. A heavy wave, striking the vessel on the quarter, raised her from the rock, and then caused her to fall violently on it again; she encountered a sharp ledge, which cut her in twain about mid ships; the forepart remained on the rock, while the hinder part was carried off by a rapid current through a channel called the Pifa gut. In this fearful plight the remainder of the passengers and crew awaited the arrival of day-light, no one knowing how soon the waves might destroy them altogether.

At daybreak, William Darling descried them from Longstone, about a mile distant; and it soon became known

at Bamborough that a ship had been wrecked. So fearfully did the waves beat against the rock, that the boatman at Bamborough refused to push off; and Darling, accustomed to scenes of danger as he was, shrank from the peril of putting off to the wreck in a boat. Not so his gentle but heroic daughter. She could see, by the aid of a glass, the sufferers clinging to the wreck; and, agonized at the sight, she entreated him to let her go with him in a boat to endeavour to rescue them.

At last he yielded; the mother helped to launch the boat into the water, and the father and daughter each took an oar. And so they rowed this fearful mile, at each instant in danger of being swamped by the waves. They reached the wreck, and found nine survivors. One of them, a weaver's wife, was found in the forecabin, exposed to the intrusion of the sea, and two children lay stiffened corpses in her arms. The whole nine went with Darling and his daughter into the boat, and safely reached the lighthouse, where, owing to the severity of the weather, they were forced to remain two days, kindly attended to by the three inmates.

When the news of this exploit reached the coast, all Northumberland was filled with admiration; and speedily the whole kingdom was similarly affected. Grace Darling's name became everywhere known, and she herself received attentions from all quarters. Tourists came from all parts to see the Longstone light house, and, still more, to see Grace herself.

The Duke and Duchess of Nor-

thumberland invited her and her father to Alnwick Castle, and gave her a gold watch; the silver medal of the Shipwreck Institution was awarded to her; and testimonials came from various public bodies. A purse of £700 was presented to her by public subscription. Portraits of her were eagerly sought for and purchased; and a speculating manager of a London theatre even offered a large sum to her, if she would merely sit in a boat on the stage for a few minutes, during the performance of a piece written for the occasion.

But her modest and retiring disposition revolted from this last named notoriety; she rejected the offer; and throughout the whole of this novel and tempting career, she never once departed from her gentle, womanly demeanour. Lovers, of course, she had in plenty, but she accepted none of them; she continued to reside with her father and mother at the light house. And there she died of consumption, on the 20th of October 1842, at the early age of twenty-seven, about four years after the event which had given her fame. Long before her death, she had the means of seeing how literature was invoked in her honour; for memoirs, tales, and poems relating to her were issued from the press such as Grace Darling, the Heroine of the Fame Islands; Grace Darling, the Maid of the Isles; and so forth. One biographer managed to fill 480 octavo pages with an account of her life and of the shipwreck!

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## THE (retired) ECOLOGIST

# The fable of the world's smallest bird

Bill Meredith

*Fable: "A narrative making an edifying or cautionary point, often employing as characters animals that speak and act like human beings."*

—American Heritage Dictionary, 1980

*"Nostalgia, as Uncle Joshua said, ain't what it used to be."*

—Peter deVries

My wife and I spent much of the summer of 1990 landscaping the lawn of our new house. The front yard was bounded by a bank that was too steep to mow, so I planted it with low-growing junipers; I expected to them grow and merge together, forming a continuous, maintenance-free carpet. To prevent erosion until that happened, I covered the area between the junipers with wood-chip mulch.

It was a good plan in theory, but it didn't work very well in practice. The bank faced southward, and the next few summers were dry, so several of the junipers died. The mulch turned out to contain the spores of wood-rotting fungi, as well as seeds for several kinds of weeds that we didn't already have, and they seemed to be better adapted to a dry habitat than the junipers were. So what I had expected to be a maintenance-free zone became a sort of arena where I had to wage a pitched battle every couple of weeks, pulling weeds, replacing dead junipers with

more drought-resistant ground covers, and replacing mulch that had decomposed. Over the next decade it gradually stabilized, but even now I still have to weed and re-mulch regularly.

One summer in the mid-90s there was more rain than usual, and I noticed an odd-looking fungus on some dead juniper twigs on the bank. At the first casual glance it looked like small white lumps, but on closer inspection the lumps proved to be tiny cup-shaped growths, about an eighth of an inch in diameter, and each cup contained several round, egg-like objects. After some searching, I found a drawing of them in an old textbook\*. They were Bird's-nest Fungi.

Our grandchildren were young then, and when I showed them the bird's-nest fungi we began making up stories about tiny birds building nests under my juniper bushes and hatching chicks so small you could hardly see them. Naturally, the stories took on a life of their own; the cup-shaped fungi morphed into the nests of the smallest birds in the world, which lived only in Grandpa's yard and came every year to build their nests and raise their young among the juniper bushes on the bank. Since we never saw the birds, it was obvious that they must be nocturnal, and before long we could hear their songs among the other tiny peeping sounds at night. The stories grew, and it turned out that the birds could sense the coming of winter, so on the night be-

fore the first frost they would begin their migration flight. But instead of going south, they flew north until they reached the North Pole, where they spent the winter in Santa's workshop and earned their living by singing to the elves who were making toys.

As I look back on my own childhood, it seems that all of my elders on both sides of the family... parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts... were great story-tellers. Some of the stories were family lore and tradition, about things that had happened to them "in the old days"... the time the carriage upset and the horse ran off, the big storm when lightning struck the haystack, that butchering day when someone forgot to take the ramrod out of the gun before he shot the pig... things that really happened, perhaps embellished just a little bit. Others were based on classic fairy tales, Aesop's Fables, or Biblical parables, designed to teach a moral lesson while keeping the kids quiet after dinner or at bedtime. My own fable about the smallest birds in the world had its roots in the story of Thumbelina, whose kindness in nursing a wounded swallow back to health was rewarded when the swallow carried her on its back as it flew south, and took her to a handsome prince who happened to be just her size....

This year the weather was cooler and wetter than usual, and the nests of the world's smallest bird



appeared in abundance under the junipers on the bank. I have showed them to some of my small friends and told them the fable; and I added a bit of a moral to it to teach them that every living thing has a task to do in nature, and fungi are valuable because they break down dead sticks and leaves to make the soil richer. The youngest of them now four, understands that the fable is just a story, like Jack and the Beanstalk; but he also has picked up the lesson. My wife says I'm crazy, making up stories like that; but I can't help it. It's in the blood.

HERITAGE

My grandfather's name was Pappy, And he was very old, at least sixty,

Because his hair was gray  
And he wore glasses.  
He had two chins and a big belly,  
and rheumatism,  
So he couldn't run or play games,  
But he could tell stories,  
And we knew they were all true  
Because he didn't smile.

When he died there was no mention

Of me in his will,  
But I found out sixty years later  
That he left me the gray hair,  
And the glasses, the chins, the belly,  
And the rheumatism,  
And the stories too,  
Even some he never really told,  
But he would have if he'd got  
around to it.

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They all knew Uncle Lon was absent-minded,

So no one was particularly surprised

On butchering day back in '87  
When he forgot to take the ramrod  
Out of the gun before he shot the pig  
And by the time they finally caught  
it, Pappy said,

The bacon was ruined because it  
had run all the fat off.

The next day the Times reported  
That seventeen reliable witnesses  
Had called in to report  
They'd seen a Unicorn  
Running down the road in Meadowdale;

But one of them remarked, Pappy said,

That it didn't look as much like a  
horse as he'd expected.

—wgm, 1996

\*The book was *Fieldbook of Natural History*, by Laurence Palmer, 1949. It was one of my first ecology books, and it still is one of the first places I look when I find something I don't recognize.

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IN THE COUNTRY

# Apple Harvest Festival turns 50!

Harvest a basketful of memories and lots of fall fun for the whole family at the 50th Annual National Apple Harvest Festival, October 4-5 and 11-12. Variety is the spice of life at this gala held daily sun up to sun down--8 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine near Arendtsville, Pennsylvania, 10 miles northwest of historic Gettysburg.

The first Apple Harvest Holiday was held by the Adams County Fruit Growers Association October 14, 1961. The Upper Adams Jaycees—a new chapter and in need of a fund raiser—organized and debuted the one-day festival in 1965. Festival attractions then—just like today—included the antique car display, orchard tours, and apple products. Over the years, the festival has grown and expanded to the two weekends in 1975.

The celebration—in the heart of apple country—is more than Adams County apples. It is about food, live entertainment, and saying goodbye to boredom and hello to fun! In a world that comes prepackaged, fabricated, and manufactured, a visit to the festival is what the doctor ordered along with an apple a day.

With major holidays just three months away, it is a great time to start shopping. Browse to your heart's content throughout the festival grounds where over 250 artisans and crafters will be displaying their handmade goods and wares.

Work up an appetite wandering along Red Delicious Drive, Apple Butterway, Adams Apple Avenue, and Candy Apple Lane. Hungry? Eat an Adams County apple or a must-have candied or caramel apple, sample apple butter, apple sauce, apple jellies, apple syrups, apple cider, and apple desserts. Remember the scents that tickled your nose when you first stepped onto the festival grounds? Follow that festive air and savor the pancakes at the Apple Pancake Patio, the chicken bar-be-que, a pit beef or scrapple sandwich.

Hear the music in the air? Your list of must-hears should be to

stop and listen to the free entertainment found on six stages. Saturday, October 4, performers include: David Propst at Bluegrass Hollow; at Cortland Circle, Celtic music by Across the Pond; Cruisers at Rockin' Apple; Brittany Opperman at Appleseed; Jazz Me at Cider Barrel; and, at the Apple Auditorium will be Hanover's Children's Ballet Theatre & Company.

Day Two, Sunday, October 5, entertainment on the stages includes: CB Pickers at Bluegrass Hollow; Tall in the Saddle at Appleseed; Bob Plunkert at Cider Barrel; and, the NAHF Talent Review at Apple Auditorium. Across the Pond and the Cruisers will both be performing on the second day. To plan your family's must-dos during any of the four days of the National Apple Harvest Festival, check out the complete entertainment schedule at [www.appleharvest.com](http://www.appleharvest.com).

The entertainment and sights do not stop there. Find lots of merriment at Kid Country. Get lost in the hay at Ye Ole Hay Stack, watch Apple Magic by Jerry Mickey, try old-fashioned games, and join in the hilarity at the pie-eating contest. Other kid friendly activities are a hayride, a petting zoo, and a puppet show.

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Area, stop and watch the potter turn the wheel; and, the Appalachian Art Chainsaw Carver work his magic while carving a bear, an eagle or an apple. The first weekend watch Native American Dancers; and, the second weekend hold your breath while you watch the Middle Creek Tractor Swingers (tractor square dancing) whirl around the Exhibition Area.

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## IN THE COUNTRY

# Protecting our watershed

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*“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature -- the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”*

—Rachel Carson,  
 Silent Spring

Made up of more than 150 rivers and streams and spanning six states, the Chesapeake Bay watershed is also the most influential body of water in the US, guiding business and life on the East Coast for hundreds of years. Sadly, it has also been a victim of hundreds of years of human pollution, just like many other major transportation methods. Watershed pollution is not caused solely by those who work and live close to the Bay Area; much of the pollution begins with the groundwater across the entire watershed.

The Chesapeake Bay watershed begins in southern New York and reaches to southern Virginia. It stretches from the Delaware shoreline to the edges of West Virginia, covering all of Maryland and Delaware. Every body of water along the Appalachian Mountains between New York and Virginia contribute to this huge mass. And each person's water usage in this region affects the health of the watershed.

Groundwater runoff is one of the major ways pollution affects the watershed. Heavy storms cause flooding of the waste water, and storm water carries it to nearby bodies of water or allows it to seep underground. Pesticide runoff from farms feeds the groundwater the same way, as do faulty septic systems and irresponsible dumping of household chemicals by residents.

Pollution does lasting damage to the environment for everyone and everything in the region. Large areas of water in the bay have become hypoxic, or extreme-

ly low in oxygen, causing aquatic life to suffocate. Fertilizer runoff from farms and homes cause phytoplankton blooms to increase to dangerous levels in the water system, and large populations of fish die in a short amount of time.

In many areas along the watershed, towns are reaching out to their communities to encourage green thinking. In Lancaster, PA, yearly runoff from 15 percent of all heavy storms and snowfalls cause a billion gallons of sewage water to overflow into the Conestoga River and eventually into the watershed. The county increased awareness and taught citizens about rainwater collection, adding rain gardens, retention ponds and planter boxes to local parks.

Washington, D.C. experienced a similar problem: Half an inch of rain washed wastewater and trash into the Anacostia River. Just like Lancaster, D.C. reached out to residents to promote sustainable methods for diverting wastewater. The town also emphasizes rainwater collection, even offering subsidies for homeowners to install rain barrels, rain gardens and porous pavements.

Within many communities, organizations work to combat similar problems. The Green Gathering held in Gettysburg, PA, in April of each year showcases the area's local environmental organizations and their efforts to help the community make “green” choices. Citizens can help preserve their water resources both by making personal environmental commitments and by encouraging their local elected officials to be proactive about conservation.

Green gestures, no matter how small, can work to counteract the years of damage done to the watershed. Controlling runoff and limiting wastewater are great ways to start. Runoff control, which plays a major role in sustaining Lancaster and D.C., includes decreasing chemical pesticide use and rainwater reuse. Residents in every town along the watershed should take part in collecting rainwater for use in gardens, as well as looking for natural alternatives for pesticides.

Installing a grey water system is a great way to reduce residential wastewater. This project is relatively more difficult, but within the abilities of many homeowners. Grey water is the term for wastewater that goes down the drain as we do things like shower, wash our hands, and clean our laundry. In a grey water system, those household drains lead to a reservoir in the basement, where a filter and pump reuse that water to irrigate gardens and the lawn.

This system limits water use twice: once by reusing water already headed toward the sewer, and again by providing water to a garden without turning on the garden hose. With a big enough reservoir and a good timer, the system can be almost completely self-sustaining.

Using native plants in rain gardens can also increase sustainability. Native plants are less invasive than introduced species, so their growth is predictable and manageable. They are also ideal food sources for wildlife. And the more diverse a native population is, the healthier the garden will be, which will limit the need for pesticides and fertilizers.

The most useful tool for protecting our watershed is awareness of how our actions affect our world. The Chesapeake Bay and its contributing bodies of water are essential components for life in the region. The more we know about protecting the watershed, the better equipped we will be to preserve its health. The county Conservation District is a great resource for community members seeking expert advice on a range of environmental topics, from agricultural nutrient management and floodplain monitoring to best practices for excavation and earthmoving projects.

Several foundations exist to raise awareness about sustainability and protecting the Chesapeake Bay region. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis, is focused on cleaning up the bay. Bernie Fowler, a former Maryland State Senator, is famous for his actions in office to help clean up the Patuxent River, a major tributary of the



Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve serves as the principle upper watershed for the Middle Creek, which flows into Toms Creek, and eventually into the Monocacy River.

Chesapeake Bay. The states within the watershed all have numerous parks that promote watershed preservation, including Pennsylvania's Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve.

Visit [epa.gov](http://epa.gov) to learn more about residential sustainability

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## PETS LARGE & SMALL

# Taking a chance on the “unadoptable”

**Jennifer Vanderau**  
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

I'm usually the kind of person who likes to know what she's getting into in life. I really like guarantees. I need to know how far the fall is if I'm going to jump, you know what I mean?

I'm not that big of a risk-taker. I like the calm roller coasters at the amusement park – the kind you find in the kid section.

But sometimes, I wonder.

Sometimes there's a little voice in the back of my head that's got an ornery tone that asks, "What are you missing out on?"

The risk-takers have a lot of fun. Those insane roller coasters really do get your adrenaline pumping. Diverting off the path can take you down a course that allows you to see new sights and experience new things. Maybe that new dish I've never tried could be the best food I've ever tasted.

Sometimes the greatest moments in life can come from taking chances.

Never has that been more true than in regard to animals.

Taking a chance on bringing a pet

into your life could be the best decision you've ever made, even if in the beginning it might not sit too well.

We've had a lot of dogs at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter who have been repeat customers. It breaks our hearts when it happens, but some of the canines we adopt come back to us for a variety of reasons.

We've seen separation anxiety in dogs so severe that the animal will literally bloody himself to get out of a crate. We've seen energy levels in dogs that would require daily runs to wear them down. Some herding breeds will herd everything – cats, children, adults, you name it.

When you've got an animal that has a perceived "behavior problem" it can be tough to find him a home. It's going to take someone with a lot of patience and patience and, oh yeah, some patience.

I think a lot of people when they adopt a pet want what I call a "calendar dog" – one that looks nice, behaves well and will fit seamlessly into their life.

Nine times out of ten, that's not what you get.

It will take work to have a pet.

There will be an adjustment period in your life while everyone in the home gets used to having a new addition.

But – and man, by now, you had to have been able to hear that one coming – often times all these babies need is time and a lot of love and they become some of the best four-legged friends anyone could have.

We had a lady years ago come into the shelter, walk right up to the counter and say, "I'd like to see the cat you've had here the longest."

There was a beat of silence while we all thought, "Oh, boy."

The cat in question was named Jolene. She was a gray-and-white girl and had been with us for 14 months. Jolene could be (to put it mildly) persnickety. When she liked you, all was well, but if she'd (to use a colorful colloquium) "have a burr sideways," things often ended badly. There could be hissing involved.

Well, we gave this lady the run-down on what we had seen with Jolene and granted her request. It was with bated breath that we introduced the two.

Jolene, shockingly enough, must have known what was going on because she immediately started purring and rubbed against the woman's legs. Despite the fact that we explained that sometimes Jolene didn't want anything to do with people, the lady said she understood and was willing to give her the space she required.

Jolene was adopted that day, after waiting for 14 months, and has remained that woman's faithful companion ever since.

So many others before her had walked away from Jolene. They couldn't see beyond the sometimes surly nature to the heart that lay beneath. Not only did they miss out on helping her, they also missed all the fun and good times they could have known.

Taking chances can be scary. Really scary. It would be nice to go through life with a guarantee about everything.

But that's not the way it works in the real world. There are no guar-



**Frisky is a 3-year-old orange-and-white short-haired cat who was surrendered to the shelter because her owner could no longer keep her. She is currently at our Chambersburg Thrift Store looking for a home and the staff and volunteers there have an awesome time with her every day! She actually was the first one down the runway at our Fashion Show the other weekend. Stop by the thrift store to hear the "Frisky stories" and see if you don't fall hard for this sweetheart. To get more information on adopting Frisky, contact the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter at 717-263-5791.**

antees. Sometimes we just have to make that leap.

By not taking chances, what could you be missing out on? What memories could you have made? What brown eyes could be looking at you right now with every ounce of love and devotion in their hearts because you gave them that chance when others didn't?

Think of your own four-legged babies. Was there a time you were frustrated and thought, "I don't think I can do this." Imagine all the great moments where that obstinate little stinker made you laugh. Think about the calm times when he looked so happy and you knew in your heart, you'd done the right thing by saving him.

There's a real misconception out there that animals with "behavior problems" don't make good pets. In so many instances, that couldn't be farther from the truth. Just ask anyone who took a chance on an animal with an issue and see what they say.

There's a song, appropriately enough called "Taking Chances." I

think Celine Dion did it originally, but I know I first heard it on Glee.

The lyrics are "What do you say to taking chances? What do you say to jumping off the edge? Never knowing if there's solid ground below, or hand to hold, or hell to pay. What do you say?"

I know there are a lot of sweet four-legged babies at the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter asking that question to everyone who walks in.

So how about it?

What do you say?

