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Voters asked to choose on charter government

Of Maryland's 23 counties, only eight operate under county government—a county board of commissioners—one of them being Frederick County. Of the remaining 15, 6 are governed by home rule code, and the rest are managed as charter governments.

That may soon be changing if supporters of a proposal to abandon the Frederick county board of commissioners system and adopt a charter form of governance can convince the populace to make the change. Voters in Frederick County decide the issue in the upcoming November election. The question of whether or not to adopt a charter for government will appear as a yes or no choice on the bottom of the ballots.

In a county commissioner form of government, commissioners possess both executive and legislative powers, and the system lacks a county executive. What they can do regarding governance is more limited than the abilities of a charter government, and they must defer to the state when it comes to making certain decisions.

A charter form of government, on the other hand, separates the legislative

and executive powers of the governing body. The board of commissioners is replaced with a county council, which is only granted legislative powers, and the county is actually managed by a county executive who executes decisions approved by the council.

That's the difference in a nutshell, but the "devil is in the details." To those in opposition to the change of government in the county, there are issues when it comes to the efficiency and representation of each different type of government.

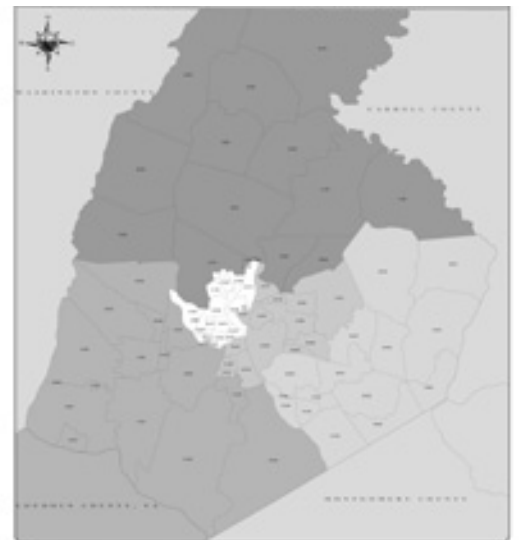
According to the Charter Education Coalition, a committee established to provide unbiased facts to the public about the charter proposal, under the current form of government, there is "no home rule authority and no single voice for Frederick County in Annapolis." Under a charter, there would be more direct, "strong local representation in negotiations for state funding," which is presently lacking. The governor will meet with county executives regarding various issues, but presidents or chairs of board of commissioners are not permitted to attend.

With regards to county autonomy,

under a board of commissioners, the state has the right to enact various laws for the county, while under a charter, the county is granted autonomy from the state, and gains complete control over county laws, policies and procedures.

Under the charter, the county would consist of five districts, based on population density. Voters would elect a council member from their respective district, and elect two "at large" council members. They each would serve four-year terms, and cannot hold more than three consecutive terms. Emmitsburg and its surrounding community will be lumped into the largest of the five districts, representing all of northern Frederick County.

In addition, voters would elect a county executive. This position would also be a four-year term, and the executive cannot hold more than two consecutive terms.



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If adopted, the charter would take effect on December 1, 2014, with the first elections for the council and executive taking place in November 2014.

The proposed charter can be viewed on the Frederick County Government's website. Commentary on the Charter, both pro and con, is also available at www.emmitsburg.net.

The Emmitsburg News-Journal will provide more details on the Charter in the November issue of the paper.

Fairfield Inn to be auctioned

A historic inn that has served as the center piece of Fairfield for more than 250 years may soon have new owners. The Fairfield Inn is scheduled to go on the auction block on November 3.

Sal and Joan Chandon, the current owners of the inn, are planning to retire, and this means saying "good-bye" to this historic site and building. "We have owned the inn since 2002," Sal stated. "We were the 26th owners of the inn during its 255 history. We felt this was the right time for us to turn the business over to a new owner." Selling the inn now, just before the commencement of the Gettysburg 150th Civil War sesquicentennial, will provide an economic boost to the new owner, providing for one more significant selling point.

Regarding the profitability of running the Fairfield Inn, Sal stated, "It definitely lived up to our expectations. It really has exceeded what we considered to be a good profit."

The Chandons moved to the Gettysburg area from New York in 1986. Sal had worked in New York as a recording engineer, and his wife was employed as a legal assistant.