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Before humans die, they write their last Will & Testament, give their home & all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

- My happy home.
- My bowl & cozy bed, soft pillows and all my toys.
- The lap, which I loved so much.
- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I'd Will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

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."

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# PETS LARGE & SMALL

## The cat people

Kimberly J Brokaw DVM  
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This was the fifth or sixth year I had come to this client's house to vaccinate their cats. I come every fall for annual vaccines as they have too many cats to easily bring to the clinic. I remember the first time I went to their house. As I pulled in the driveway my thoughts went to scenes from Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Deliverance. I called the clinic and jokingly told them that if I didn't come back for afternoon appointments they were to come search the basement and woods for my body. Once inside, the vaccinations went smoothly, as the couple shared their views on politics and why the country is going downhill.

While one could argue that these people are cat hoarders, they continue to provide more than adequate food, water, and veterinary care for the cats. All the cats are spayed or neutered and receive routine vaccinations. The cats are all loved and every injury or illness is attended to promptly. While cats kept by hoarders typically have eye disease and respiratory illness, these cats did not. In fact I think the owners take better care of their cats than they do of themselves.

As the years have gone by, I've come to enjoy the quirkiness of the family and even sort of missed the off-color and slightly inappropriate comments and behavior of the now deceased husband. My third year going to the house was one of my more memorable. I knew what to expect. I knew to quickly organize a system so there was no chance that, in the chaos of grabbing cats, we would vaccinate one cat twice and leave another unvaccinated. The similarity between all of the cat appearances and names no longer frustrated me when I was recording the vaccines for the cat health records. I came prepared to listen to their unique political opinions and for the elderly man

to flirt with me while his wife chastised him saying "the vet's not here for you. She's here for the cats." It happened that this year, I had a veterinary student with me for my annual visit to the house. As we drove there, I tried to prepare her for what to expect. There will be multiple cars in various states of decay in the yard as well as tires, a freezer, and various other furniture throughout the backyard. While she should expect to see around 50 cats in the yard, we would be vaccinating about a dozen of them. All of the cat are named Chipmunk, Little Chipmunk, Chipmunk Jr, Chipmunk 2, Munk-munk, Chippy, etc.

Despite my attempt at preparing the student for what she was about to see, I think she was a little taken aback. I pulled into the driveway and noted that they had cleaned the place up since last time. She looked at me in disbelief. There were still multiple trash heaps and run down vehicles in the yard and easily several dozen cats. When we stepped into the house, you could barely see to the back of the room as the cigarette smoke was so thick. The elderly couple chased the cats about the place while cursing at each other and smoking. When they caught a cat they would hold him or her on the table for me to vaccinate, with their cigarette hanging out of their mouth. One of the cats was particularly wiggly

so we were a little slower administering the vaccine. The slight delay resulted in the ash on the cigarette getting longer and my student and I hoped we would finish vaccinating before the ash fell on the cat. As we were catching cats, the elderly gentleman decided that he liked my student and started getting closer and closer to her as his wife, daughter, and I caught and vaccinated cats.

By the time I was on cat number eight he had his arm around my student's shoulder and she looked at me with that deer in the headlights type expression. Unfortunately for my student, his wife wasn't going to chastise him the way she had for me the previous year. As we got in the car and drove out of the driveway, I turned and looked at my student and joked, "Now wasn't that fun?" She just glared at me with that "I hate you" look. "I guess I owe you lunch?", I said.

I have noticed that my thoughts on people are directly influenced by how well they



Owners of pets often take better care of their four-legged friends than they do of themselves.

take care of their animals. While it has taken a few years, my former student no longer recalls that as one of her worst days with me. I've, however, come to appreciate people who will sacrifice personal

comforts to ensure their pets are well taken care of.

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## To cut back or not cut back...

**Barb Mrgich**  
Adams County Master Gardener

Mr. Jack Frost comes silently upon your garden in the early morning hours, and when daylight comes, you see sad, browned foliage and drooping flowers. What do you do next?

The official answer to a million gardening questions is, "It depends", and this is one of those times. First you have considerations to keep in mind. If the plant is an annual, and now it looks ugly, pull it out and throw it in the compost bin.

If the plant is a native perennial, it most likely offers benefits to birds and beneficial insects, so it's a good idea to let it stand. Overwintering birds rely on eating from the seedheads of dried perennials. They also use the protection of trees, shrubs, plant stubs, and ground covers throughout the winter. They forage in the leaves and debris on the garden floor for insects to eat, and, in addition to the seedheads, they enjoy the berries and

fruit that many natives have to offer.

Native plants host beneficial insects that may be hiding in or near them for the winter. For example, one of our Pennsylvania resident butterflies is the Viceroy which is a Monarch look-alike. The tiny Viceroy caterpillar will roll itself in a leaf from its host plant then drop with it to the ground where it will stay for the winter. If you meticulously rake those leaves for a clean garden floor, you will be disposing of those future butterflies.

Insects tend to lay their eggs and winter over, on, or near the plants they like to eat. The vast majority of insects are considered beneficial because they eat other insects while they, themselves, are eaten and provide nourishment for birds and other animals. The small percentage of the insects that are pests seem to prefer our vegetable gardens, orchards, and agricultural fields where they spend their lives destroying our crops. Hopefully, all this explains why you want to

carefully clean plant debris from your vegetable garden, but leave as much as possible in your ornamental garden. One exception to that rule concerns our beloved Mr. Slug, who eats and shreds your hosta leaves. Clean up those leaves as soon as the frost takes them because they harbor the slug eggs which will hatch and ruin next year's hostas.

Here is a concept to keep in mind before you start cutting back plants. Every plant will send the energy from its roots to its flowers, fruits and foliage to produce the beautiful garden that you love. At the end of the season, that energy will return to the roots for the winter keeping the plant strong for re-emergence in the spring. If you cut those plant tops off too soon, the plant loses its chance to reclaim that energy. So don't be in a big hurry to rush out there and cut plants back.

Cannas and Dahlias are two popular garden specimens which are not hardy in our area, and some people worry that they will die if hit by the frost. You should actually wait for a couple of frosts before digging them, until the energy from the dying foliage has a chance to return to the tubers. Then dig them and store them properly for the winter.

As a master gardener, people ask me how low they should cut off their perennials. Actually, once those stems are dead, and the plant has gone dormant,



The native resident butterfly, the Viceroy (*Limenitis archippus*), is a Monarch look-alike. The tiny Viceroy caterpillar will roll itself in a leaf from its host plant then drop with it to the ground, where it will stay for the winter.

it doesn't matter to the plant where you cut them, but there are a couple of reasons to leave about a 6 - 8 inch stub. First, it will help protect the crown of the plant from the cold during the winter. Leaves get caught in

those stubs and help insulate the crown. Secondly, that stub will stand firm to remind you exactly where that plant is located when you are looking to dig a hole for something else in early April!

Cutting back shrubs is a very different story. Never prune or cut back any shrub in the fall. Pruning encourages growth, and new tender shoots promoted by your pruning, will be easily destroyed by the impending freeze, possibly damaging or killing the entire plant. Once the freeze is upon us, and the plant is completely dormant, you can go ahead and cut back the shrubs that will bloom on new wood if you want to. Most people simply prefer to wait for early spring when the weather is nicer to work outside. Shrubs that bloom on old wood should always be pruned just after they bloom.

Besides concerns for wildlife, blooms, and plant health, there is one other consideration. It involves a favorite gardener's term called "winter interest". We want our gardens to look good through all four seasons. In the winter, we lose the beauty of the flowers, but evergreens, grasses, shrub skeletons, garden ornaments and standing perennial seed pods can all help to provide winter interest. When the snows arrive and clothe the garden in a coat of white, winter artistry is at its best.

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## Adams County Master Gardener Fall craft series

As our days shorten and the temperature drops, we often spend time reflecting on our gardens: what to change, what to keep, or how we managed a crop or two. We spend more time inside, wondering what we can do to bring the outside in during the winter months. We begin to take notes, look at plants and projects on-line, check out our pinterest boards more frequently, and come up with a list of things to do to take up our gardening time.

Every fall, our Master Gardeners offer a series of projects for you to help you bring the outside in. Our Fall Craft Series begins Monday, October 27 and continues through November 17. The classes begin at 6:30pm each Monday evening at the Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. For \$20 per class you will walk away with a cool fall decoration for indoors or for on your patio and porch. Register for as many or as few as you wish! To register, call Penn State Extension, Adams County, 717-334-6271, or stop by our office at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg, or on-line at <http://extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events>

Monday, Oct. 27 we will be making a wreath for your door or mantle. This burlap covered wreath has been seen in magazines and is a new and unique way of creating welcoming entrances and wall art. Please join us to create this new style burlap covered 14" wreath with fall leaves and fleece rolled roses and outdoor ribbon.

Monday, November 3, Master Gardeners will be demonstrating a very fragrant, colorful table

wreath for your fall interior using fresh lemon leaves accented with dehydrated orange slices, lemons, cinnamon sticks, pine cones and kumquats. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, you could check off the "to do" list your centerpiece! This will look great for any fall or winter occasion. Come join the fun! Please bring your glue gun if you have one.

Nature Luminary Votive Candle Holders will be our project on Monday, November 10. The lovely votive candles add a soft touch to any room. These nature votive candle holders make wonderful gifts too! You will be making three nature candle holders using autumn leaves applied to glass votive holder. Just bring yourself, we will provide all the supplies needed.

Have you visited garden centers lately? If so, you'll notice in the gift department glass ornaments that act as little terrariums. On Monday, November 17, you will have the opportunity to create two winter-themed arrangements from evergreen cuttings and various trimmings. These hanging terrariums can later be used to plant small plants or beautifully display tea lights. They will look great hanging on your Christmas tree, displayed in a window or even hanging from a chandelier!

From traditional displays to more modern design, these crafts will add beauty to any room. Enjoy the relaxation of the evening while creating fun and useful fall décor. To register, call Penn State Extension, Adams County, 717-334-6271, or stop by our office at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg. You can go on-line at <http://extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events> to register.

## Small Town Gardener When two worlds collide

Marianne Willburn

My husband glanced up from his oatmeal this morning and gave me a penetrating look. "What did you say?" he queried in a puzzled voice.

"I said," patience filling my voice with self-righteous indignation, "I need you to configure the internet for my new netbook."

The merest glimmer of a smirk began to decorate the corners of his lips.

"Configure the internet?" he said, with the dead-pan delivery of a seasoned comic.

"Yes, I've got to get this thing up and running. I've got two articles to write, a website to update, and I can't seem to make it find the internet."

"Perhaps it's lost."

The man was in great danger of finding a cyanide surprise in his spaghetti that evening. I could feel my blood pressure starting to nudge the mercury. "Look. You do this kind of thing for a living. I know you know what I am talking about."

"You're right," he said, staring at me coolly, "I do know what you're talking about - I just can't believe that you don't."

"Darling," said I, voice dripping with homicidal fury. "You may know everything there is to know about motherboards, power supplies and Best Buy opening hours, but you have absolutely no idea of the needs of the average computer user. I don't care if I'm calling "software", "hardware"; I couldn't care less if I've enabled pop-ups or pull-ups; I don't want to know - I just want it to work. Now, if you would be so very kind, could you please configure the internet before I flip out and find a pair of sharp scissors?"

His smile could no longer be suppressed, and I was forced to leave the room for the comfort of my personal Matrix - the garden.

Out in the relative safety of my kingdom, I could breathe normally again, all seemed right with the world, and my virtual problems started to fade. And then I was strangely reminded of a day, not that long ago, when the balance of power had been reversed.

If memory serves, I think I was tarting up a eunymus with a pair of shears while my husband sat on the porch thoughtfully considering the pastoral scene in front of him.

"I want an orange tree." He said suddenly - in his best "make-it-so" voice. "In fact," he said, considering further, "I want a whole grove of orange trees."

"That's nice sweetheart." I continued in my pruning adventure. A minute went by.

"Did you hear me?" he said, a little louder. "I want an orange tree...and an avocado."

Whether you want an orange tree, an avocado, or a tropical banana is neither here nor there my darling," said I, the ball firmly in my court. "They simply will not grow here."

"Well, what do you need to do?" he said, "Cover them in plastic or something? Can't you do that?"

"What I need to do," my lips starting to form the smirk which was to haunt me later, "is to build a twenty foot orangery on the back of the house and have well-paid undergardeners move two hundred pound half barrels of citrus delight back and forth from their sheltered bower every spring and fall."

He looked at me, his eyes cold.

"I don't think you understand," he said. "I don't want to know how you do it, I just want an orange tree - I love the smell of the blossoms. Don't you remember the groves in Southern California?"

Remember? I'm currently in a twelve step Mid-Atlantic Gardeners Anonymous program in order to forget. I looked at him with patient indulgence and spoke the following words:

"Not going to happen."

He stomped off, no doubt to some laptop or other that needed its internet configured.

So, as I stooped to pick a weed today from the hundreds that, like a computer virus, infect my pathways, I had a supreme moment of clarity. We are both experts in our chosen fields; fields that we enjoy to such an extent that we cannot conceive of others not enjoying and understanding them in the way we do. I can't plant orange trees for my husband, but perhaps a Philadelphus in full flower will satiate his longing. And whether he "configures the internet" or merely "establishes a network connection" - I won't care as long as I turn on my computer and Google greets my technophobic eyes.

I came inside, grabbed the netbook my husband had just finished fiddling with, and began typing - fresh with new insight and ground breaking philosophies to share with the world.

"I found the internet for you." He chirped, breaking my concentration. "Just don't break it - a lot of people are using it at the moment."

"And I'm writing an article about you," I said sweetly, "so you would be well advised to keep your sarcastic comments to a minimum."

Aren't you doing that on the netbook?" he replied. "You'll need to email that to your editor when you're finished, so perhaps you should keep your comments to a minimum if you ever want to see it in print."

Touché my darling. Touché.

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# THE GREAT WORLD WAR

## Side stories on the war

*Editor's note: We found the following entry in the Oct 16th paper telling on the status of the war in Europe. As such, we thought we would shift gears this month and run some of the "side stories" related to the war that the reader's of the paper in October of 1914 saw.*

### Satisfactory war news

The Germans are gaining, the French are ahead, the English are right on top; the Russians are licking the Austrian forces, the Cossack advance they cannot stop. The Belgians have captured a Prussian brigade, the Prussians have blown up the French, the Uhlans have taken a whole English corps, killed thousands in one single trench.

The Russians have cut down all the Germans in sight, the Germans killed Russians galore; the Austrians, wing their way in the fight, mow Russian men down by the score. The Prussians are running away from the French, the French are retreating in haste, the English are taking the Kaiser's best men, the Fatherland's one arid wasteland.

The German Navy has sent the best ships that England can boast on the main, and England has blown up so many German warcraft that few German cruis-

ers remain.

The German airships of their crack Army Corps as monarchs now rule the blue skies, while the French aviators have blown each one of and the victory's all the allies.

Now this is the great satisfaction you get in the daily report of the news; and there is only one way to set wonder aside – simply believe what reports you may choose.

### October 2 War stimulating America's biggest industries

The United States Steel Corporation is about to close a contract for 10,000 tons of special grade steel and inquiries are in the market for an additional 10,000 tons of cheap bars for Great Britain. Some of the independent mills have secured orders for several thousand tons of billets from England. This is the largest export order of steel in this country since foreign inquiry was stimulated by the war.

Manufacturers of shoes are preparing for a busy season and they are buying leather in anticipation of their needs. The Italian government has entered the American market for immediate delivery of upward of \$5 million worth of

Army regulation shoes, horse saddles, leather belts and knapsacks for soldiers and promises to pay cash.

Information came from the West that the English government has ordered 60,000 horses. A horse dealer in Boston said that several trains of horses have been shipped from the mid West to Toronto and Montréal for the English government. The price paid by the English official is around \$150 to \$265 per horse. Most of the horses are heavy draft horses, which will be used to haul supplies and artillery pieces.

A new industry - the shipping of coal, has sprung up as a result of the British government forbidding the shipment of coal from Great Britain. The government of Greece has placed one order here for 100,000 tons of coal, which is now being shipped to the seaboard for shipment. The Berwind-White Coal Company, the largest exporter of American coal, announced that inquiries are coming in quite rapidly concerning the delivery of coal.

Every branch of business in every class of manufacturers seems to be likewise benefited in the short term the war has been waging, everything from our automobiles to chewing gum and tobacco. This is cited from the report that Charles Schwab has secured a \$5 million contract from Russia and France to furnish 3,000-armored machine gun mounted motor trucks

American consumption of tobacco and chewing gum has greatly increased since the war began. Everybody has taken on a case of the nerves over the big scrap. Men become so excited over war bulletins that they keep puffing ritually almost all the time.

The tobacco business has increased about 10%. There has been a particularly large increase in the sale of cheap cigars. Foreigners who have been unable to answer the



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call to their colors keep going being about the bulletin boards with a stogie being their sole source of comfort., or it may be a big wad of tobacco.

Women have you take their stress out on something else, and it has fallen to the lot of chewing gum to take the edge off their nerves. Agents of chewing gum factories tell me their factories have been working 24 hours each day, to supply the greatest demand in their history."

### War will make best oysters cheap

The finest oysters grown along the Long Island Shores, which

have always been held for the European, will this season be put on the domestic market, according to growers who predicted the crop would be the biggest in the history of the country and the prices would be low.

For many years Europe has taken the finest oysters produced by this country. There are numerous beds along the Long Island shores that have produced oysters for the European market exclusively, but now the owners are unable to make shipments and these oysters must be sold in the home market. The prices have always been high in this country. Aside from the fact that the war has made oysters cheap, the supply is so plentiful that they would have been cheaper than usual if there had been no war.

### Preparing for any emergency

The National Rifle Association of America, closely allied to the War Department, has secured the passage by Congress of the measure to issue free to rifle club members rifles and ammunition so that the citizens, who in time of war, would compose a voluntary army would have some knowledge of the care and use of the military arm. Under the act, the government will issue the rifles for which the regular army was formally equipped, popularly called the "Krag," an equal of any other rifles now being used in the European war. With each rifle will go 120 rounds of ammunition. This ammunition will be issued annually to every club member who will guarantee to use the same in practice shooting as prescribed by the War Department.

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## October 9

### With the armies in Europe

Not all the men, and especially not all the officers, who die in this war will be killed by the bullets of the enemy. As in all campaigns that have ever taken place, a number of men are doomed to death directly the guns begin to shoot. There is always a rough kind of justice about these executions - for that is what they amount to. An officer who has incurred the hatred of his men, who has shown himself a beast, but not a just beast, war offers the opportunity for revenge. In the heat of a general action there is no time to inquire whether a man receives his wound from the front or from the back.

The British officer, whether of commissioned or noncommissioned rank, has cultivated relations with the men under him such that, without destroying discipline, he is always sure of their loyalty. Soldiers' letters from the front are full of praise not only of the courage of the officers, but also of their care for the comfort of the men. The German officers on the other hand have a reputation of a very different kind, and no doubt the arrangements by which they lead their regiments from the rear, with a revolver in one hand and a sword in the other has much to recommend it.

War progress reports coming from the front these days have somewhere in them a Red Cross nurse. Photographers have begun to realize that the only softening feature of the war is robbed in white with a red band on her arm.

The Krupp factory in Essen seems to be about the only manufacturing concern in Germany whose employees were freed from the duty of going to the front and whose machinery is being kept running at full capacity. This great factory, with its 46,000 workmen, is the chief resource of the German army, and it will be protected to the last moment of the war.

### Our danger in the Far East

A minority report on the Philippine independence bill declares Japan might seize all of Germany's Pacific possessions. A distinguished Japanese once observed that the "Philippine archipelago is but a continuation of her own." Territorially we are in closest relations with Japan, one of the nations now at war.

It angered by stubborn resistance, severe losses and pressed by already aroused war spirit among her people Japan should cease all of Germany's Pacific possessions, no one would be surprised. The Samoan Islands, in the South Pacific are divided between England, Germany and the United States. If Japan ceases the German Samoan islands she will be next door to our holdings there.

Half of Hawaii's total population of 191,000 is Japanese, so they tend to think of that as their own also. Only 10,000 Americans call Hawaii home. This group of

islands, in the center of the Pacific Ocean, is probably the most desirable strategic point in the world.

## October 16

### Count Zeppelin vindicated

Like most pioneers, Count Zeppelin has had to overcome and enormous amount of opposition. For many years he was regarded by an influential section of Berlin society as a madman. After the successful flight of the Zeppelin III, during the autumn of 1907, however, the government agreed to purchase the machine, and granted the inventor an additional 25,000 pounds for further experiments.

By this time Zeppelin was possibly the most popular man in Germany. Six weeks following the wreck of Zeppelin IV, in August 1908, Germany place 300,000 pounds at his disposal, in order that he might be freed for all time of a financial nightmare which had dogged his career without compensation for so many years.

Zeppelin's prodigy is now a striking fear in the hearts of the allied capitals, hundreds of miles from the front lines, and in doing so, diverting resources that might otherwise be put to use in defeating the Kaiser's armies.

## October 23

Recent reports of conditions and the operations of the contending fleets of Europe in the North Sea have brought the question of submarine mines prominently forward, and the subject is considered in an interesting article in the war issue of Scientific American, in which the following facts are given:

"Because of its absolute invisibility, the submarine mine in its present state of development is the most deadly form of naval warfare. Certainly it has to its cred-

it the greatest disasters to ships of the first-class and the greatest number of such disasters during the past decade of naval history.

As compared with torpedo attack, mining has the advantage of greater secrecy and invisibility; and this is true even when the torpedo is launched from the submarine. For effective tract, torpedoes must be fired either from battleships, cruisers, or submarines. In the case of each of the classes of vessels, a ship, from the moment it sights the enemy, knows that within certain ranges it is liable to torpedo attack; and even in the case of the submarine, which must come occasionally to the surface and during most of the attack must occasionally have its periscope above the surface, there is a reasonable expectation that with a careful watch, some signs of the approaching danger will be detected and stopped.

In the case of the submarine mine, the element of secrecy is so perfect that if it so happens that the minefield has not been previously located, a fleet under way has no possible means of knowing when or where it may encounter these deadly machines."

## October 30

### The horse and the war

Representatives of the French government have started buying 100,000 horses and mules in the West, according to reports from St. Louis. It is said that they have purchased something like 10,000 horses to date. As the average price paid for our horses is about \$125. The purchase of 100,000 head mean in expenditure of \$12 million or more.

A New York company has been asked to submit prices for \$20,000 worth of horses to supply the Army of one of the warring nations of Europe. The pres-

ident of the company believes the demand for horses for the European armies is going to have a tremendous effect on the market for trotters. "Thousands of the cheaper grades of horses are being purchased for shipment abroad," he said, "and the demand has just only started. The men who sell these horses to your will soon be in the market for well bred youngsters to replace them, and this will mean even better prices for good horses."

Another New York horse dealer expect to see more than 1 million horses purchased in the United States by the warring nations of Europe, provided ships can

be found to transport them. He says that if England "had to buy 300,000 horses, to whip 90,000 Boers, there is no telling how many horses will be needed for the British French and German armies in the war now going on."

Germany is said to have lost more than 1 million horses in the Franco Prussian war. About one half of the number succumbed to sickness and injuries on the battlefield. The French acknowledged the loss of 150,000 horses in that war.

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## HISTORY

# 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore

John Miller  
Emmitsburg Historical Society

After the news of the burning of Washington, the 45,000 people of Baltimore knew it was only a matter of time before they too, would see the British ships in the Chesapeake Bay. Baltimore was the third largest city in the United States during that time. It was also a place where privateers captured or collected bounty from over five hundred British ships, as well as fanned the war with Britain.

Since 1813, Baltimore had already built up their defenses for a possible British raid. The city officials called upon Major General Samuel Smith, commanding the Maryland Militia Third Division to defend the city. Aside from the Maryland militia, Major George Armistead commanded the Fort McHenry garrison. There was also a naval presence at Baltimore too.

On August 27, 1814, Major General Smith ordered Brigadier General Stansbury's militia to Baltimore, but due to the fighting at Bladensburg, his brigade was still scattered. Major General Smith had decided that Baltimore will

not end up as another "Bladensburg Race." The citizens were told to find and gather any tools, such as pickaxes, shovels and wheel barrels. The next day, all people would begin digging or improving entrenchments.

Militia from Virginia and Pennsylvania also reported to Baltimore. Major General Smith began to look at the area of what might become a battleground. He became interested in North Point Peninsula. It was here, at the tip, where the Patapsco River emptied into the Chesapeake Bay. It was a perfect place for the British to land their ground forces. Major General Smith would send Brigadier General John Stricker to deploy his command there, and buy as much as time as he could to stall the British advance.

As Maj. Gen. Smith made his plan, he was given more authority, including commanding all forces in Baltimore over Federal Brigadier General William Winder. This made Brig. Gen. Winder very upset. On Sept. 5, Brig. Gen. Winder received his orders defending Ferry Branch. Brigadier General Winder kept pleading to Maj. Gen. Smith about changing

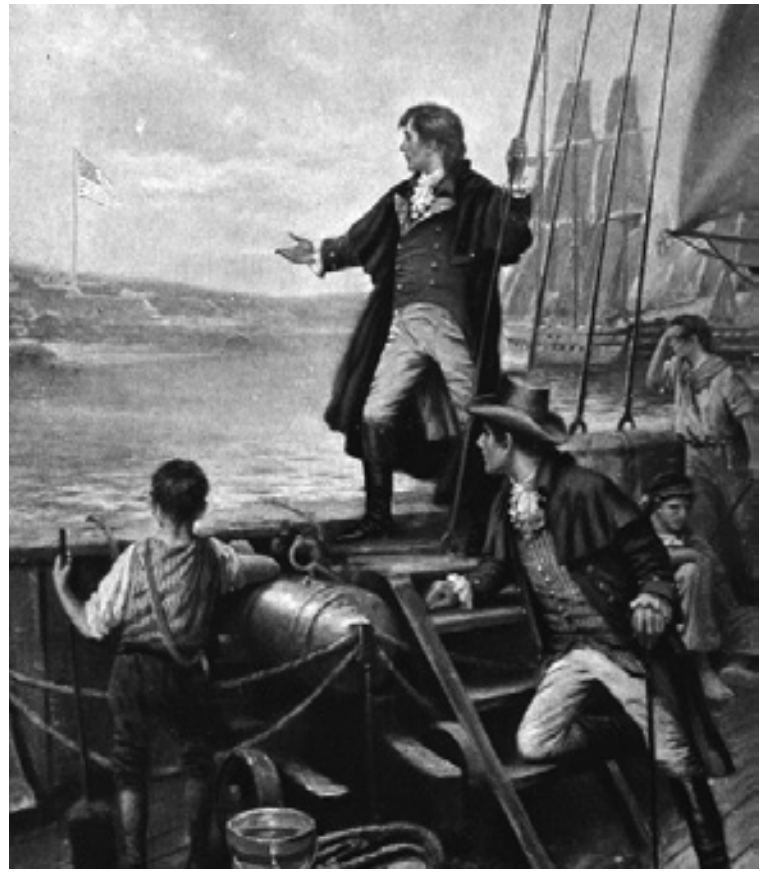
his orders, but Smith ignored him, as he had a city to defend.

On Sept. 10, the British navy moved down the Potomac River where they concentrated on the Chesapeake Bay. From there, they began sailing to Baltimore. By this time, Maj. Gen. Smith had about 10,000 troops, mostly militia, to defend the city.

On Sept. 11, signal guns fired announcing the arrival of the British. Vice Admiral Alexander Cochrane made plans to attack Baltimore using a two prong attack. He was unaware that Baltimore was waiting for the British to arrive. He ordered Major General Robert Ross and Rear Admiral George Cockburn to advance on the city by way of North Point, while the British navy continued by sea to Baltimore, and attack Fort McHenry.

On Sept. 12, at 4 a.m., the British ground forces were on American soil. By dawn, 4,700 soldiers, marines, and sailors began their advance on Baltimore, twelve miles away. Later in the morning, Brigadier General John Stricker discovered the British advance. He readied his men for the battle ahead. But after a few hours had passed, Brig. Gen. Stricker decided to force Maj. Gen. Ross' hand, and draw him into a fight. By 1:30 p.m., the first shots were exchanged by the men of Ross' and Stricker's commands.

Major General Ross quickly ordered up two of his regiments to the front. As the British infantry arrived with Maj. Gen. Ross at the head, a bullet stuck his right arm and went into his chest. At the same time, Maj. Gen. Stricker's skirmish line fell back to the main line. British Colonel Arthur Brooke took over for the fallen Ross, and within



Francis Scott Key stands on deck with his right arm stretched out toward the United States flag that is flying over Fort McHenry, Baltimore.

an hour, advanced on Brig. Gen. Stricker's main line. As two British infantry regiments charged the center of the main line, and after twenty minutes of heavy fighting, Stricker's men fell back. Stricker lost 163 men killed or wounded and another 50 taken prisoner. For the British, the battle of North Point wasn't as costly in numbers, but they lost Major General Robert Ross, as he died later from his wounds. For those at Baltimore, the battle of North Point bought them time to finish their defenses.

At dawn on Sept. 13, British Colonel Brooke began his advance on Baltimore. As the British approached Hampstead Hill, they were faced with an earthwork that was about three miles wide. The in-

terior featured one hundred cannon and about ten to fifteen thousand troops, all ready to defend the eastern approach to Baltimore. The rain fell upon Colonel Brooke's men. Colonel Brooke attacked the position on the right, which he was able to overrun, but he knew a frontal assault would be devastating to his rank and file. After meeting with his officers, Colonel Brooke decided to withdraw before dawn the next morning.

While Colonel Brooke was advancing toward Baltimore, British Vice Admiral Cochrane, with about nineteen ships, began testing the defenses of Fort McHenry. At about 6 a.m. Congreve Rockets and mortar shells began screaming and flying through the air. The British ships were just

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failed to explode. Major Armistead quickly ordered the powder to be moved to a safer location. The British landed a small force on shore to try and pull some of Maj. Gen. Smith's men away from the harbor opening, but the British force was unable to fool Maj. Gen. Smith. The British ships moved in closer and the Americans were finally able to open their artillery.

By dawn, the storm had passed and the British bombardment came to an end shortly afterward. They had fired over 1,500 rounds at Fort McHenry with no success. As the defenders of Fort McHenry took down the tattered storm flag and raised the garrison flag that was

used for reveille, a portion of the British land force fired at the flag.

By sunrise, Francis Scott Key anxiously waited for the fog to lift, so he could see which flag now flew over Fort McHenry. With much relief, he saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Key became inspired by the site, and would write the poem "Defiance of Ft. McHenry" that would become our National Anthem on March 3, 1931. The poem was based upon the British song "To Anacreon in Heaven."

With Fort McHenry still in American possession, and Colonel Brooke falling back from near Baltimore, Vice Admiral Cochrane or-

dered his ships back. He was running low on ammunition and to retry to take the city by force would not prove anything. During the battle of Fort McHenry, the Americans had four killed and twenty-four wounded. The British had one man wounded that was on the vessel which took a hit from Fort McHenry's artillery.

After the American victories at the battle of Plattsburgh, Baltimore and New Orleans, the War of 1812 officially came to an end by the signing of the Treaty of Ghent on December 24, 1814. The U.S approved the treaty on February 16, 1815, and by February 18, the War of 1812 was over.

out of range of fort's guns. The one thousand man garrison under Major Armistead would have to wait for the British ships to move in closer before they would return the fire. For the next twenty-five hours the British bombarded Fort McHenry.

Francis Scott Key had been aboard the British vessel HMS Tonnant. He met with British commanders and the Prisoner Exchange Officer Colonel John Stu-

art Skinner to help release Dr. William Beanes, who had been arrested after the Burning of Washington. The British agreed to let them go, but they would have wait until after the battle of Baltimore was decided to be released. During the night, Key watched the "the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air" as the rain fell.

During the night's bombardment, a shell had landed in the powder magazine, but the shell



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# NSA—the early years

Commander John Murphy,  
USN, Ret

*"Welcome to the NSA ... you are going to be a codebreaker."*

These were the first words I heard at NSA when I reported for duty in January 1957. I did not know what they meant, but I would soon learn. I was part of a group of Army, Navy, and Air Force officers who reported to NSA at that time. The nation had made a conscious decision to beef up its communications intelligence (COMINT) effort against the Soviet bloc in the 1950s. A large, modern, headquarters began construction at Fort Meade, Maryland in 1952. A dream was about to become reality for those in the communications intelligence business. An Agency that "grew like topsy" after World War II was spread out in temporary sites in the Washington D.C. area. An organization Washington insiders liked to jokingly refer to as "No Such Agency" was about to become much more visible.

I finished college in 1955 and planned to become a lawyer. I had been accepted at Albany Law School in Albany, New York. Then I received what World War II vets called a "Greetings letter" from Uncle Sam. Whether I liked it or not, I was going into the military. The Selective Service System that had been set up in World War II was still up and running. First for the Korean conflict and now, it appeared for the new war... what everyone was calling the Cold War. Uncle Sam needed me for something or other.

My older brother had just graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and I decided to apply for the Navy's Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. To my surprise I was accepted almost immediately. I was ordered to report to the U.S. Naval Station at Newport, Rhode Island in June 1956 to enter the Navy Officer Candidate School, Class Nr. 28. After four months of pretty rude treatment (e.g. early rising, marching, calisthenics, inspections (e.g. uniform, locker, bed making, showers and toilets etc.) studying naval warfare, jumping off 50' towers into the sea, ship handling drills, navigation training, naval gun training etc. If we survived, we were declared ready to become "officers and gentlemen". Before we got too cocky, our instructors reminded us, "You guys are so bad that it takes an Act of Congress to make you a gentleman."

Towards the end of OCS we started receiving "orders" to our future duty stations. I was hoping to receive orders to be the Commanding Officer of a destroyer at least. They looked so impressive as they sailed up the channel behind us into Narragansett Bay. Cruisers and aircraft carriers could come later. Most of my classmates were receiving assignments to combatant ships or Naval Stations in the U.S. There was a small group of us however, that were told "You're going to Washington D.C. for further assignment. They will tell you what your job is when you get there". This was all pretty disappointing for folks who had been "in pro-

cessing" for over a year. Then, after commissioning, they added insult to injury by assigning us to a three month Naval Communications "Officer Short Course" at Newport. We asked "Why are you sending us to a communications school?" Again, the answer was "You will find out when you get to D.C."

On New Year's Eve 1956 seven of us showed up at an address in Washington D.C. that was in our orders- 3801 Nebraska Avenue, N.W. - right across from American University. We saw nothing that remotely resembled a military installation. After driving past a place that looked like a college two or three times- we stopped at a small parking lot with the words "3801 Nebraska Ave. N.W." on it. We found a U.S. Marine guard in a small gatehouse. He welcomed us to the Naval Security Station, time-stamped our orders (to show we had reported for duty) and told us to come back the next day. Well at least we were there - wherever we were. Now maybe we were going to learn where we were going to be assigned.

During initial orientation I finally got to ask the question "what is it we do here?" I got an answer of sort. "We hope you'll become a code breaker." I asked "why me?" The answer came back "You are a musician and recent studies have shown that two kinds of people make good code breakers-mathematicians and musicians!"

Well, there it was. At last, after 15 months of processing, I had broken the code! I was going to become a government codebreaker because I had played trumpet in the University of Notre Dame band! Welcome to the wonderful world of cryptology and codebreaking.

#### Assignment to NSA

I was briefly assigned to the Naval



John Murphy as a sailor at OCS Newport in 1956.

Security Group Headquarters at the Naval Security Station on Nebraska Ave. Just when I was starting to like it there; I was reassigned to the National Security Agency at one of its locations in the Washington D.C. area. I was assigned to "Tempo X" (Government Temporary Building X) at the site of the current RFK Stadium in Washington D.C. It was a typical World War I temporary building. I was used to living in such buildings because that was all we had in Newport.

I learned that the major components of the new National Security Agency were located at a place called Arlington Hall Station or the Naval Security Station. I was to be assigned to the Office of Training at Arlington Hall Station in Virginia. Like the Naval Security Station, it was a former women's college. A campus like setting with ivy covered brick buildings hidden by rolling lawns, and mature shade trees. Shortly after arriving we were told: "Don't get too used to this place, because sometime this year we will be moving to a new Headquarters building at Fort Meade, Maryland".

NSA felt more like a military agency than a civilian government agency. The agency was officially created in 1952. We were

told that another agency known as the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA) had existed for a brief period, but did not work out for some reason. We were told that both Army and Navy communications intelligence organizations had played a large role in Allied successes during World War II. That the NSA that I joined in 1957 was made up largely of Army Security Agency, Naval Security Group and newly created Air Force Security Service personnel. They, along with a sizable component of civilian NSA staff, made up a new agency that was bursting at the seams with enthusiasm. We would soon all be together in one modern building.

In my early days at NSA, I had many conversations with men who worked in the Navy's famed "Rooftop Gang". These men had their introduction to military cryptology in 1941 in an old World War I temporary building on Constitution Avenue. In a shack "on the rooftop". What enthusiasm and dedication to duty. These were real codebreakers! I walked in their shadow. These were the men that actually broke the Japanese "Purple Code" that became a decisive factor in victories over the Japanese in the Battles of Coral Sea and Midway.

During the spring of 1957 I

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had the good fortune of getting to know some of the real heroes of World War II cryptology. Men such as Lambros Callimahos who worked in an office right next to me at Arlington Hall Station. Also, Captain John M. Lietwiler, USN ("Honest John") who commanded the Naval Security Group Detachment on Corregidor when it fell in 1942. After World War II Capt. Lietwiler was the first Commander of my parent command, the Naval Security Group. As a Lieutenant on Corregidor in April 1942 he commanded the 21-man Naval Security Group detachment known as the "Monkey Point Militia" that barely escaped alive aboard the submarine USS Seadragon.

## The Cold War gets hot and the NSA gets going

I did not realize it, but the Cold War took on ominous overtones after the Soviets tested their first nuclear device in the Fall of 1949. Also, Soviet troops quelled revolts in East Germany in 1953; the Warsaw Pact was created in 1955; the Soviets were testing ICBMs and earth satellites called Sputnik and had launched the first nuclear submarine, which they call Leningradskiy Komsomolets. We were in a real arms race.

A new, modern NSA building began construction in 1952. Other sites such as Fort Belvoir and Fort Knox were considered. For a variety of reasons, Fort Meade was selected even though it was considered too close to Washington to survive a nuclear attack on the capital. Some agency elements moved into temporary quarters at Fort Meade in 1956. The major move of the NSA COMINT organization began in 1957 shortly after I reported for duty. I did spend part of 1957 working in "B Building" at Arlington Hall Station. Sometime in the summer of 1957 I received "additional duty orders". A military euphemism for "do your day job plus anything else that we ask of you."

I reported to the Army's Military District Washington as an "Officer Courier" and boarded a khaki colored, 18-wheeler truck with a 45-caliber pistol strapped to my side. One of my first assignments

was to move the classified material from my old Tempo X building. I will never forget seeing Tempo X on that first run - there were large holes on the second floor. Cranes were lifting heavy, steel safes filled with classified material out of the building and lowering them into our trucks. Next stop? The new headquarters building at Fort Meade Maryland. I was involved in this courier duty for three or four weeks.