Their first venture in the area was acquiring and operating the Double-day Inn, near Gettysburg, which they

sold in 1990. "We knew the Fairfield Inn as costumers," Chandon said. "My wife was immediately struck by the history of the place. We took the plunge."

"We don't even describe ourselves as owners anymore," he stated. "We describe ourselves as the current stewards. The Fairfield Inn is sort of like a breathing, living entity. She has a life of her own. It requires a certain mindset of care for the place. It is truly hard to describe the feeling you get when you're taking care of a place like this."

Why auction? "We chose the auction method because it is such a unique property. We didn't feel a traditional realty listing was the way to go," Chandon said. "The auction will attract people who are interested in the uniqueness of the property and have a direct interest in bidding on it."

Regarding the auction announcement, Fairfield Borough Mayor Robert Stanley said, "I was a little surprised. They've been good neighbors and I hate to see them go. I hope they get somebody good in there since it would be a benefit Fairfield."

The real estate company described the inn as "one of America's oldest, continuously operated



Joan and Sal Chandon, Fairfield Inn owners

Inns." It is one of only five inns in America that has been in continuous operation since the 1700s. The

Fairfield Inn was built in 1757—19 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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Water quality problems addressed

In the early part of September, some Emmitsburg water customers reported discolored drinking water with a “metallic taste.” The incident was discussed at the September 17 meeting of the town Board of Commissioners.

According to Emmitsburg Town Manager, David Haller, the water problems were reported during the week of September 10. Haller told the commissioners that the discoloration and metallic taste resulted from chlorine problems at the treatment plant.

Haller said that upon investigation, the plant staff found that the “chlorine level was slightly low,” which affected the appearance of the water. The problem, Haller noted, had occurred in only one of the two tanks at the facility.

However, staff had still not figured out “why it occurred in one tank and not the other.”

To address the deficiency in chlorine content in one tank, he said staff increased the amount of chlorine. “We got the chlorine up to where we wanted,” Haller told the board, and that the metallic taste reported was the result of the increase of chlorine used to bring the chlorine level back up.

Haller said the water was safe to consume during the chlorine incident.

The town water supply continues to suffer from the drought conditions during August. The town manager told the board that Rainbow Lake, which serves as a town reservoir, was still two inches below its spillway. In addition,

he said the town wells were averaging ten feet below their normal levels.

Haller said the town water supply is still in a six-month deficit. “We have [had] a precipitation deficit of 7.1 inches over the last six months,” he reported. “The average precipitation for the period from March 1 through August 30 is 23.9 inches. We have received 16.8 inches for that period.”

The up-side of Haller’s report was that there were no untreated sewage spills during August, and no incidences in which the wastewater treatment plant exceeded its capacity, even though 14 percent of the water treated in August was “wild water,” or unwanted water that had infiltrated the system.

Town heritage agreement approved

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners approved a town staff request to enter into an agreement with the state for a heritage grant at their September 17 meeting to help pay for Town Square improvements.

The grant will be in the amount of \$28,000, which the town is required to match. The state approved the grant application in March.

Town Planner Susan H. Cipperly stated that the town will be providing administrative support and costs as a portion of their \$28,000 share of the matching grant.

The total package, \$59,000, will be put toward preliminary work needed to begin to improve the appearance and functionality of the Town Square.

The grant money comes through the state Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund administered by the Maryland Historic Trust under the auspices of the state Department of Planning.

The heritage fund may be used to aid communities “to develop management plans for certified heritage areas, and for planning, design, acquisition, development, preservation, restoration,

integration, or marketing” of certified areas.

The town was certified as part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area in 2005.

The “Emmitsburg Square Design” project proposed includes preparing a request for proposals (RFP) for consultants, conduction studies on the “historical, cultural, and physical condition” of the square, holding public meetings on the proposed designs, and producing a cost analysis for the various elements of the proposed final design.

A preliminary presentation of the overall projects is expected

Emmitsburg seeks building facade improvement funds

At their September 4 meeting, the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners approved a proposal to apply for a \$100,000 matching grant to improve the town’s building facades. This grant represents money available for Maryland Community Legacy projects.

According to the state Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Legacy “provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening

communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership, and commercial revitalization.”

Because the \$100,000 would be a matching grant, the town would be required to provide an additional \$100,000, meaning a total \$200,000 would be spent for façade and exterior improvements.