Once the Agency transfer from Washington DC was completed I was ordered to report to a new office in the Fort Meade headquarters building. It was an exciting time. I also was ordered to move into Bachelor Officer quarters at Fort Meade. Here I was living in a very Army world. A fascinating experience. Especially since I was living with the crème de la crème of the operational Army - the First Armored Cavalry that had just returned from duty along the "FEBA" (Forward Edge of the Battle Area) in Germany. The real front lines of the Cold War. They had been facing the Soviet Armies that were expected to invade Europe at any time. Fort Meade itself was defended by new experimental Army Air Defense batteries - today

I think they are called Patriot Missiles.

Sometime in the fall of 1957 I reported to a bright, shiny new desk on the first floor at the new NSA Headquarters building. Right next door to the prestigious ADVA 03 organization that housed the nations top Codebreakers. I was not a code breaker... Yet! But maybe their talents would rub off on me somehow?

I have vivid memories of my first day in the new building. Our Marine Guard Detachment was standing in the long corridors in Dress Blue uniforms. They were standing about 300 feet apart and saluting as you passed. I was not used to this. Saluting indoors. Army types did salute indoors whether they were covered (i.e. hat on) or not. But the Navy tradition was to never salute indoors, especially if you were uncovered. After a few days the Marines switched to fatigues and stopped all this saluting business. We were "settling in".

Another thing that stuck in my mind from the first days in the new building, were the snack bars. At the end of each major corridor. All the comforts of home within easy walking distance. Pretty plush! And they had a real, modern cof-

fee machines. Unlike those dinosaurs that we had in Arlington. Another image that stuck in my mind from these early days were the 3 by 4 inch, concrete plugs that had been drilled out of the new floor. They were scattered all around the new office areas. They soon became paperweights on everyone's desk. The holes created by these plugs allowed technicians to draw electrical cabling to our desks for typewriters, printers and various types of consoles include, first-generation computer screens. It all looked, and felt so new and different. Space-age stuff before the space-age had begun. More importantly was the fact that the agency finally had all of its organizations together in one building.

## My job in the new building

I majored in business and marketing in college, so I jumped at the chance to run a new orientation course for senior officers reporting to NSA. It was called the NSA Staff Officers Course. Each course was to last three months. I was to set up briefings and tours for the officers in all of the major elements of the agency. Not an easy job when we were spread out over Washington D.C. Much easier now that we were in one facility. I particularly enjoyed it when we visited PROD 04 - The hub for all communication intelligence operations worldwide. If World War III were about to happen, the Prod Watch were the ones that were supposed to be alerting the White House the President of this fact in near real time. This was the very essence of the NSA charter.

While other major intelligence organizations such as CIA focused on the slower moving world of human intelligence - NSA was in the world of near real time reporting based on communications intelligence operations worldwide. A couple of my OCS classmates were working as Prod Watch Officers. At times I envied them - they were in the middle of it all. They assured me that it was not all fun and glo-

ry. "Lots of boredom, followed by brief moments of excitement and terror. Also there's lots of responsibility here. If you put out a bad report - you are gone! This is a high-stakes place to work. There is no forgiveness if you screw up!"

I decided I had a pretty good job after all. At least it never got boring and I was getting a big picture education as to what NSA was all about. That had to be worth something in the long run. It was.

## Marriage and Language School

By the time that the snow started melting in 1958, I decided I really liked this codebreaking business. I wanted to make it a career. I could get out of the Navy in two years, and go back to law school, but that looked pretty boring to me after working at NSA. I was assured by my NSA colleagues that language training was an important credential to getting into the real operational side of the communications intelligence business. That it led to the world of Cold War warning sites that were being set up along the periphery of the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc. In England, Germany, Turkey, Japan, and places in between. Pretty exciting stuff to a 25-year-old!

I married my hometown sweetheart, Joan Marie Mans in June 1958 and applied for Russian language school. I received a lightning set of orders to the old Naval Intelligence School in Anacostia, Maryland. Joan's and my life we're about to change dramatically. We bade our farewells to friends and colleagues at NSA and moved to the area where the Anacostia and Potomac rivers join. We didn't know it then, but within a year we would call Istanbul, Turkey home. We were trading Fort Meade and the Potomac River for the Black Sea and the Bosphorus. Only 120 miles from the Soviet Union and the real Cold War.

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## SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

# What's new at the library

Erin Dingle  
Frederick County Public Libraries

The libraries in Emmitsburg and Thurmont have plenty of fall activities and programs and services for everyone in the community. For further information you can always go to our website at [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org). Here are a few things of interest happening soon.

### Community Volunteer Fair

Visit the Community Volunteer Fair at the Thurmont Regional Library on Thursday, October 2 between 4-6:30 pm. Twenty local organizations will be on hand to share their volunteer needs. Learn how you volunteer to work with horses, work in nearby state or national parks, help kids in need, support senior services, provide meals-on-wheels, lend a hand a local historical sites and much more. Teens and college students add valuable skills to their resumes by volunteering. Newly retired? Now you'll have time to give back to

your community. There's something for everyone at the Community Volunteer Fair!

### Free job assistance

On October 8, Goodwill of Monocacy Valley and the Emmitsburg Branch Library are partnering to provide free job counseling in the library's community room. In fact, Goodwill will be at the branch every 2nd Wednesday to help job seekers. Drop in anytime between 3 and 4:30 to talk to a job trainer who will share pointers about interviewing, resume writing, online application help and computer training. This community partnership was created to help place people in job situations. We look forward to helping you. Can't make it to the library? Call Goodwill for more information at 301-662-0622 ext.209

Special Owl Program for the whole family!

Owls in Art, Owls in Nature brings live owls to the Thurmont Library on Saturday October 18 at 2 pm. The

program is part of a partnership between the library and Cunningham Falls State Park. Hosted in the Community Room at the Regional Library, everyone will enjoy hearing information about where owls live, what they eat and what they do. A local artist will host a free drawing lesson using the owl as a live model. Space is limited so register today at [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org).

### "I Love My Library"

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### Free public services at the library

- MacKenzie's Light, a bereavement and addiction awareness program, is now meeting at the Thurmont Regional Library. It is open to anyone. It will be held last Monday of every month at 6 pm in the small meeting room at the library. Call 301-524-8064 for further information.
- Book-A-Librarian at either of the Thurmont or Emmitsburg Branch and get free individualized help. Ask for the form and provide information about you need. We can help you figure out how to download books to

your e-device, show you how to navigate our website and power search catalog for titles and more.

### Children's programs at the Emmitsburg Branch Library

There are three special Saturday morning programs in October. Silver Fancy Garden Club Junior Garden Club helps help kids ages 6-16 make and enjoy a special indoor garden in miniature terrariums on October 4. A Music Celebration on October 11 let's kids of all ages ready to dance, sing, and make music at the library as we Celebrate Universal Music Day. Create your own instrument from recycled materials for the library parade. And finally on October 18, enjoy Squirrel Awareness Month and enjoy some seriously squirrely stories, games plus craft activities honoring this busy little critter. All programs require pre-registration by visiting [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org) or call 301-600-6329.

For more information on library events call Erin at 301-401-600-7212 or e-mail here at [edingle@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:edingle@frederickcountymd.gov).

# Ken Kerr, Candidate for School Board

When I was newly married, I drove a school bus for Frederick County Public Schools to help make ends meet. Each morning, I woke at 5 a.m. to drive to the Hayward Road bus lot. I took my bus down Yellow Springs Road to the Bethel Road area collecting and delivering students to Gov. Thomas Johnson High School, Monocacy Middle School, and Yellow Springs Elementary School. After my route ended, I parked my bus to attend courses so that I could become a teacher. Once class was dismissed, I got back in the bus and did it all over again to bring my students home.

After getting a classroom of my own, I grew to rely upon a trusted custodial staff who taught me the ins-and-outs of our building. I learned a lot from them and was sure to help out by keeping my room cleanly to make their work less hectic and more efficient. In turn, they helped me keep my plants alive over long breaks!

I also learned about my school's deep history and legends from the custodians. They were sure to give me plenty of sage advice early in my teaching career, too.

I got to know each of the food-service workers. They taught me a lot about building meaningful relationships among staff members. The Special Education Instructional Assistants helped me learn how to best work with special needs students. They gave me valuable advice on classroom management strategies and helped me fine-tune a positive working relationship with my students who had behavioral difficulties and emotional issues. The secretaries helped me keep track of the important grades, reports, and deadlines that I was sure to lose track of without their professionalism. They knew every student in the building and helped me understand the challenges some of my students faced.

I could not have done my job suc-

cessfully without the guidance and support of everyone in the building.

I never forgot about the important work that our dedicated Employee Support Personnel workers in Frederick County do in our schools every day. They are bus drivers who get up before sunrise to safely transport children to school. They are food service workers who nourish and nurture our students. They are Special Education Instructional Assistants who happily work with children with special needs each hour of the day.

Schools are a community and our school system is a larger collection of these unique communities. Each school has its own personality, needs, strengths, and challenges. This sense of community is derived from our valued students and those that support them—bus drivers, custodians, food-service workers, maintenance staff, IT professionals, aides, administrators, and teachers—that make our schools successful.

Presently, I am still in the classroom as a faculty member of Frederick Community College. As a part of the committee that helped FCC look for new president, my colleagues and I met with a consulting firm that aided us in our search. Our committee was asked, "What is the one thing about FCC that is so special you never want to see it go away?" I was the first to respond by relating that our FCC community must never go away. Nothing in our supportive community is outsourced or privatized. We are all employees of FCC. We are bookstore personnel, security, food-services, housekeeping, maintenance staff, IT professionals, publications, and duplicating services. Everyone who works here is an FCC employee and is a vital part of this community. That is why we have such a beautiful, well-maintained campus. That is why morale is high. That is why we lead the state in many measures. And, that is why we are collectively invested in

making our college great.

This sense of community and personal investment by everyone is also what makes FCPS special. Everyone at FCPS is committed to student success. The teachers of Frederick County Teachers Association, the support staff of Frederick Association of School Support Employees, and the administrators of Frederick County Administrative and Supervisory Association are all essential components of our exceptional and outstanding school community.

At first sight, outsourcing or subcontracting jobs and careers may look like an expedient way to cut the budget. That is a remarkably shortsighted approach. Privatizing the jobs of our Education Support Personnel workers will erode our school community and lessen the quality of services.

As a member of the Board of Education, I will actively fight to protect and strengthen our school community and the people who build them.

# Fairfield School District

Brad Rigler, President,  
Fairfield School Board

I was miles from home and stuck in bumper to bumper traffic when I learned that Mr. Mark Greathouse was stepping down as President and resigning from the Fairfield Area School Board. I was taken aback by the news and with the realization that as Vice President I would be presiding over the next meeting.

The Board was already struggling to resolve several important issues. The Board was unable to agree on how to fill two open aide positions and the curriculum/text books hadn't been approved even though students were back in school. The added in-

stability from Mr. Greathouse's departure could've pushed the district farther in the wrong direction.

But instead fracturing even further, the Board chose to come together. Over two meetings we voted unanimously to fill both open positions and approved the curriculum/text books.

Together, the Board accomplished more in two weeks than it had in over two months. All my focus was on learning my new role and working with my fellow Directors to resolve those open issues. I thank each of them for their efforts and I'm humbled that they elected me President.

When it came time for the Board to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Great-

house' departure, we employed the same process used the last time there was a vacancy on the board. That process pre-dates my time on the Board.

The law requires that a new Director be selected within 30 days; so we really didn't have time to re-invent the wheel. No Board members had any questions, suggestions nor expressed any concerns over the appointment process prior to the meeting.

The public was informed of the vacancy and given instructions for applying for the appointment. The requirements included being a resident of the district and submitting a letter of interest by the deadline. The Directors were given copies of the letters along with the agenda several days be-

fore the meeting.

The candidates and anyone else could address the Board during public comment (yes, there was public comment and there always will be as long as I'm President), but none of the candidates chose to do so.

Ultimately, Mr. Richard Matthews of Carroll Valley was appointed.

The solicitor for FASD was consulted about and approved of the process before, during and after the meeting.

But still, some folks have expressed disappointment with how the process was handled.

Some assumed that the candidates would be subjected to questioning at the meeting. But in order for that to be fair, the candidates (and the Directors) would need to be made aware of that possibility prior to the meet-

ing. After all, as was the case the last time there was a vacancy; candidates weren't even required to attend the meeting. In fact the last time there was a vacancy, the person appointed wasn't even in attendance. Therefore, it would be (at least) very unfair decide at the meeting that attendance was required for selection. Also, both the candidates and the Directors deserve to know what is expected of them prior to the meeting in order to have the chance to prepare.

Hopefully we won't have to fill another vacancy on the board any time soon. I also hope that the Board will continue to work together with one voice to serve the district. Since I became President, there hasn't been a "No" vote cast on any agenda item. So, I know we can and I'm confident we will.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## The power of four

**Colleen Cusimano**  
Candidate for Frederick  
County School Board

A high-quality education is the greatest gift we can offer to our children. Frederick County has historically placed education among our most important and valued priorities. Our school system contributes in every way to the quality of life in our shared community. Our local schools are part of our communities, providing resources, meeting places, sports and events, and numerous opportunities.

Our school system is led by an elected Board of Education and the Superintendent. As important decisions are made for our children, the school leaders are responsible for researching, questioning, recognizing and participating as voting members of a democratic Board.

Our schools have never before had to contend with so many different forces trying to control and demand that we focus on different areas. It is true that school reform efforts, and demands for accountability are nothing new. The prescriptive requirements of standards, curriculum, and testing and classroom delivery coupled with timelines and deadlines that are unachievable are unlike any prior reform, and have left school systems across the nation clamoring to deliver.

Changes at the Federal level have brought us Common Core Standards. Changes at the State level have brought evolving demands on testing, technology, graduation requirements, discipline regulations, and numerous

other initiatives. All of these changes have been mandated with deadlines of 2 to 4 years to implementation and no resources provided to accomplish them.

The teachers' union and other special-interest groups have been largely silent as these new demands put ever-increasing demands on our students, jeopardizing their success in school. The new demands have been equally demanding on our teachers and staff, who have been forced to change virtually everything they do, effectively re-learn their profession in a very short timeframe.

The team of Young, Miller, Cusimano and Ferrell provide a consistent offering of honor, commitment, loyalty and trustworthiness. Each of these four candidates offer a different set of skills and background. Each of these candidates is accomplished in their chosen field, successful in their family and community responsibilities, capable of working with people of every persuasion, and deeply dedicated to education and our local schools.

Mr. Brad Young is owner and president of a successful financial services firm. With a career in banking and finance spanning over 3 decades, he brings a professional understanding and management capability to assess and analyze budgets, spending and management. Mr. Young is a current member of the Frederick County Board of Education, and has served on the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees, the Board of the Maryland Association of Community College Trustees, and the Board of the Association of Community Col-

lege Trustees. Mr. Young's efforts as a member of Frederick County Board of Ed have been to ensure that our schools are a centerpiece of our shared communities, and that resources are sufficiently provided to our schools. Along with his wife of 30 years, Mr. Young's has raised three daughters - all graduates of Frederick County Public Schools. Mr. Young is a life-long Frederick County resident, graduate of Frederick County public schools, and long-time advocate and volunteer for our schools and many other worthy efforts in Frederick County and around the state.

Dr. April Miller is a Pediatric Optometrist. In addition to her successful career serving children and families in Frederick County, Dr. Miller has been a member of the Frederick County School Board since 2010. In her campaign then, and in her position as Board member, Dr. Miller has worked to ensure that parents and families are welcomed as partners in their children's education. Her ability to work with families and listen to the needs of our children has provided an essential component to the Board. Also a long-time Frederick County resident and graduate of Frederick

County schools. Dr. Miller and her husband are raising three children - all attending Frederick County Schools.

Mrs. Colleen Cusimano is a Computer Systems Engineer. With a career in technology operations and management spanning nearly two decades, Ms. Cusimano experience provides a needed voice on the Board as our schools endeavor to move into a technology-driven education model. Ms. Cusimano is currently a member of the Frederick County School Board. A 25-year resident of Frederick County, and active community volunteer, Mrs. Cusimano and her husband are raising three children - all students of Frederick County public schools. Ms. Cusimano has focused on ensuring that FCPS curriculum and educational materials are of the highest quality, using scientifically-based methods of instruction. She has worked to include parents and families in educational decisions, and has supported advocacy for our Special Needs students and community.

Mr. Mike Ferrell will soon retire from a 37-year, widely varied career in the United States Air Force. With a life-long dedication to commitment and service, Mr. Ferrell hopes to bring his understanding of structure and process to our local schools. As a parent of a current

student in Frederick County Public Schools, he recognizes the critical need for our schools to provide the very best we can offer to our children. Mr. Ferrell has enjoyed a long and storied career, working collaboratively with all people of different backgrounds toward accomplishing shared goals of the highest importance. He wants to continue to dedicate himself in the service of our community as a member of the Frederick County Board of Education.

Together, these candidates have made promises and kept them. They have made commitments, and honored them. Individually, they have all exemplified loyalty and trustworthiness in their varied service to our community. Each of them has proven abilities to reach across the aisle, working hand-in-hand with parents, families, professionals and elected leaders at every level to accomplish goals of the highest importance.

On November 4, your vote matters. Make sure to choose Board of Education candidates who are committed to serving Frederick County. We need school leaders who will put our students first, who will provide and protect high-quality education for Frederick County Schools, and who will work to limit demands from outside and ensure adequate resources are provided to education.



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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

*This month, the returning writers were challenged to interview a member of the Mount St. Mary's faculty, staff, or administration to learn about someone who, in the eyes of their interviewee, exemplified the Mount throughout their time as an employee of the university. These individuals helped shape the Mount into the successful institute of learning that it is today. Our writers were able to interview their own personal mentors on campus to learn about individuals who embodied the mission of the Mount. We think you'll be interested to hear what they had to say! Our freshman writer, Sarah, was tasked with introducing herself to her new readers. Welcome to the team, Sarah!*

### Freshman Year Easing apprehension

Sarah Muir  
MSM Class of 2018

The unfamiliar, strange, and foreign tends to frighten people, even if it's something as small as trying a new meal at your favorite restaurant or having to present a speech to your class. I am not new to the feeling of uneasiness when it comes to the unknown, but this isn't tasting an exotic dish or trumping my stage fright. This is college. It finally sunk in when I watched my parents drive away that I am on my own, for the most part. Initially, it's the excitement at the prospect of being independent, the feeling that I'm a "grown-up," but when that melts away I'm left with the nervousness. I was apprehensive about the impending trials of keeping up with the course work, making friends, and ex-

periencing all I could without letting my grades slip.

Luckily, my roommate wasn't a problem. We both went to Visitation Academy for Girls in Frederick and we have known each other since first grade, so we knew the other's "defects" and personality quirks. As I just mentioned, I attended a small, all-girls, Catholic school, and after that I attended a small Catholic high school called Saint Maria Goretti. I was used to small, close-knit communities and college had always been portrayed in movies as vast and confusing. So I was a little relieved that as soon as everything settled down, it wasn't as frightening as I thought. I didn't find myself in an intimidating campus, but rather in the close, Catholic community that is Mount Saint Mary's.