Emmitsburg Town Planner Sue Cipperly said that the application is for a 50-50 matching state funds for exterior restoration of structures in the core historic dis-

trict and some adjacent areas.

If approved, the timeframe should allow for approved projects in town to begin work by spring 2013.

The town has placed a ceiling of \$50,000 per project (of which half would be reimbursed by the state), making it possible that at least four properties could be selected for financing, although “not every project would need that amount of money,” Cipperly stated.

According to the terms of the grant, a property owner of an ap-



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to occur before the town Board of Commissioners at one of their January meetings.

Mayor Donald N. Briggs stated that he wanted to see the Town Square revamped as part of his original campaign platform

when running for the office last year.

Subsequent to the September 17 meeting the agreement has been sent to state for execution.

Funding is expected to be received from the state in the form of installments.

Emmitsburg Area News Briefs . . .

Unchallenged incumbents elected

Two Emmitsburg incumbent commissioners were re-elected in the September 25 election.

The two candidates ran unchallenged for two three-year seats of the town Board of Commissioners. Re-elected were commissioners Clifford L. Sweeney and Tim O’Donnell.

Upon being sworn-in at the October 1 meeting of the board, O’Donnell will have completed his first term on the board of commissioners and will begin working on his second term.

Sweeney has served on the the town Board of Commissioners since the late-1990s, which the exception of one term, from 2004 to 2006, when he lost his reelection bid during the often contentious COPE period of town politics.

His re-election resulted in Sweeney serving a seventh term. For Sweeney, this election represented the first election since the late-1990s that he has run for the seat without opposition.

O’Donnell received 59 votes, with Sweeney receiving 55, out of the 64 ballots cast.

Town records show that there are 1,657 registered voters in Emmitsburg with an average participation rate of 12 percent. In last year’s election, 386 people cast ballots, about twice the average, but the election was a contested mayoral race (which saw the defeat of incumbent Mayor James E. Hoover by Mayor Donald N. Briggs).

Election judges serving this year included Dorothy D. Davis, Sharon Hane, Charlotte B. Mazaleski, with Paul Spangler appointed as an alternate judge.

County rebates tax dollars

Homeowners in Frederick County received tax rebates in September, intended to spur local spending, and made possible by a budget surplus.

Frederick County is believed to have been the only county in Maryland to grant a tax rebate, since most county budgets are in deficit, according to the county Board of Commissioners.

Checks were dispensed in the amount of \$100 to 67,000 homeowners in accordance with a directive from the commis-

sioners rendered in March.

“Citizens may use the rebate checks to buy gas, prescription medicine, meals at a local restaurant or to donate to a local non-profit organization or to put in the bank – the choice would rest with the taxpayer, not local government,” according to a statement issued by the county Board of Commissioners.

Board President Blaine Young stated, “Each property tax owner who receives a check can put the money into the community and the county will reap direct economic benefits. The taxpayers know better how to spend their own money than we do.”

Contract stands, but residents feel left out

Several Carroll Valley Borough, Lake-side property owners spent over an hour and fifteen at the September 12 borough meeting expressing their dissatisfaction with a water use contract creation process.

The borough Council unanimously approved a contract and license with Liberty Mountain Resort & Conference Center (which includes Ski Liberty) at their July 10 meeting paving the way for Ski Liberty to draw water from Lake May.

Ski Liberty initially approached Carroll Valley Borough representatives around 2009 seeking to use water from Lake May for the purposes

of adding to their overall available water supplies in order to manufacture snow during ski season.

Within the same time-frame, Carroll Valley Borough was confronted with potentially staggering costs to repair an approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 worth of damages to an area of the Lake May dam caused by Toms Creek's erosion of impoundment embankments.

As a result of the agreement approved by council July 10, Liberty Resort agreed to address the costs and repairs of the embankment and dam on a continuing, long-term basis, and to pay the borough \$25,000 a year (plus infla-

tion), in exchange for a limited withdrawal of water from the lake.

However, several lake side property owners stated at the September 12 meeting they were not kept sufficiently informed of the multi-year process that ultimately produced the draft contract and license.

There are eight properties and six owners of those property adjoining the lake, of which the borough is one. Ski Liberty owns two of the pro-

Meg Cliber, one of the Lake May property owners, said, "We have no issues with Ski Liberty. Our biggest concern is we knew nothing about it (the drafting of an agreement). We

tried to seek information. We were not given information."