Before the school year started I

signed up for a retreat called Mountward Bound, where I, along with several other first-year students, served the surrounding communities. I love taking part in community service, but I was never a fan of retreats. I always had bad experiences, so my expectations were fairly low, although our retreat did have the added benefit of early arrival to campus. After everyone was settled we piled into the vans and set out to our intended destination. The retreat center was called Summit Lake, and it was located in the woods by (you guessed it!) a picturesque lake. After everyone moved their belongings into their rooms, we completed some icebreaker activities.

At this point, I know what you're thinking. I inwardly groan every time I hear those words, but after the initial awkwardness we grew accustomed to one another; we were slowly starting to shed the nervousness of being away from home and beginning to feel relaxed in each other's company. I think this was mostly due to the fact that the leaders on the trip were

also students, so it was comfortable to be in their company. Not to mention, they were some of the kindest, funniest, and most easy-going people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. On the first day we went to a thrift store to help restock and it was uplifting to see the once emptied shelves overflowing with new merchandise. Then we went to Baker Park (in my hometown of Frederick) for a picnic and played some very amusing games. Our last stop for the day was at Montevue Assisted Living, where we played bingo and visited with the residents. On the next day we went to a Silence of Mary Home in Harrisburg. Silence of Mary is a home to those who need one. It was founded by Sue and Vern Rudy, who help communities that are affected by poverty by providing food, shelter and a safe environment to those who need it. We also went to a free-trade, non-profit organization called SERRV, where we helped inspect and package handmade goods from all over the world. Throughout these four days, the people I worked with became friends. We worked and

played and laughed alongside each other and we formed a bond of sorts. I have never been so glad to have been on a retreat.

The first week of classes was gone in a blur of syllabi and first impressions. So far I enjoy all my teachers and the classes are interesting too. What I really admire is the passion all the professors have, not only for their subject, but for teaching as well. One of my absolute favorites is my "Introduction to Shakespeare" class, taught by Dr. Sarah Scott. My preference for this subject may be a tad biased because of my intentions to be an English major, but my love for the written word cannot be helped. My original worries are not as prominent as they were at the start. Yes, I am still concerned about my grades and about juggling a social life, but so far I am doing well in class, I have good friends, and above all, I have found my place in this family here at Mount Saint Mary's.

*The Emmitsburg News-Journal staff is happy to welcome Sarah to the team!*

### Sophomore Year Leaving a legacy

Leeanne Leary  
MSM Class of 2017

As students, we often see only one side of our professors. Unless they are purposefully open about themselves, we occasionally catch glimpses of the other subjects they are passionate about. This is simply the nature of the teacher-to-student relationship. Occasionally, however, these working relationships can turn into personal connections. This is one of the many

traits that help to define the faculty at the Mount as a whole. I have yet to have a professor who hasn't truly and genuinely cared about the kind of person I want to be and how they can help in my development. With this in mind, I knew that finding a retired professor who embodies what Mount St. Mary's stands for wouldn't be a difficult task, and it certainly wasn't. The first professor that I asked immediately had someone in mind, and I know I would have expe-

rienced the same reaction from several professors. When I first asked Dr. Sarah Scott, she said that Dr. Robert Ducharme was the first professor who came to mind.

Dr. Ducharme retired from Mount St. Mary's in May of 2006 after 39 years with the school. He received the title of Professor Emeritus of English and retired with distinction. The first sign that Dr. Ducharme was someone who embodies and loves the Mount was hearing that even though he retired, he continues to teach one class each semester. Dr. Ducharme has taught classes in Latin American literature, Irish literature, American Western literature, and Detective fiction, and he is especially passionate about Japanese literature and film. He takes a specific interest in film studies and incorporates this into his courses. Clearly, Dr. Ducharme has put a lot of time, work, and years into the Mount and its students. However, I recognized his true embodiment of the Mount and all that it stands for when Dr. Scott told me that he helped to craft the Mount St. Mary's mission statement and its four pillars: faith, discovery, leadership, and community. As a student, I see the impact of this mission every day and everywhere. It's not possible to walk from one building to another without being reminded of our values and yet I never thought about the people who created them. Now that I do, I realize that they must have been people driven by these four ideas and people who wanted students to have an experience surrounded by the same ideas. According to Dr. Scott,

Dr. Ducharme would only exceed my expectations.

Dr. Scott came to work at Mount St. Mary's a few months after Dr. Ducharme left, but she says that he has always been a presence at our school. She continued by saying that his reputation preceded him and she knew the importance he had. It wasn't until she had started teaching that she realized how much his students truly cherished him. Referring to his students as his "legacy," Dr. Scott shared that this is what makes him so special, the connections he forms with students. Everyone loves his classes and his classroom presence is incredible, and it always has been. Many times, Dr. Scott explained, the English department has connected with English alumni and asked these students to return to speak on panels for current English majors. The panel's main purpose is to help show students the wide variety of things that can be done with an English degree and to offer guidance. A recurring theme from graduates from the 80s and 90s up to the most recent of graduates has been the respect for Dr. Ducharme. It is clear that he has been cherished for decades, and this adoration for him has not faltered.

One of the most prevalent examples of this student legacy is Mount St. Mary's graduate, Rafael Della Ratta. Della Ratta was a student of Dr. Ducharme and had such a connection with him that he just recently gave a donation to the College of Liberal Arts in the form of an annual lecture series. This series will be named "The Ducharme Veritas Lectures" at the request of Della Ratta. The inaugural lec-

ture will be titled, "The Other War on Poverty: The Search for Meaning in America" and will be given by Dr. Leon R. Kass. This first lecture is simply the beginning and Della Ratta's endowment proves the influence of Dr. Ducharme on his life. This example, although rather grand, is not the only one. It is just one example of a life that Ducharme touched throughout his years and the lasting impression he makes. Dr. Ducharme is able to form these connections because of his true care for his students. Dr. Scott explains this and uses the example of his Facebook page to assist. He has a "professor presence" on Facebook and connects with students where they feel comfortable. All that he has done and continues to do for our beloved school goes above and beyond the job description.

At the Mount, we are constantly surrounded by caring and genuine professors, but Dr. Ducharme seems to have had an influence on not only his students, but on his colleagues as well. Dr. Scott focused mainly on the love for Dr. Ducharme she sees in Mount students, but she said herself, "I would love to have been able to take his classes." The respect is clear, not only in this statement, but also in the way Dr. Scott talked about Dr. Ducharme. She mentioned that the entire school, student body and staff are lucky to have him at Mount St. Mary's and that he truly embodies the four pillars of the Mount, the very pillars he helped to craft.

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# LIVING THE MISSION OF THE MOUNT

## Junior Year Embodying the Mount

Lydia Olsen  
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On a Friday morning I woke up and made my way across campus to Upper McGowan. I walked up the stairs and through the double glass doors to meet with the Executive Vice President. I entered the lobby and sat for a brief moment before going into his office. He turned the corner and shook my hand with a smile before we sat down and began our discussion.

Dan Soller, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, has been working for Mount St. Mary's for about fifteen years. However, these years have not all occurred in consecutive order. Soller originally began working for the Mount in 1981. At this time he had a job in student affairs, which was an area that he had committed himself to and was seeking to pursue. He worked in this position until 1986. It wasn't until 2004 that Soller found himself coming back to the Mount for a second time for another position. He has been working at the Mount ever since.

Soller describes his responsibilities in his current job as "keep-

ing the trains running." He works closely with the university president, Thomas Powell, and with other Mount faculty to ensure that everything is running smoothly within the Mount and the community. Soller oversees many aspects of the Mount campus, including student affairs, the Grotto, and major institutional offices. Within each of these aspects, Soller tries to focus on the Mount's mission.

The mission, Soller explains, can be thought of as the four pillars of the Mount. The pillars act as a way to remember the mission without having to memorize the whole mission statement itself. The pillars consist of leadership, faith, discovery, and community and they can be found across campus both in writing and within the students and faculty members.

When I asked Soller what he thought it meant to say that someone embodies Mount St. Mary's, his response was that the individual must be "a reflection of our four pillars." He explained that "sometimes a pillar or two may be stronger than another and some may be weaker," but anyone who embodies the Mount will really try to strengthen their weaker pillars and

become a "complete package."

I questioned Soller to see if he could recall a past employee of the Mount who most accurately embodied the Mount and he immediately had an answer. Soller mentioned that there are many he could think of, but one person instantly came to mind and that is Tom Kiniry.

Tom Kiniry was the previous Director of Public Safety for Mount St. Mary's. He worked for the Mount for multiple decades. After he retired, the Mount actually asked him to come back and work for a little while during the transition period and he did. Soller reflects on this by saying that Kiniry was "always putting himself on the backburner for others and especially for the Mount community."

According to Soller, Kiniry embodies the Mount because he is an excellent display of the Mount's four pillars. Kiniry "loves community, has great faith, and is terrific in leadership," but Soller continued to explain that "discovery is really what Kiniry is all about."

Kiniry and Soller share multiple values in life but a main one is travel. Both love to go to new places, explore, and discover. Soller personally believes that traveling is the quickest way to learn and he makes an effort to travel whenever possible. Soller mentioned that Kiniry is also this way and stated that Kiniry "has no grass under his

feet." Rather, he is always on the move and always going and experiencing various things.

Kiniry taught Soller a lot throughout his career at the Mount. However, the most important thing that Soller has learned from Kiniry is to see different perspectives in every situation. It is easy to see and experience things from our own point of view, but it is when we take the viewpoint of another or expand on our own viewpoint that we are truly able to learn and discover. Kiniry always encouraged others to see the different sides of situations during his time at the Mount and he influenced a lot of people to take on a different view of the world around them.

When I inquired as to if there was a particular memory of Kiniry that stood out to Soller, he replied that his memories of Kiniry were more of a "living thought." Soller elaborated by saying that Kiniry was "always a terrific person to have around. He always wants to help and loves to be helpful." Soller continued by saying that Kiniry is truly a "great individual" who "enriches lives with his presence."

Soller made it evident that the Mount is better for having had Kiniry as part of our staff and that the Mount continues to be better for having Kiniry as part of our larger community. As the Mount continues to grow and adjust to an

ever-changing world, it is important that we remember those who have worked hard to pave the path to our success in the future. Soller mentioned that the Mount needs to be "proactive in meeting the challenges of a new century," and to do just that, the Mount must rely on the dedication of the individuals who are employed by the Mount as well as the members of our greater community.

Across campus, across Maryland, across the nation and across the globe, there are individuals who embody the Mount in their thoughts, their words, and their actions. These are people who have been shaped like coins, molded and pressed by the university, by the students, and by the staff. They are people who are appreciative of the Mount for where they have gone in life and are living examples of the Mount's mission statement. They are people who, like Dan Soller, are excited to go to work every day and are passionate about impacting others' lives; they are people who, like Tom Kiniry, are always willing to learn, discover, and put others first; they are people who, like us students, are soaking up the experiences like a sponge and being propelled into the future with the gifts the Mount has given them.

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## Senior Year Teacher of teachers

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Every so often we get the chance to re-evaluate our priorities and think not about the experiences that shape our lives and the places we live in, but the people that enact that change. This week I had the chance to sit down with my dear friend and mentor, Dr. Greg Murry, assistant professor of history at the Mount, and gradually our conversation turned not just to our relationship, but also to the things and people that make up Mount St. Mary's University. More to the point, about the things that make a mentor great. Finally, I gathered up the wherewithal to ask him the simple question: "Who exemplifies the Mount to you?" I suppose the question was simple enough, but the beauty of the human perspective is that everyone sees the world through a different lens, and all manner of people hold the frame to our eyes.

Of all the people who showcase the spirit and character of our university, the one person that Doc (as I affectionately call Dr. Murry) kept coming back to was Dr. Teresa Rupp. A consummate scholar and constant fixture department of the Mount's History Department Dr. Rupp is beloved by both students and teachers alike. However, when I asked Doc about why he thought so highly of her, he gave me three

traits that defined his colleague as an exemplar of Mount St. Mary's ideals. Each of these reasons is strong enough to make a person incredible on their own, but the three in combination make Dr. Rupp a paragon of Mount values.

### Humanistic Breadth

To be a teacher of one subject is commendable, to be a teacher of multiple disciplines together into a seamless whole is a truly phenomenal accomplishment. When Doc and I spoke, the first thing that he mentioned about Dr. Rupp was that her expertise in history pulls as much as it can from a myriad of other places. "In her lessons she lets music inform literature, literature inform art, and art inform history. It's the way you want your classes set up," Doc put succinctly. In that moment I realized how many times over the past three years I had been in class with Dr. Rupp and she had taken the time to show us a clip of a movie from the 50's, a snippet of a legal document from the height of the Middle Ages, or a piece of music influenced by our predecessors. Talking about the benefit of a liberal education is nice, but watching a teacher put those ideas into practice and truly integrate a number of disciplines into the classroom was really very humbling.

She's a Teacher of Teachers.

The second thing that Doc

brought up is that Dr. Rupp "is very giving with her time, especially with the other faculty." It's not just that she takes the time to do her work well, it's that she also takes the time to help others do their tasks well. Thinking back on my own personal experience, I can vouch for her dedication. This summer Doc and I got to work side by side on my senior honor's project, so we would spend a lot of time in Doc's "hovel" (as we call his office) working together. As those who know me and Doc personally can attest, when the two of us get excited, we tend to yell. A lot. Despite all of this, Dr. Rupp, who was across from us trying to work, would come over and poke her head in. Instead of scolding us for the noise, she always offered us some insight that we hadn't thought about, or opened up some avenue that we had never considered. Any time she entered the office, we (and our project) were better off for it.

She Puts the Students First

While this statement is the trope for every single teacher out there, the fact is that Doc couldn't stress this enough about his friend and peer. The truth is that Dr. Rupp spends the majority of her time looking out for the students that she teaches every single day. "It's the way that things should be," Doc told me about her teaching style. "You want a teacher who will do that for the people she teaches," he said. And although I possess the gift of using flowery language, the simple truth is that I can't put it any better if I tried. To quote a great movie: "If you build it they will come," and

the same thing can be said for the way teachers mold young minds.

While there are so many people who clearly exemplify the spirit of our beautiful campus and home, the one who stood head and shoulders above the rest to Dr. Murry was his comrade and mentor Dr. Rupp. After all the things that we do and the actions of heroism and daring that we seem to be inundated with in our day and age, the dignified work of a teacher can still hold so much weight to one person. And when you think about it, doesn't the exam-

ple of one person, one teacher, hold some special meaning for us at the Mount? The fact that this place, so driven by example and so focused on learning, can cultivate mentors who go on to instruct others and pass that drive on is incredible. And this is coming from someone who is reaping the benefits of a mentor who has learned from Dr. Rupp. I'm Kyle Ott. Won't you sit and read for a while?

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# COMMUNITY NOTES

## “Healing through love”

### Mission of Mercy celebrates 20 years

**Jennifer Charlton,  
Executive Director,  
Mission of Mercy**

The weather was miserable on August 14, 1994. There was a torrential downpour, and some of the volunteer healthcare professionals gathered at St. Joseph’s Church in Emmitsburg were joking about the day being similar to the flood during Noah’s time.

But the volunteers that day were determined to launch a new non-profit organization called Mission of Mercy to provide life-saving medical care.

And so, with the church hall serving as the intake and triage area, and a used RV housing the exam rooms and the pharmacy, Mission of Mercy began providing FREE medical care and prescription medications, and healing through Love, to its first group of needy patients.

“I thought, what can we do, - we

are one little bus in the middle of nowhere. But when I look back on those 20 years to what we’re doing now, and the number of patients we’ve served and the volunteers we have – it’s amazing,” remembers Maureen Liddle, a volunteer since that first day and now the Nursing Director for Mission of Mercy.

Since that first clinic day, Mission of Mercy has served more than 29,000 medical patients through 174,000 medical visits. Additionally, we have provided dental care to nearly 10,000 patients through 16,000 patient visits. And we have dispensed more than 370,000 prescription medications. All for free.

That initial handful of volunteers has grown to 250 volunteers who serve patients at six clinic locations in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

#### What About the Affordable Care Act?

Today’s reality is that in spite of

the Affordable Care Act, ACA, also known as (Obamacare), the needs are greater than ever.

Although many people are insured, many more are underinsured. In order to keep their insurance premiums affordable, people choose high deductibles, which means they pay out-of-pocket for services they need. We have one report of a family going with an \$8,000 deductible for a family of six! So in effect, people are self-pay until a health catastrophe strikes. That often keeps them and/or family members from seeking the health or dental care they need.

High prescription costs are another factor; we provide free or very low cost prescriptions, so that people can get the medications that are necessary to keep them healthy and working.

In addition, there’s the issue of access to care. People may have insurance, but they may not find a physician’s office willing to accept their insurance, let alone take new patients.

#### Looking to the Future – “Mercy on the Move,” a \$2 Million Comprehensive Capital Campaign

Here at Mission of Mercy we are planning ahead to be part of the solution in the health care system – one piece of the ever-changing

picture. In order to meet future needs, we have launched a Comprehensive Capital Campaign to expand our capacity.

After eight years of good service, our current mobile clinic is well-worn and needs to be replaced! We’re planning to increase our clinic days with a new, larger mobile medical unit, a three-chair mobile dental unit, plus additional medical staff and volunteers to support our expanded services.

By 2017, our goals are to provide:

15,000 medical patient visits annually (compared to about 6,600 currently); and

2,500 dental visits annually (compared to about 700 today).

To accomplish this, we still need to raise \$1.5 million. We are deeply grateful to the Kahlert Foundation for providing a lead gift to kick off our campaign.

#### Collaboration and Partnerships

Mission of Mercy is also committed to being a part of the solution to the region’s healthcare problems through collaboration and partnerships within the greater health care delivery system. In December, for example, we expanded our agreement with Frederick Memorial Hospital to include an innovative program to become the medical home for uninsured patients discharged from the emergency department.

By connecting them to Mission of Mercy, and coordinating their

care with the hospital and Mission of Mercy teams, these patients now have access to life-saving continuity of care.

Additionally, we have provider relationships with a number of other hospitals in the footprint we serve, to help connect our patients with limited specialty care and even surgery. These relationships include Mercy Medical Center (Baltimore), Carroll Hospital Center (Westminster), and Gettysburg Hospital/Wellspan.

Partnerships with specialty providers are another important part of our services. Right now we are in need of dentists, dental assistants, back-up oral surgeons, and physical therapists. Professionals who may be interested in this very rewarding volunteer experience can call 301-682-5683.

To give online, go to <http://www.aMissionofMercy.org/uniting-to-heal>. For more information, visit [www.aMissionofMercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania](http://www.aMissionofMercy.org/maryland-pennsylvania).

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## CREATIVE WRITING

## “...business with a handshake...”

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I have to say that writing this article has been a challenge for me. There were a lot of different things I wanted to express, but I wasn't quite sure how to do it. I realized though that another challenge for me when I began writing this article were all of my distractions. I was drinking coffee, listening to some music, and every now and then checking the little device sitting on my desk—my phone. I kept checking my phone thinking that some magical message might pop up, my mom would call, or even an invitation to go somewhere fun might appear. When I recognized how much my phone was controlling my ability to focus, I turned it off and put it in my desk. I thought to myself, is this was the world is coming to? Are we attached to technology in a way that is irrel laughed to myself and started to type with a big smirk on my face. Mike Hillman, the man that runs this paper, has always struck me as someone with a lot of great, fun quirks and an immense amount of knowledge. When I asked Mike in an email if I could do an internship with him, he said to me, “Yes, I'd love to have you as an intern!”

When you think of an internship, you think of a fancy suit, a desk, a formal interview, and maybe even the nerves that come with a new job. I wasn't sure what to expect when I asked Mike for a marketing internship. In all honesty, I was eager to find out what type of tasks Mike would have for me knowing his upbeat and spunky personality. However, I didn't know what he would expect from me.

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How does this all connect, my constant craving to check my phone and Mike Hillman? I will explain. I first arrived at Mike's farm this summer on August 14, when I met his wife and petted all of his furry animals. We sat down at his desk where his computers were and he said, “I want to show you something.”

In my head, I thought, oh no what is this? Am I going to struggle with this internship? For some reason, I did get nervous in that moment.

“Okay okay, watch this,” he said.

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“I got a phone call this morning from one of our oldest customers. He fired us. After 20 years, he fired us. He said he didn't know us anymore. I think I know why. We used to do business with a handshake, face-to-face—now it's a phone call and a fax, get back to ya later, and another fax probably. Well folks, some things got to change. That's why we are going to set out our little face-to-face chat with every customer we have.”

“But, Ben, that's got to be over 200 cities.”

“I don't care.”

“If you're the kind of business that still believes personal service deserves a lot more than lip service, Welcome to United—that's how we've been doing business for over 60 years.”

“Ben, where are you going?”

“To visit that old friend that fired us this morning.”

“United, come fly the friendly skies.”

This was the video that Mike showed me. It was a United Airlines commercial from 1993. Do you see why this is important? This is the question that Mike asked me and now I want to ask you.

In business marketing class, we learn about customer relationship management, CRM. One thing I learned was the importance of understanding a customer's needs and how to manage good relationships with them. This video helps point me to this question, but how? How do we maintain good relationships with our customers? Maybe you aren't a business owner, but you could look at this commercial and say, how do we maintain good relationships with the people we know and love?

As a business major, I see that businesses have definitely lost touch with this, but so have people. I couldn't go fifteen minutes without checking my phone while writing my article. I am finding that I am checking my phone during meals and seeing that technology is telling me how long my attention span should be, when I should be half tuned in to what my friends are saying, and how much time I should spend checking social media. I'm by no means saying that technology is bad, but it can allow us to lose touch with others, just like the United Airlines commercial shows us.

After watching this video, Mike challenged me to meet with advertisers to thank them for their support of our paper. He then challenged me to take my optimistic attitude and try to find new businesses that might want to advertise with us. He looked me in the eyes and said, “Are you sensitive?”

“Not really.....” I said with a shaky voice.

I thought to myself, well, I'm not sensitive anymore, Mike! I knew that him asking me that would mean that my second challenge was going to be my biggest. However, it wouldn't be impossible.

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The time came when I had to meet with my first advertisers. I met Mike and we ventured out so he could show me the ropes. We stopped into some businesses that might be interested in advertising and this is where I felt challenged. Some people didn't look as interested, whereas others could tell that this was my first time doing this type of advertising.

“You have to learn to accept no,” said Mike.

“Okay,” I said.

“You can visit this business, and that might be good,” Mike kept saying.

“Okay,” I said.

“This will be good practice for marketing experience,” he spoke again.

“Okay,” I murmured.

“Can you say anything else other than okay?” he asked.

“No,” I said giggling. This com-



ment from Mike made me laugh and feel more comfortable to tell him how I really felt.

“I'm really nervous, Mike. It's good nerves though, but I am nervous meeting with these different people and learning to accept no.”

“No, no, that's good. Don't worry, it will be fine! You just have to let them know you are doing an internship and with practice it will become easier to you,” Mike said.

When we finished meeting with new potential advertisers and current advertisers, I was driving back to Mount St. Mary's and couldn't stop smiling. I realized that my internship was like one with a fancy suit, a desk, and nerves except these were all different. My desk is the compilation of the towns I will be visiting. It is so much bigger than any desk I could have ever imagined. My fancy suit is my personality. I don't dress up my personality, but I put it on even brighter than any other day. I'm excited to show off not my ruffles on my skirt, but rather the quality of our paper to advertisers. My nerves aren't because I question whether I can do the job, but because I know that this experience is going to prepare me for the real world in a way that nothing ever has.

This leaves me with my last few thoughts for my article that I wanted to share with you when I first started writing. I see now that the United Airlines commercial was speaking about something we don't think about every day: the importance of human face-to-face relationships.

It doesn't matter whether it is your customer or your best friend, these face-to-face personal connections are so important in a world where technology replaces those connections.

My last thoughts are actually thank-yous. I want to thank United Airlines for developing a commercial that creatively connects our public minds to the importance of relationships. The greatest memories I've ever had are the encounters I have had with old friends, new friends, family, co-workers, customers, bosses, and even the homeless. In my internship, I will be pushed to accept no when trying to make connections, but this is okay. The current customers will be happy

and pleased to see my joyful face pop in to say hello. I want to thank them for supporting our paper. It brings me the most happiness seeing those support a high-quality paper with a mission of serving its town.

The last person I'd like to thank is Mike Hillman. I want to thank you for an opportunity that is not only teaching me how to run a paper, but also teaching me about myself. I'm seeing that I'm not as sensitive as I thought. I'm understanding that marketing begins with being genuine and that any business that focuses on personal customer-relationship management is one that I want to be a part of. You have taught me a lot in only

a short time, but with every new day, I look forward to sitting at my desk with my big smile and giant bag of nerves. Thank you for infusing your passion of a high-quality paper in me. And thank you to United Airlines for creating a commercial that inspired both me and Mike Hillman to reach out our hands and show our faces to those who contribute to our newspaper. For many businesses, technology might be its best friend. To me, personal connections are better for business. Technology, I can't let you win. Please meet your greatest enemy: me.

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## 36th Annual Fall Festival at Camp Eder

Lori Jackson  
Event Coordinator, Camp Eder

For lots of outdoor fun, gather up the entire family and head over to the 36th Annual Fall Festival at Camp Eder. This exciting event takes place on October 18th from 9 am to 4 pm at 914 Mount Hope Road located in the picturesque hills of Fairfield. Camp is festively decorated with lots of corn shocks, pumpkins, mums and gourds. You will find all the trimmings of a good family-friendly festival including live music, craft show and small business vendor area, a renowned pit-roasted pork and turkey meal with all the fixings, children's activities, demonstrations, and a live auction that starts at 9:30 am. The children's activity area includes a petting zoo, candle dipping, tie-dyeing, face painting, kid's craft table, fun

games and a great new inflatable adventure. Children and adults alike always enjoy hiking the many scenic trails scattered throughout the property.

What would a fall festival be without caramel apples, apple cider and lots of pumpkin and apple desserts? These delicious items will be sold throughout the festival. This year you will also be able to buy locally grown produce such as apples and pumpkins.

If you are looking for a treasure to take home with you, a live auction starts early in the morning down at the main pavilion. Just to wet your whistle, a sampling of treasures include, but are certainly not limited to, handmade items like a beautiful maple leaf quilt, original art work, wheel thrown pottery, and scroll saw cut Christmas ornaments. For the antique toy collector there is a Mod-

el 1953 Chevrolet pickup truck. A beautiful hand crafted forged plate by Wendell August will be sold to the highest bidder. For the younger generation the very popular corn hole game was handmade just for the auction. There are usually over 150 items being sold that morning, so make sure you arrive early.

Handmade jewelry, decorative wreaths, fashionable scarves, scented soaps and healthful heating and cooling pads are just a small sampling of items you can view as you stroll through the Craft and vendor area.

There is nothing more enjoyable than tasting warm apple butter, just freshly made. If you love apple butter and have never seen it made, this is the place to do just that. Over 60 volunteers stir apple butter in copper kettles all night long. It is a tremendous amount of work but is made with lots of hard work and love and it is absolutely delicious. On Saturday you can watch how it is made, sample the results and take home a mouthwatering jar.

Michael Peluso's motto is "You dream It, I'll breathe it". Michael is a renowned glass blowing artist and will be demonstrating his creative skills throughout the day. He does demonstrations every hour and you might be one of the lucky ones to walk away with a stunning, original piece of art work, created in front of your eyes.

Enjoy live entertainment from one of the areas greatest bands, Lee Jones & the C.B. Pickers, playing a wide variety of traditional bluegrass, country and gospel songs, as well as original music. These talented musicians have a unique sound incorporating country, billy rock, and comedy into their shows. They have several albums under their belt. They will be performing outside by the Food Court between 12 - 3 pm.



Once again, Camp Eder will play host to a family friendly fall festival.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve will be set up with an exhibit on Maple Sugaring and do a children's craft plus tell you all about the ongoing programs taking place at their organization.

Camp Eder is an agency of the Church of the Brethren Southern Pennsylvania District and is named for the Eder River in Schwarzenau, Germany, site of the first baptisms of the Church of the Brethren denomination. Though it is rooted in Christian outdoor ministry, Camp Eder provides space and lodging for any individual, family, or group seeking a serene environment for camping, retreats, weddings, reunions, small and large group gatherings, daytime events and nature experiences. A variety of lodging options are offered, in addition to food and program services. The Camp has hotel and dorm style lodges, cabins, tent sites, covered wagons, and long huts. There is also a picnic pavilion, warm-weather swimming pool, and meeting rooms that can accommodate varying size groups.

The Miller Meetinghouse, which is a beautiful stone chapel, sits atop the mountain overlooking the scenic orchards and valley below. Once a Church of the Breth-

ren meetinghouse located in Carlisle, the Chapel was dismantled and moved to Camp Eder property in 2004. The Chapel can be used for worship services or song services and is a perfect setting for a beautiful wedding.

Established in 1958, Camp Eder occupies more than 400 acres of forest, meadows, and orchards. It hosts a variety of events year-round that are open to the public. Senior Citizen Days feature programs and activities in the camp atmosphere geared toward mature adults and usually include a meet and greet with coffee and morning snack, two programs and a delicious lunch. Camp staff hosts a spring and fall scrapbooking retreat where artistic projects are created and friendships are formed.

The beginning of December finds Camp Eder bustling. Over 300 dozen cookies are baked in anticipation of the Annual Christmas Tree Festival. The landscape is brilliantly decorated with indoor and outdoor lighting displays. Guests vote for their favorite Christmas Tree sponsored and decorated by individuals & churches. There is live music in Geigley Lodge which you can sing along with or just sit and listen to. Tree of Peace Lodge houses an array of Nativities from all over the world. Guests can feel the peaceful atmosphere surrounding the luminary garden that is lit in honor and memory of loved ones. The kitchen is open to grab a delicious meal and a variety of beautifully boxed cookies will be available for sale and sampling. The evening ends with participants following the three wise men down to Heckman Pavilion to enjoy a very inspirational outdoor candlelight service. Keep December 12 - 14th open for this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

No matter your age, background, level of ability, or special interest, Camp Eder has something to offer everyone. Whether spending a week in the summer camp program or an afternoon with friends and family, Camp Eder is sure to make a difference in the lives of those who visit. For additional information on any event, to volunteer, support the camp's work, or to book your next retreat, call 717-642-8256 or visit Camp Eder on line at [www.campeder.org](http://www.campeder.org).

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# Mount art professor presents gallery exhibit

Caroline King  
MSM Class of 2015

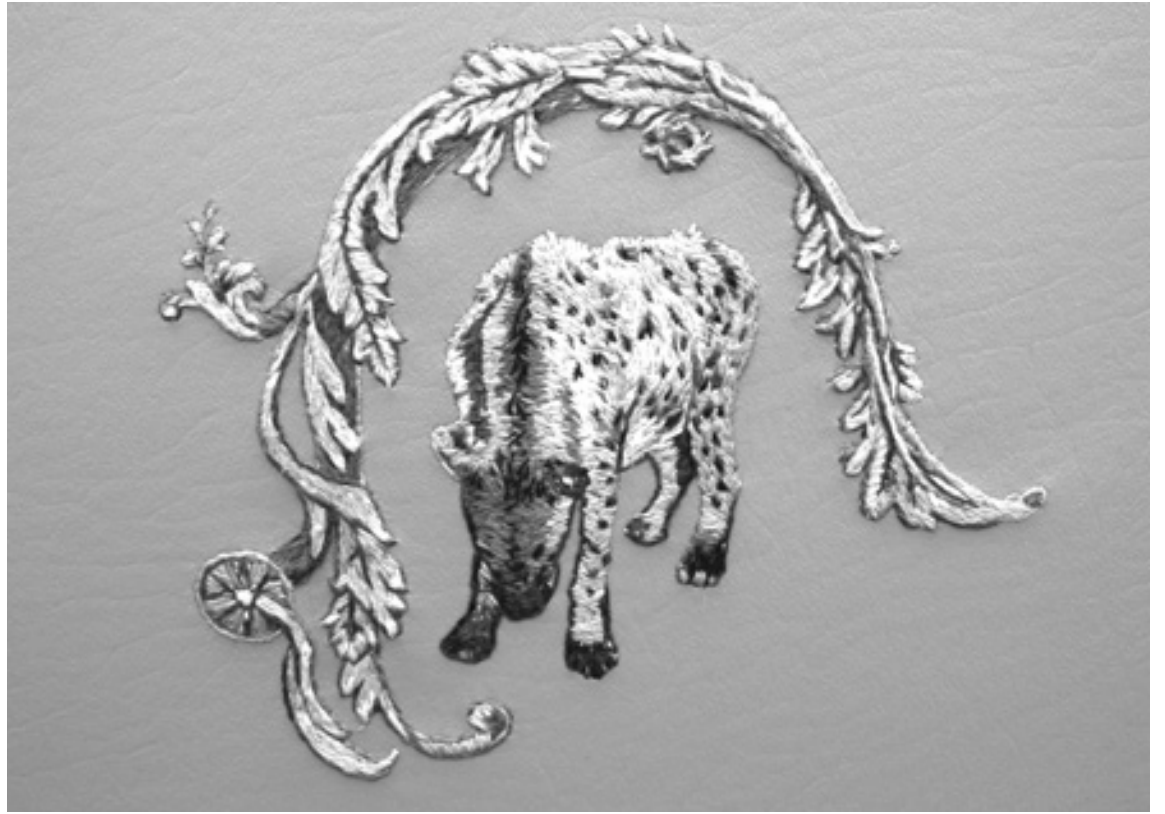
Mount Saint Mary's University has featured its fair share of artists in the Williams Art Gallery. From off-campus creators to student galleries, the Mount has just about seen them all. But this October, the Mount's very own Elizabeth Holtry will be featured in her own gallery! Having been a professor since 2001, Holtry has seen (and mentored) many of the artists who have come through the Mount. She has taught a variety of courses throughout the years, ranging from art history to printmaking and everything in between. Her experiences as a professor and an artist have definitely influenced her work. It is interesting to see such an involved and talented individual switching the focus from the students' art on to her own. The gallery will be opened on October 23rd with a reception in the Williams Art Gallery from 5-7pm, and the exhibit will remain open until the 12th of December. The gallery is open to the public by appointment or on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9am to 3pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 1pm and then 2pm to 4pm. The reception, is of course, open to all.

I have been lucky enough to have Professor Holtry as a teacher this semester and was able to grab her after class for a short interview about what we can expect for this upcoming gallery. The answer was a bit startling. "There's going to be a focus on hyenas," Holtry said. "I want to celebrate the natural world and the creatures people don't appreciate." Hyenas, rats, condors, vultures, and naked mole rats, Holtry finds inspiration in them all. She often uses bright colors and focuses on amazing images that pop with a strange sort of beauty. Her subjects aren't things people would usually find attractive, but her interesting compositions and depictions (not to mention uses of colors) pull the viewer in and make it hard to look away. "People make a fuss about something cute, like pandas, being endangered," Holtry pointed out to me. "But I don't know if many people would care if something like a hyena would get much attention." Holtry addresses these animal prejudices in her work, forcing people to focus on the "afterthought" animals. She often works with oil paint and canvas, but interestingly enough also uses thread to create fascinating effects in her pieces.

Holtry was born in Virginia and continued on to receive her BA in Studio Art from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her MFA in Painting from the University of Cincinnati. Her work has been exhibited in regional and national venues, including Hillyer Art Space, the Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Signal 66, the

Hooks-Epstein Gallery, the Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, American University, Stephen F. Austin State University, the Delaplaine Art and Education Center, and the University of Delaware. Not to mention, her students love her. "She's awesome and passionate," one classmate raved. "You can tell she really cares about art and her students." I myself have learned much from these few short weeks of school that I've had her as a professor. I've learned about proportions, composition, and I think most importantly, the fact that art doesn't have to be perfect. Holtry encourages students to go out of their way to try something new, pointing out that the flaws and less-than-picture-perfect realities are what make the art you're creating something great and unique. Her approach to art isn't to make something photorealistic, but rather to make it a piece of expression: art with a meaning. Her art is certainly full of meaning; there's a very interesting contrast between the vividness of her pieces and the forgotten animals she portrays. Her appreciation for the "less-liked" of the animal world and her love for art is clear through all her pieces.

Her love of art is clearly visible by looking at her works and noting the time she puts into them. "It's tough to say," Holtry said when asked about the general time it takes for her to complete a piece. "It can take anywhere from three weeks to a couple of months to finish a piece." Holtry not only paints pieces and does amazing works with patterns, but she also uses embroidery to create her images, often sewing directly onto the canvas. The effect is extremely interesting and textured, definitely something worth coming out and seeing on the 23rd of October. Not to mention, Holtry herself will be there along with her works. There is not usually an opportunity to ask the artist directly about his or her pieces, and it's



*Blue Blood Blues, embroidery thread on vinyl.*

an experience definitely worth having. Besides, hyenas don't get much attention. To see such an overlooked animal portrayed so vividly and in such an unexpected way is something that will really stick with you.

Elizabeth Holtry also has her own website ([www.elizabethholtry.com](http://www.elizabethholtry.com)) where you can preview some of her works. A few featured on the website will also be in the gallery, but there are newer pieces that haven't been shown anywhere yet that will be shown in the upcoming gallery exhibit. Even if you cannot attend the premier revealing on the 23rd of October, the gallery will remain open and will feature her works until the 12th of December, so there is plenty of time to see some of her amazing work up close. But like I mentioned earlier, attending the opening means you can meet the artist in the flesh. If you are interested in art and art composition, it would be the perfect opportunity for you. Holtry has had years of experience, not only as an artist, but also as a professor. Art is a dai-

ly and constant part of her life and all her practice truly shows. Not to mention, she teaches new generations of art students the basics of art every year, and reviews advanced techniques with the more experienced students. Her constant involvement in art shows in her work as her concepts and understanding of spacing and content are completely incredible. Her use of color pulls attention to the creatures most often overlooked; it's a startling contrast.

So if you find yourself in the Emmitsburg area or around Mount Saint Mary's between the 23rd of October and the 12th of Decem-

ber, stop on in and check out this awesome gallery. The Mount is always happy to welcome first-time gallery goers and of course returning visitors to the Williams Art Gallery, located in the Delplaine Fine Arts Center. These pieces of art are vivid and leave quite the impact. I, myself, will be at the opening for the gallery (again, that's 5-7pm on October 23rd) and I hope to see some of you there! Like the animals that will be portrayed, it should be a gallery that is not to be forgotten.

To learn more about Holtry and to see some of her work, visit her website, [www.elizabethholtry.com](http://www.elizabethholtry.com).

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# Fall recipes

Brooke Hagerty,  
The Food Chick

The lazy days of summer are over. Summer vacation is over. September is over. It is now time to focus on the fall frenzy of flavors. Around here it is also time to focus on one thing that we have not focused on in a long time - that's right post-season baseball! With both the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Nationals Division WINNERS in their respective leagues I thought it only appropriate to give you a tasting of fall flavors that incorporate our favorite "Boys of Summer" colors. So, this month we will focus on the colors of our favorite teams; orange and red!