However, efforts were made to bring the lake-side property owners into the process as early as 2009, according to borough officials, and the potentially affected residents showed little interest.

"The borough feels there was an effort to reach out to the residents and they were not interested, and they even went so far as to say that nothing could change in the details (of the proposal) that would make them say they would work with the borough," Borough Manager David A. Hazlett stated subsequent to the meeting.

While the agreement stands as approved and signed, the borough did propose to establish a subcommittee ("Lake May Advisory Group") of the borough Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee which would allow lake-side property owners and others to monitor the execution of the agreement with Liberty resort.

"At the same time," Hazlett stated, "we feel it (the sub-committee) is giving them a singular voice to the counsel. It gets them involved (in monitoring the terms of the agreement)."

Regarding the execution of the agreement, Eric Flynn, general manager, Liberty Resort, said, "We're committed to go about this in a very responsible way. We don't want to disrupt the quality of life (of those adjoining the lake)."

Fairfield addresses tree removal

The Fairfield Borough Planning Commission began to review possible changes to regulations that determine when a Main Street tree can be removed at their September 10 meeting.

Current regulations state that a tree can be taken down if it is diseased or damaged, but the commission felt that there are other potentially justifiable reasons that are not included.

The commission felt that additional reasons for removing a tree should include taking a tree down if it damages sidewalks or property (such

as porch or building foundations), blocks driveway line-of-sight, or if the size of the tree—or the damage to the sidewalk created by it—prevents the sidewalk from meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The commission directed Robert Thaeler, principal planner with the county Office of Planning & Development, to generate a sample amendment to the tree removal regulations.

There was a time when roadside trees formed a canopy over nearly the entirety of Main Street, Fairfield.

Accidents, decay, storms and power companies eventually took a toll on the borough's green tunnel, reducing the one-time cascade of greenery to a token population of trees along the borough sidewalks. But, as the trees began to diminish in number, they also began to strike back, growing to a point where they began to damage sidewalks and porch foundations.

The original array of Fairfield Main Street trees consisted of mostly oak trees, along with some maples, and were planted at a time when the sidewalks were predominantly brick.

Generally, "Back in the day," trees were not planted in tree wells—concrete structures that constrain the expansion of the root systems.

"Most of the original trees were not in tree wells," borough Planning Commission member Francis Cool said. "Sidewalks were brick back then, so they just pulled up a few bricks and stuck a tree in."

Problems really began when brick sidewalks were replaced with concrete slab sidewalks. However, concrete slabs do not provide the flexibility of brickwork, resulting in sidewalks becoming cracked and disheveled. The trees continued to grow, and sidewalks were not as

readily repaired as might have been the case when they were comprised of individual bricks.

Trees planted along the Main Street sidewalks in town today have to be planted in tree wells, as per borough regulations, and must also meet state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) standards, since most of the sidewalks lie within the state right-of-way.

Types of trees that can be planted are also governed by sewage regulations, in order to insure that root systems do not work their way down into the sewer lines.

The issue will be continued at an upcoming meeting.

Sign dedication, 150th planning continues

The Fairfield Borough Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee will dedicate a "Civil War Trails" wayside in the borough on October 11 commemorating the community's involvement in the American Civil War.

The event will be held at the Fairfield Inn, 15 West Main Street, at 1 p.m., while the sign has already been installed and awaits its formal dedication.

The sign dedication will coincide with the commemoration of

Confederate Cavalry General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart's raid through South Central Pennsylvania and the abduction of Fairfield Postmaster John B. Paxton and others.

Introductory remarks at the dedication in October will be made by Jack Inskip, chairman of the borough Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, Sal Chandon, owner and chef at The Historic Fairfield Inn, and Fairfield Mayor Bob Stanley.

At the conclusion of the program, light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Fairfield Inn.

The sesquicentennial committee has also begun to finalize plans for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fairfield, which occurred July 3, 1863, as the Battle of Gettysburg continued to rage only eight miles away.

The borough event will be held on June 15. Tours will be offered on the Fairfield battle field, and will cost

\$35.00, which includes a complimentary Fairfield book and commemorative medallion.

Two tours are scheduled, the first taking place at 9 a.m., and the second at 1 p.m. The tours will be approximately two and a half hours in length, with pick-up and drop-off occurring at Fairfield High School.