First up, the Baltimore Orioles and the color ORANGE. One of my favorite food items any time of the year is soup and one of my favorite soups just happens to be orange; Roasted Sweet Potato Soup. Not only is this a great soup that is delicious, it is nutritious and can also become a complete meal with the addition of a protein such as beans for a vegan meal or shredded turkey breast for the carnivore. Toppings such as homemade garlic croutons and horseradish sour cream offer interesting flavors for a new taste if you want to make a large batch and

freeze it for a meal later on.

### Roasted Sweet Potato Soup - Ingredients

2 pounds sweet potatoes  
3 large carrots  
1 medium Vidalia onion  
4 pieces celery  
Extra virgin olive oil (just enough to coat your potatoes for roasting)  
Spices to include ancho chili powder, garlic powder, cumin, lemon pepper and your favorite salt (these are my favorites and make for a slightly spicy soup, choose your favorite flavors; experiment and make this recipe your own)  
White cooking wine  
2 quarts low sodium vegetable stock for vegetable base with water

**Directions** - preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel potatoes and cut into bite size pieces. Using spices of your choice and the EVOO coat the potatoes and roast in the oven for approximately 30 minutes or until the potatoes are fork tender. Meanwhile, using a food process or food chopper mince the carrots, onion and celery. In a stock pot combine these items on medium high heat and douse with a bit of white wine. Cook for about 10 minutes or until they are super soft. Prepare your

vegetable stock or broth. Remove potatoes from the oven and allow to cool slightly for about 5 to 10 minutes. Using your food processor or blender and at about a 75/25 ratio puree the potatoes with the vegetable stock or broth. This will need to be done in batches. Add to your soup pot along with the remaining vegetable stock and bring to a boil. Be sure to stir often so that the potatoes do not stick to the bottom of the pot. Once to a boil for about three minutes, turn to a simmer for about 30 minutes, again stirring often. Be sure to taste as you go season to your liking. To make your soup silky smooth use either your immersion blender or regular blender to puree soup down. If you are using a blender return the soup to the original soup pot. Check the consistency, chances are it will be a little thin. If this is the case make a slurry, using equal parts water and corn starch that have been whisked into a loose paste. With the soup on low whisk the slurry into the soup to obtain your desired consistency.

This is a very easy recipe to multiply and freeze for use later on. As I wrote above try different spices, herbs and toppings to make a unique soup every time you eat it.

Second in this month's line up but most certainly not second in many hearts are the Washington Nationals and the color RED. Now, I could not rightly write an article about baseball and not include the perennial classic at any ball game, the Chili Cheese Dog. I am going to break with tradition and give you a monster chili recipe that of course



Fall is a perfect time to experiment with new soup recipes.

you can put on a gorgeous dog anytime but believe it or not is a vegan chili, made with this fans favorite, Portabella mushrooms. These mushrooms are meaty and delicious and in this recipe have fooled more than one meat lover I know. If mushrooms are not your thing you can substitute beef or pork cubes and not lose any taste sensation (just add a few calories)

**Portabella Mushroom Chili** - This is one of my favorite recipes and is the closest thing to "no cook" that you can get when it comes to chili.

### Ingredients

2 pounds Portabella mushrooms, cut into bite size pieces  
1 each fifteen ounce can of black and red beans and diced tomatoes  
1 medium Vidalia onion, chopped into dime size pieces  
2 fresh jalapeños, diced to your desired consistency  
3 tablespoons minced garlic or 5

cloves finely diced  
1 tablespoon each cumin, coriander and red chili flakes  
Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions** - In a stock pot combine onions, jalapeños and garlic and sweat down with a little red wine, cumin, coriander and red chili flakes until soft. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring frequently until just soft. Add beans and tomatoes (DO NOT DRAIN OR RINSE, these juices are the only liquid you need). Bring to a light boil, all the while stirring every couple of minutes. Allow to boil for five minutes and turn down to a simmer for about 30 minutes. Salt and pepper to taste and serve! If you are using the meat option follow the same directions, the meat will cook in the juices and become tender with all of the juices. For both options top with your favorite toppings; cheese, sour cream, onions or maybe try something a little different and go with a grilled avocado and serve it in a baked sweet potato - wow, that sounds delicious!

To grill your avocado slice in half and open up into two equal parts, making slices but leaving the skin on. Remove pit. Season with a little extra virgin olive oil, cumin, coriander and lemon juice. Place open side down on a medium high grill for two to three minutes. Flip onto the skin side and cook for another 3 to 5 minutes. Using a spoon scoop the avocado out and place on top of chili.

I am not even going to venture into how to bake your sweet potatoes as we all have our favorite way of baking potatoes. I will say this though, scrub the skins and cut in half before baking to cut your cook time in half.

Upon serving, scoop out the insides, fill with chili and top with the avocado. In my humble opinion, this is an amazing vegan meal that will leave even the heartiest of carnivores begging for seconds AND the recipe!

I want to wish both the O's and Nat's all the best in the post season. Personally I am praying hard for a Baltimore Washington series!

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](mailto:brooke@thefoodchick.biz). Be sure to check out my website, [www.thefoodchick.biz](http://www.thefoodchick.biz) or "like" me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/theoriginalfoodchick](http://www.facebook.com/theoriginalfoodchick).

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# Mount fall sports preview

**Bridgette Nitza-Buwala**  
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Along with the start of Mount St. Mary's University's 2014 fall semester begins the fall sports seasons for men's and women's cross country, men's and women's tennis, and women's soccer. These teams and their coaching staffs are excited to have officially released their fall schedules online at [www.mountathletics.com](http://www.mountathletics.com) and to have competed in their first few events during the months of August and September.

The Mount St. Mary's University student-athletes of these teams have been working tirelessly this past summer to ensure that the Mount performs to the best of its ability. Since school has begun, they have woken up extremely early to condition and have spent multiple hours every afternoon perfecting their skills. Each of these athletes is determined to leave quite an impression on the courses, courts, and fields of this fall season's competition.

While the members of each sports team are anxious to compete and showcase their efforts, there are many students and community members also anxious—eager to spectate and support our athletics program throughout their endeavors this fall. All interested in watching the Mount compete are highly encouraged to cheer in the bleachers of a soccer stadium, on the grass alongside a tennis court or at the finish line of a race.

Lead by Head Coach Larry O'Hara, and seniors Sean Fritz, Tommy Gruschow, Jesse Langton, Mckenzie Doyle, Kristen Galligan, Constance Kneisler, Megan Schott, and Desi Scott, the men's and women's cross country teams began their season with the annual Mount St. Mary's 5k Duals on Friday, August 29. This was a wonderful opportunity for not only the Mount community, but also for those from the Emmitsburg area to see what this team can bring to their home turf. Senior Jesse Langton showed them what it looks like to finish with an awesome time of 16:02.84, and Megan Schott added to the thrill with a time of 19:11.65. The Mount will compete at Lehigh University on October 4. They will follow this competition with a meet at West Windsor Fields on October 18, and the Northeast Conference Championship meet at Stanley Quarter Park on November 1. We expect to see multiple Mountaineers qualify for the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Meet at Penn State on November 14.

Representing one of our university's four pillars, this Mount team does not only have great talent in their sport, but they also have a knack for leadership. "So far I have been very impressed with the focus and motivation of both the

men's and women's teams. The captains have done a great job of preparing the rest of the team for the upcoming season. I have also been very impressed with the poise of the four freshmen on the team. They have stepped in and contributed immediately, all while juggling the transitions that occur during freshman year," assured O'Hara.

Lead by Head Coach Phil Hammond and seniors Will Briscoe, Adam Salam, Taylor D'Agostino, Danielle Nguyen, and Jennifer Smith, the men's and women's tennis teams have set themselves up for a victorious season. With a men's 3-1 singles record at Bucknell's recent tournament, sophomore Mateo DeSomocurio paved the way for continued success this season. Senior Adam Salam, junior Peter Salomon, and sophomore Louis Tonin also left this tournament with wins under their belts. On the women's end, freshmen Sruthi Kamprath and Cassandra Powell, along with the duo of sisters, sophomore Kelly Smith and senior Jennifer Smith, left two recent tournaments triumphant. Both tennis teams look forward to their three-day home tournament, taking place from October 3-5.

Lead by Head Coach Tom Gosselin and seniors Mackenzie Buckwalter, Kristina Caravello, Cara Deegan, Alicia Mirando, and Paige Peck, the Mount women's soccer team has played hard on the soccer field. They are determined to leave the non-conference slate with positive results and a fire under their feet for Northeast Conference play. At the Battle of Baltimore, junior Nicole Vallely and freshman Cia Makriorgos proved themselves worthy of the All-Tournament Team, while Mount junior Emma Blair had three shots during this battle's game against Loyola. All are

proud of her team-best performance. The Mount will soon host Farleigh Dickinson on October 3, Bryant on October 17, and Robert Morris on October 19. The women's final home game will be on October 26 against Sacred Heart.

All teams thrive off of the inspiration given to athletes by their peers, Mount faculty and staff, and the Emmitsburg community. The seniors, especially, know to what great extent this inspiration matters for each sport to achieve their full potential. All would argue that the Mount emits a feeling of communal support like no other.

With both community and Mount pride in mind, senior soccer forward Mackenzie Buckwalter exclaimed, "As a senior I am thankful to be a part of this team and to have the competitive attitudes that surround me at each and every practice. The best is yet to come—all heart, all out, Mount!" Chants such as this one that Mackenzie shared, showcase to all around the dignity of each Mount athlete.

Meanwhile, senior cross country runner Kristen Galligan addressed the future generations of our Mount community and its up-and-coming athletes: "I hope to leave a legacy for the incoming classes of students at the Mount and really represent the Mount as best I can in my competition. Hopefully, our team sets a great tone for the new team members of years to come." From this statement, it is easy to see that not one Mountaineer will cease to impact the university upon the end of this, their last fall season of sports at Mount St. Mary's University. Rather, these soon-to-be graduates will always leave their spikes, tennis shoes and cleats to be filled by future student-athletes of this mountain home.



Maggie Deegan Photography

The Mount women's soccer team plays tough on the field during one of their first few games. (Photo credit Maggie Deegan)

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## FITNESS AND HEALTH

# Complementary Corner

## Traditional Chinese medicine and breast cancer treatment

Renee Lehman

It is now October, also known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, according to the American Cancer Society. Current statistics show that 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Why is early detection of breast cancer still considered a woman's best option? Shifting the focus away from early detection and toward preventing breast cancer was the topic of my March 2014 article: Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Breast Health.

This month's article will review how TCM understands breast cancer, and address how TCM can help in your healing during breast cancer treatment. Many of the ideas and suggestions, shared below, are taken from the website: [www.breastcancer.com](http://www.breastcancer.com).

Traditional Chinese Medicine's Understanding of Breast Cancer

For thousands of years, TCM has understood and treated the condition we in our modern culture call breast cancer. TCM (the longest continuously practiced form of healthcare in the world) is focused on prevention and wellness (see previous articles on TCM). There is an often quoted saying in The Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine, The Nei Jing,

(1000 BCE): "To fight a disease after it has occurred is like trying to dig a well when one is thirsty or forging a weapon once a war has begun."

TCM views all disease from an energetic level (deals with your energy or Qi, pronounced "chee"). Basically, all disease is considered to be stuck or out of balance energy (Qi). Because of this viewpoint of all disease, including breast cancer, TCM understands that there are invisible energetic issues that have a tremendous impact on a woman's health and that underlies breast cancer. TCM can recognize and address the early warning signs before they manifest in the body as breast cancer. TCM can give hope to women, and help them to understand their own body, because it can be used to teach a woman to observe her body/mind/spirit and understand when her health and life is becoming unbalanced. Everything in your life – body/mind/spirit, can influence your body's energy system; therefore, affect everything about your state of health.

So, how can TCM practices help you heal during treatment for breast cancer?

### Foods to Avoid During Treatment

According to TCM principles, there are certain types of foods to avoid during

breast cancer treatment: 1) Charred and deep-fried foods. Why? Because these types of foods create a condition called "internal heat" which will negatively affect your digestion (plus, chemotherapy and radiation already create excess heat within the body). 2) Raw vegetables. Why? Because they take more energy (Qi) to digest than cooked vegetables. You want your Qi to go toward healing and not digestion, right? 3) Cold or iced foods and beverages. Why? Because the Stomach will have to use extra Qi to warm up these foods, thus, possibly unbalancing your digestive system.

### Foods to Help With Surgery

Surgery can often cause a person to lose a lot of blood and Qi, which must be replaced. To properly prepare for breast cancer surgery (or any surgery), TCM recommends eating as much spinach and red beets as you can for at least two weeks before the operation. These foods can help increase blood volume. Also, the following foods can help to strengthen your Qi reserves: seafood, especially shrimp, lobster, clams, oysters, and mussels.

### Foods to Help With Chemotherapy and Radiation Treatments

Chemotherapy and radiation treatments take a tremendous toll on the

body's Qi. The digestive system is one of the most vulnerable places. That's why patients often experience nausea, appetite loss, and Qi deficiency (weakness). Your Qi reserves (just think of your Qi Bank Account being depleted of funds) is another area hit hard by these treatments. This can cause hair loss, bone aches, chills, diarrhea, joint pain, and fatigue.

During chemotherapy and radiation treatments, eating for energy means choosing foods that support digestive system and your "Qi Bank Account." While undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, TCM recommends eating mostly fresh fruit and lightly cooked vegetables, especially: pears, almonds, kiwis, dandelion greens, and carrots. Yes, these foods provide beneficial nutrients, AND even more importantly, they help with your healing by helping to detoxify the body and cool the excess heat caused by these treatments.

According to TCM, foods that support your Stomach (digestive) function are sugarcane juice, lotus seeds, Chinese barley (also known as Job's Tears), and Chinese red dates. Foods that support your "Qi Bank Account" include clams, mussels, oysters, lobster, and any bone broth soups.

### Healing Recipes

Tea for nausea (due to chemotherapy or radiation treatment): 4 pieces of ginger, 1 tsp. brown sugar or honey, 1 orange peel, 1 handful of dried rose petals, 1 pinch of rosemary, 1 pinch



of cinnamon. Place all ingredients in a pot with 2 quarts hot water. Let the tea steep. Drink hot, 2xs/day while the nausea is present.

Skin salve (to soothe skin irritation due to radiation treatment): Dandelion greens, 1 Tbsp. olive oil. Place dandelion greens in a bowl and smash them to a pulp. Add a little bit of olive oil and mix. Apply to the skin irritation every day.

To learn more information about the TCM approach to breast cancer prevention, and healing from breast cancer with TCM visit [www.breastcancer.com](http://www.breastcancer.com) and [www.tcmworld.org](http://www.tcmworld.org).

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Pink light bulbs are available at the town office for \$1.00 which will go toward part of Thurmont's donation to the Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund at Frederick Memorial Hospital. "Think Pink" during the month of October!

Town residents and business owners can pick up a pink light bulb at the town office beginning Monday, September 22nd between 8 AM & 4 PM. Wednesday, October 1st businesses and homes will officially light up the town with pink lights at 8 PM. Everyone is asked to have their pink lights turned on each night during the month of October from 8 PM to 10 PM. Town of Thurmont offices and buildings will be illuminated with pink floodlights during October too!

# FITNESS AND HEALTH

## Keep Moving

How the time change affects your health

**Linda Stultz**  
**Certified Fitness Trainer/Fitness Therapist**

Where did the summer go? I hear so many people asking that question. I used to hear people say the older you get the faster time goes. Well, I know that is not literally true but it sure feels like it goes faster. Before long we will be turning the clocks back an hour which doesn't sound like a big amount of time but it can have a big effect on your health. Our body reacts to light, sunshine, darkness and temperature naturally. Darkness tells us it is time to sleep. Light and sunshine tells us it is time to wake and our body's clock runs on this time. The days are getting shorter and the darkness is starting to regulate our sleep needs. Many people relate the evenings getting

darker as the time to do less outside and sit in front of the TV more. I realize that you have less yard and outside work to do in the winter months but that should not be the reason to have less activity. Winter seems to be the time many people gain a few pounds, have less energy and feel a bit down and depressed. Darkness can do this to our systems if we don't make an extra effort to combat these problems. Go the extra mile, literally, on the treadmill or bike. Take a dance class or go to the pool and swim a few laps as often as you can. Make a scheduled plan and commit to sticking to it. I realize we are all so busy and when it gets dark at 5pm it seems to be even harder to get everything done we need to complete in our day. Start today and talk to family and friends or explore the internet to find activities that you may

be interested in. Start incorporating them into your daily schedule while the warm weather and daylight is still here to give you the energy you need and by the time the shorter, darker days arrive you will be well into a good habit or exercise. Exercise may make you tired right after you finish but usually after an hour or so you begin to feel the benefits of increased energy and the satisfaction that you have done something good for your body and mind. If you are the type of person that is completely drained by the end of the workday when it gets dark at 5 o'clock and you are driving home in the dark maybe you could try exercising in the morning before work. I know that means getting up a little earlier but you may be surprised at how much energy you have for the rest of the day. If you are a late night person try an exercise that you can do after dinner and it may relax the stress from the day and prepare you for a good night's sleep. We hear so much about how the time change can affect your driving abil-

ity and perhaps your performance at work or school, a person's relationships and how we function in general. Exercise can help your body adjust and react in a more positive way to the changes in our life. The seasons change and we have no control over the time or the weather but we can control how we deal with the changes. Start thinking about what you can do to keep active this winter

and I think you will feel a little better about the upcoming seasons and the shorter daylight hours. Remember to keep moving no matter what you decide to do for your winter exercise routine. You will feel so much better and the long winter weather just may be a little easier to deal with. If you have any questions call me for ideas at 717-334-6009 and Remember to Keep Moving!!

## Fitness Matters

**George Puvel**  
**Anytime Fitness Owner**

**Question:** I have been following a training program to prepare for my first 5k running event. I'm ready to race, but I want to enter an event that will benefit an organization in my community. Any suggestions on how to begin searching for an event?

**Answer:** Entering a local fitness event (running, biking, swimming, etc.) that benefits a cause is such a great way to give back. Begin by searching for "nonprofit" organizations in your local area. These types of organizations will most likely have a variety of events, such as races, fundraisers, and community gatherings to support their company mission. American Red Cross, your local Alzheimer's Association, March of Dimes, and Goodwill Industries are examples of these types of nonprofit organizations. Many organizations have races of varying lengths and modalities; from running, to walking, to biking and beyond. Some of the most popular races for causes include: Team in Training ([www.teamintraining.org](http://www.teamintraining.org)), Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® ([www5.komen.org](http://www5.komen.org)), or the BikeMS series ([www.nationalms.org](http://www.nationalms.org)). Entering a race to support a cause that you believe in is a great way to stay motivated and a perfect way to connect and give back to your community. Good luck!

**Question:** While watching a variety of sporting events, I've noticed several athletes wearing colored tape on their ankles, calves and sometimes their shoulders. What exactly is the purpose of wearing the colored tape?


**Answer:** The brightly colored stripes of Physio tape or Kinesio

tape have been popping up everywhere from the most elite athletes to the average recreational exercisers. Unlike other types of strapping tape, where the tape is wrapped tightly around an injured joint or muscle to provide rigid support, Physio tape and its unique elastic properties, is applied directly over and/or around an injured area to provide dynamic support. One benefit of the Physio tape is the increase of blood circulation to the in-

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## ASTRONOMY

# The night sky of October

Professor Wayne Wooten

For October 2014, the US will witness at least part of both a lunar and solar eclipse. The Hunter's Full Moon happens on October 8, 2014, and gives us a nice total lunar eclipse, if you are willing to set your alarm clock! The moon begins moving into our darker umbral shadow at 4:20 AM on Wednesday morning, and is completely inside our shadow and blood red by 5:30 AM. Greatest coverage is a 5:55 AM, and the moon begins leaving our shadow at 6:22 AM. The Moon sets at 6:53, still about half covered by our shadow. The moon will appear similarly eclipsed about 5:20 AM on the morning of October 8, 2014.

Just two weeks later, the next new moon will yield a partial solar eclipse on Thursday, October 23rd. The EAAA will set up telescopes outside the Pensacola State College Planetarium about 5 PM, with first contact (the new moon touches the sun's upper eastern limb) at 5:07 PM CDT. We only get about a third of the sun covered at maximum eclipse at 6:01 PM, and the sun will appear much the same when it sets only eight minutes later.

Still, the setting sun with the moon taking out a bite of a third of the disk will be a great photo op, especially if there are a lot of sunspots on the disk at the same time. Observing the sun



The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere is popularly called the Harvest Moon because farmers could work late into the night at the end of the growing season, harvesting their crops by moonlight.

without a safety filter, whether with naked eyes, binocs, or any scope, is dangerous! If you want advice on a safe solar filter for observing this event, and the much more dramatic total solar eclipse coming up on August 21, 2017 (82% coverage), visit [www.eaaa.net](http://www.eaaa.net).

The moon is first quarter on October 1st. The Full moon is eclipsed by our earth's shadow on the morning of October 8th, as noted above. The last quarter moon is on October 15th, and the waning crescent moon passes five degrees south of Jupiter on the morning of October 18th. On October 19th, in the SW sky Mars gets a close encounter with Comet Siding Spring; this will be strict-

ly a telescopic event, however. Look to NASA images of the comet taken from Mars orbiters and landers then.

On October 21st, the peak for the Orionid meteor shower (bits of Comet Halley striking us) happens in morning hours, with the slender crescent moon interfering little. As discussed above, the new moon on October 23rd gives us a partial solar eclipse in the hour before sunset. On October 25, the waxing crescent moon passes 1.4 degrees north of Saturn in western twilight. This is your last shot at Saturn, disappearing into the sun's glare quickly. The Moon passes six degrees north of Mars on October 28th. The Moon is first quarter, ideal for evening stargazes for a treat for neighborhood kids (candy also suggested), on Halloween evening, half lit and high in the southern sky.

Mars and Saturn are both low in the SW evening sky in October, with Mars east of red Antares in Scorpius as the month begins, and moving into the teapot of Sagittarius by month's end. Saturn will be lost in the Sun's glare by month's end. Jupiter is in Cancer, in the morning sky, rising about 2:30 AM as October begins, and about midnight by Halloween, a little late for showing it to all but the adult trick or treaters. Venus and Mercury are both close to the sun in the dawn, and hard to observe this month.

The Big Dipper falls lower each evening. By the end of October, it will be only the three stars in the handle of Dipper still visible in the northwestern twilight. To the southwest, Antares and Scorpius also set soon after twilight, and will be gone by month's end. East of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way galaxy. Looking like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout is the fine Lagoon Nebula, M-8, easily visible with the naked eye. This stellar nursery is ablaze with new stars and steamers of gas and dust blown about in their energetic births. In the same binocular field just north of the Lagoon is M-20, the Trifid Nebula. Many other clusters visible in binoculars as you sweep northward along the Milky Way, and are plotted on the sky map for the month.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky overhead. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear autumn evenings. To the east of Altair lies tiny Delphinus, a rare case of a constellation that does look like its namesake.

To the east, the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it lies the

only bright star of Fall, Fomalhaut. If the southern skies of Fall look sparse, it is because we are looking away from our Galaxy into the depths of intergalactic space. The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W, rising in the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them. She contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we proceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the W of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant. It is a bigger version of our own Galaxy, which it may collide with about three billion years from now.

Below Andromeda is her hero, Perseus. In his hand is a star most appropriate for Halloween, Algol. This star "winks" at us for six out of every 70 hours, which Arabic astronomers centuries ago found spooky, hence naming it "the ghoul". We know today it is an eclipsing binary system, with the larger, cooler orange star covering 80% of its smaller, hotter neighbor during the "wink". At the foot of Perseus, the hero of "Clash of the Titans" is the fine Pleiades star cluster, the "seven sisters" that reveal hundreds of cluster members in large binoculars. This might be the best object in the sky for binocular users.

Winter will be coming soon, and in the NE we see yellow Capella rising. It is the brightest star of Auriga the Charioteer, and pair of giant stars the same temperature as our sun, but at least 100X more luminous and about 10X larger than our sun. It lies about 43 light years distant. A little farther south, below the Pleiades, orange Aldebaran rises. It is the eye of Taurus the bull, with the V shaped Hyades star cluster around it making the head of the bull. This colorful giant star is only 2/3 as hot as our yellow sun, but 44X times larger and at 65 light years distant, one of the closest of these monster stars.

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## Farmers' Almanac

**Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch:** Showers (1,2,3,4) with fair and mild weather (5,6,7,8,9). Showers, cooler (10,11,12) retuning to fair and mild temperatures (13,14,15). Showers, mainly in the southern part of the region (16,17), turning fair and warm (18,19). Showers again (20,21); fair and mild (22,23,24) with yet more showers then storms (25,26). Fair and warm (27,28,29) turning fair windy and a little cooler (30,31).

**Full Moon:** The Full Moon in October will occur on October 18th and is the Hunter's Moon for 2014. The Cree Indian Tribe called it the Moon of the Falling Leaves because so many trees lose

the last of their leaves in October. It has also been known as yellow Leaf Moon because of all of the bright foliage yet to fall while many tribes called it the Big Feast Moon because of the bountiful harvests and Fall celebrations going on at this time.

**Holidays:** Columbus Day falls on Monday, October 13th and United Nations Day is celebrated on Friday, the 24th. Children's favorite holiday (second only to Christmas!) is Halloween, which falls this year on Friday, October 31st. Plan for early evening activities that will end by dusk. Be sure to have older children wear reflective clothing (or costumes!) after dark. On the home front, consid-

er giving sensible treats like sugarless candies and gums, or nonfood alternatives like stickers, whistles, toy animals, etc. And be sure to check all treats when the children return from their fun!

**The Garden:** Now is the best time to have your soil tested. Treat the soil according to the results and it will be rejuvenated, revitalized, and ready when the warm weather returns in the Spring. Also, now is the time to plant those spring bulbs. Remember to add just a pinch of bone meal to the hole. Do not prune or fertilize any trees or shrubs. They need to go into a resting phase to prepare for the colder months ahead. Do cut back perennial foliage and shrubs to discourage winter pests. Leave flowers with seeds for the birds.



# COMPUTER Q&A

## Windows 8 recovery

### Why it is necessary

**Bob Jester**  
Jester's Computer Repair

Windows 8 computers do not ship with recovery disks. You must use the manufacturer's built-in utility to create and burn your own recovery disc set. Windows 8 is not very repair friendly. When things go wrong and Windows 8 automatic repair fails you are left with two choices.

Choice one is a factory refresh. A factory refresh will restore your computer to its original state and preserve your existing files.

Choice two is a factory reset; this option will restore your computer to its out-of-the-box state and delete all your personal data. Both choices will require that you re-install all of your programs, printers etc. These options are not fail-safe and often do not work. This leaves your computer in an unusable state. Your only choice at this point is to recover your system with your recovery disks. If you find yourself in this situation and did not make recovery disks, your only recourse is to order them from the manufacturer, often at a cost. Unlike previous editions of Windows, you cannot use any Windows disk to reload your operating system and activate it with the license on your sticker. Windows 8 PC's from most major computer manufacturers do not have a "Microsoft license sticker." Your license is embedded in a chip on the motherboard electronically and must match the recovery disks from the manufacturer.

In a previous article, we discussed a system image. In a way, restoring the system image is more convenient and thorough than using recovery disks. A system image is an exact snapshot of your computer when the image was created. This saves you the time and hassle of reloading all your programs, inserting license numbers, installing your printer and even setting up your email. A system image will restore your system to the state the computer was in when the image was created, often in less than one hour. This beats spending a day reloading your system and tweaking it to the way you like it.

It is in your best interest to create your recovery disks. Make no mistake - when Windows 8 fails to boot and cannot automatically repair itself, you will need those recovery disks. The day will come so be prepared. Create and save a system image to preserve your files and settings, and/or backup your data. If you are not comfortable doing this yourself, take your computer to your local repair shop and asked them to do it for you.

We are hopeful that future editions of Windows will return us to the day when using the computer did not require a PhD and

repairing a computer to fix the problem at hand did not require you to start from scratch all over again. The good folks at Microsoft need to listen to the end-users and stop making the operating system more and more complicated to use. If this trend continues, Microsoft might as well shutter their offices as more and more of their customers migrate to Linux. Linux is not buggy and is free!

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Bob's advice is great, but we feel the best way to deal with the Windows recovery issue is to buy a Mac. If we get enough people to buy Macs, maybe we can get Bob to service them.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October 3

Eighth annual Salsa on the Square, sponsored by Project Gettysburg-León, the event will celebrate 30 years of Gettysburg's Sister City relationship with Leon, Nicaragua. Salsa on the Square is a Fiesta meant to celebrate the contribution of Latino people to the economy and culture of Adams County. The Dance will take place on the first block of Carlisle Street, which will be closed from Lincoln Square to the railroad tracks. For the fifth consecutive year, the celebration will feature the Latino music. To learn more about Project Gettysburg-León, visit [www.gettysburg-leon.org](http://www.gettysburg-leon.org).

## October 4, 5, 11, 12

50th Annual National Apple Harvest Festival. The festival has something for everyone with hundreds of arts and crafts dealers, demonstrations, contests, food stands, and entertainment. Special attractions include The Apple Auditorium and Antique Cars, Steam Engine Displays, Orchard Tours, Petting Zoo, Craftsman Demonstrations, and Appearances by the Apple Queen and much more!

All admission prices include parking in one of several parking fields and shuttle bus or wagon service to the festival grounds. Also included in admission price is all live entertainment,

attractions, exhibits & orchard bus tours. The Festival is located at the South Mt. Fair grounds at 615 Narrows Rd., Biglerville, Pa. For more information visit [www.appleharvest.com](http://www.appleharvest.com)

Rose Hill Manor Park's Fall Festival. Hands-on crafts, games, & candle-dipping for children, blacksmith, carriage museum, hayrides, farm exhibits, demos., animals, goat milking, food, & crafts. For more information call 301-600-1650 or visit [www.rose-hillmuseum.com](http://www.rose-hillmuseum.com).

Reid's Orchard and Winery Home Winery Music in the Valley! Featuring the Willys- An interesting mix of acoustic alternative, electric power pop, punk and straight out rock and roll. 2135 Buchanan Valley Road, Orrtanna. For more information call 717-677-7047 or visit [www.reidsorchardwinery.com](http://www.reidsorchardwinery.com).

## October 5

Reid's Orchard and Winery Home Winery Music in the Valley! Kirk Wise of Jazz Me. 2135 Buchanan Valley Road, Orrtanna. For more information call 717-677-7047 or visit [www.reidsorchardwinery.com](http://www.reidsorchardwinery.com).

Seton Shrines Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services. Members of the

Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and The United States Public Health Service along with family members and friends will gather at the Basilica in Emmitsburg. The event is held each year to honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as Patroness of the Sea Services and ask for her intercession for all the men and women serving in our nation's Sea Services. For more information visit [seton-shrine.org](http://seton-shrine.org).

## October 7

Seton Center's Free Financial Learning Seminars - "Fraud Prevention". The Seton Center's Pa\$\$port To Wealth program, in on-going partnership with PNC and Woodsboro Banks, on financial management. It is free and open to the public and will take place at the Emmitsburg Library. For more information about these seminars or other services offered through Seton Center call 301-447-6102.

## October 8

Total lunar Eclipse & Draconids Meteor Shower - See Sky at Night article on page 44 for more details.

## October 9

Vigilant Hose Company's annual Fire Prevention Open House. For more information call 301-447-2728 or visit [www.vhc6.com](http://www.vhc6.com).

## October 11

St. John's Lutheran Church, Creagerstown, Fall Fest Family Style Dinner at the Parish Hall. For more information call: 301-271-7851.

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Orrtanna. For more information call 717-677-7047 or visit [www.reidsorchardwinery.com](http://www.reidsorchardwinery.com).

## October 11 & 12

Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge's Ridgefest activities at Mt. Tabor Park, just minutes away from Thurmont. There will be an Apple Butter Boiling demonstration, Food Stands featuring good home-cooked food both days, and Flea Markets. Apple butter will be available for sale for \$3.50 a pint. Of course, the Rocky Ridge Fire Company will be making their famous This event is sponsored by the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Church. Directions to Mt. Tabor Park: follow Route 77 East to Rocky Ridge, turn onto Motters Station Road, the park is just ahead on the left.

## October 12

Reid's Orchard and Winery Home Winery Music in the Valley! Featuring Featuring Shelley McCarthy- Vocals and guitar- a bit of folk, classic rock and country . 2135 Buchanan Valley Road, Orrtanna. For more information call 717-677-7047 or visit [www.reidsorchardwinery.com](http://www.reidsorchardwinery.com).

## October 16

29th Annual Eisenhower Dinner This year's guest speaker is Congressman Steve who serves on the Agriculture Committee and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, however reservations are required. For more information and tickets, please contact Ann Yannetti at 717-334-4439.

## October 18

Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Annual Fall Dinner. Adults \$13.00, Children 5-7 \$7.50 Age 4 and under Free. Turkey, coun-

try ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, apple crisp, rolls iced tea and coffee.

## October 21

Historian and Gettysburg resident, John Horner, presents "Blood and Bones" about the role local doctors, women, citizens and children who helped the wounded during and after the great 3-day battle. Horner will also share general pre-battle information about the medical needs and costs to the townspeople by the local Gettysburg doctors. John's good friend, Craig Caba of Harrisburg will display Civil War period medical items. This is a free no reservations needed program open to the public. For more information call 717-334-8312 or visit [hgaconline.org](http://hgaconline.org).

## October 22 & 23

Orionids Meteor Shower - See Sky at Night article on page 44 for more details.

## October 25

Halloween Fun at Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm and Market! Bring the kids into the Market for our costume contest and Halloween event. This fun Halloween event features themed games and crafts and a costume contest at 11am with prizes! Costume contest categories include: prettiest, cutest, scariest, most realistic, most original, best overall, best baby and more! For more information visit [www.hollabaughbros.com](http://www.hollabaughbros.com) or call 717-677-8412.

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in partnership with Mount Saint Mary's will hold Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk in St. Joseph's Ceme-

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they will encounter Saint Teresa of Avila, a man going through Purgatory, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, little children from heaven, and other Saints and martyrs. These religious figures will tell their stories and explain the three great virtues of faith, hope and charity. For more information visit [www.se-tonshrine.org](http://www.se-tonshrine.org).

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**October 11, 2014**  
**12:00 to 5:00 PM**  
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## MOUNT ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCES CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES



HEAD COACH JAMION CHRISTIAN

HEAD COACH BRYAN WHITTEN

Mount St. Mary's University Athletic Director Lynne Robinson has announced contract extensions for men's basketball Head Coach **Jamion Christian**, and women's basketball Head Coach **Bryan Whitten**.

Christian's extension takes his contract through the 2018-19 season. In addition, **Ben Wilkins** has been promoted to associate head coach while **Justine Miller** has been named coordinator for basketball operations.

In just two seasons, Christian has led Mount St. Mary's back to the top of the Northeast Conference. After taking the Mount to the Northeast Conference title game in his first season, Christian guided Mount St. Mary's to the NEC title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in March.

"We are very pleased to extend our contract with Coach Christian," said Robinson. "His positive leadership of the program has been tremendous. In addition to the team's outstanding success on the basketball court the past two years, Jamion has maintained a tireless commitment to the welfare and academic success of our student-athletes. This extension demonstrates our shared commitment to keep the basketball program continuing in a positive direction. Under Jamion's leadership, the future of Mount basketball is bright and in good hands!"

Christian led the Mountaineers to an 88-71 victory over Robert Morris in the NEC championship game to seal the Mount's first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 2008. Christian's team finished the regular season in fourth place, earning the school's first NEC Tournament home game since 2010. The Mount staged a historic rally in that game, coming back from a 19-point deficit with just over nine minutes left to edge St. Francis Brooklyn, 72-71, in the NEC quarterfinals. The Mount then downed second-seeded Wagner on the road in the semifinals to earn a spot in the championship game for the second consecutive season.

The Mountaineers faced Albany in the 2014 NCAA Tournament First Round in Dayton, Ohio. The Mount came up short in a 71-64 loss that saw a potential game-tying 3-pointer in the final minute rattle in-and-out.

On the women's side, Coach Whitten, who is entering his eighth season with the Mount, guided the Mountaineers to 19 wins last season and the program's first-ever bid to the WNIT. Additionally, Whitten has named Adam Sarguine as director of basketball operations.

"Bryan's leadership of the women's basketball program and his commitment to the success of our student-athletes, both academically and athletically has been exceptional," Robinson said.



### MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Grab your blue and white—the 2014-15 season for both teams begins Nov. 14. Both teams are on the road—the men take on Arizona and the women face the University of Maryland. The men's home opener is Nov. 19 against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, and the women's home opener is Nov. 26 against Delaware State. **Season tickets for Mountaineer men's games are currently on sale—general admission tickets for individual games go on sale**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ART EXHIBITION BY NORA STURGES

Oct. 1–Oct. 9

Williams Art Gallery,  
Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Nora Sturges's recent paintings depict the edges of human habitation—outposts in the wilderness of the Arctic and overlooked margins of densely populated areas nearer home. The familiar landscapes examine both the practical and unplanned ways we transform our visual environment, while the Arctic scenes offer evidence of our attempts to measure, tame, live in, understand, and improve our world, set against the unknowable vastness of nature itself. Free and open to the public.

### HEALTH AND SCIENCES

#### GRADUATE PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 3–6 p.m.

Frederick Campus,  
5350 Spectrum Drive, Frederick

Learn more about the Mount's Master of Health Administration and Master of Science in Biotechnology and Management programs. Both are designed for working adults with accelerated evening classes offered year-round at our Frederick and Emmitsburg campuses.



### LECTURE - THE OTHER WAR ON POVERTY: THE SEARCH FOR MEANING IN AMERICA

Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 p.m.

Knott Auditorium

Leon R. Kass, M.D., Ph.D. is the Addie Clark Harding Professor Emeritus of Social Thought at the College at the University of Chicago, and the Madden-Jewett Chair at the American Enterprise Institute. He was the chairman of the President's Council on Bioethics from 2001 to 2005. Join him for an insightful talk into what it means to be a human being in America today. Free and open to the public.



### MID-SEMESTER WIND

#### ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Knott Auditorium

Join us for an evening of music by the Mount's student instrumentalists, featuring selections from Eric Whitacre's *October*, Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* among others. Free and open to the public.



### LUCA "LAZYLEGZ" PATUELLI

Thursday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Knott Auditorium

Luca Patuelli was born with a neuromuscular disorder that prevents him from walking without crutches, but it didn't stop him from becoming an internationally-known breakdancer.

Come spend an inspiring evening with the man who proclaims "no excuses, no limits" is his motto. Free and open to the public.

### MASS OF HEALING AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, Oct. 18, Noon

St. Mary's Chapel, National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

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### ART EXHIBITION BY ELIZABETH HOLTRY

Thursday, Oct. 30–Friday, Dec. 12

Artist Reception: Thursday, Oct. 30, 5–7 p.m.

Williams Art Gallery,

Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Mount professor Elizabeth Holtry will exhibit her hand-stitched "drawings" of marginalized animals such as hyenas, rats, and vultures.

Her work seeks to challenge our aesthetic prejudices and to reclaim these animals as worthy of empathy and awe.