The Battle of Fairfield took place after Confederate General Robert E. Lee ordered several Virginia cavalry units to se-

cure passage of Hagerstown Road, leading to their arrival in Fairfield on a collision course with the 6th U.S. Cavalry.

The U.S. Cavalry was in the process of reconnoitering to verify reports that Confederate wagon trains had been reported in-motion in the area.

The battle resulted in a decisive Confederate victory just outside the village, with Union forces suffering 232 casualties (more than 50 percent of their forces). Confederate casualties consisted of eight killed, 21 wounded, and five missing.

The committee is continuing to work on the details for the event.

Fairfield Area News Briefs . . .

Repairs made, contractor paid

The Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors voted at their September 4 meeting to grant payment to a contractor after corrections of previous work had been completed.

The township has been working since fall 2011 to complete Phase I of the development of a new municipal campus. Phase I concerns only the highway department facilities, which are now essentially completed, with an open house scheduled for fall 2012.

However, the township reported at their August meeting that the third of three road salt bays was showing signs of cracking in the interior epoxy applications. Palmer Construction performed the work for \$37,800, and the board voted to withhold payment until the contractor corrected the flaws.

The board confirmed at their September 4 meeting that the repairs had been made and voted to approve the payment of \$37,800 to Palmer.

Also relating to the Phase I work, the board approved payment of \$19,800 to Palmer for the balance of all completed work, and \$1,350 to Palmer for work on a garage door opener as per a project change order.

Lack of volunteers results in downsizing

The Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors voted at their September 4 meeting to downsize the township Recreation and Parks Commission.

The commission has suffered due to the lack of volunteers among the township's 2,200 residents willing to step up to the plate and offer assistance by serving as members.

As a result, the board decided September 4 to reduce the number of seats on the commission from 7 to 5. The reduction required amending the commission's original enabling ordinance.

Even with the reduced number of seats from 7 to 5, there still remains 1 vacancy.

Sanders Square under new management

Sander Square, a popular Fairfield eatery has been sold and is under

new ownership and management.

Details of the sale were not immediately available, and it was unclear if the business or the property (or both) had been sold, but the restaurant was re-opened under new management after a short one or two-day closure.

The new owner or owners could not be confirmed with certainty by press time.

Daryn Delaney, interim cook, confirmed that the restaurant will continue to operate "under same name and with the same overall menu and everything." He said as of the date of the interview that the restaurant was open for business as per the previous hours of operation.

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NEWS

Taneytown launches annual pet parade

Taneytown held its first pet event September 15, which saw nearly four dozen dogs, along with a cat and rabbit, registered to participate in the accompanying parade, as well as 23 contest participants.

Several ferrets and a reptile also made an appearance among the more than a 150 individuals that attended the event under near-perfect, if a bit windy-at-times, skies.

The town-organized "Tails of Taneytown" was held in the Old Creamery Parking lot behind the police station at 120 E. Baltimore Street.

The event included contests, prizes, pet basket raffles, vendors, and other activities designed around pet care, rescue, and pet-related products. AW Boy Fries and JR's Café provided food and drink to those attending.

Cheri Babington Thompson, event chairwoman, noted that this was the first year for the event, which was held as part of the town's Main Street promotions.

"We're trying to plan monthly events for our main street," Thompson said. "We've been working on this ('Tails of Taneytown') since the first of the year."

Taneytown has been ratcheting-up its event offerings as part of a

strategy to attract more visitors and businesses to the community, and has held several first-time events this year along with continuing established ones.

The fee for participation in the event consisted of pet food or a monetary donation for the Pets in Need Program.

The following pets were recognized in the various contest categories (owners names were not released):

- Best Tail Wagger - "Cricket;"
- Best Kisser - "Teddy;"
- Cutest Eyes - "Ramsey;"
- Cutest - "Prada;"
- Owner Pet Look A Like - "Martin;" and

- Best Costume - "Trooper".
"It was a lot of fun," Thompson said. "Everybody seemed happy."

The event chairwoman stated that the event is "definitely a go for next year, except we'll have it in conjunction with Harvest Fest, which is held in October at Memorial Park."

Sponsors of this year's "Tails of Taneytown" included The Umbrella Syndicate, Invisible Fence Brand of Carroll County, Gunner's Grille at Taneytown, Nationwide, Heltebride Bounds, Inc., Union Bridge Business Association, and the Antrim Veterinary Hospital, as well as the vendors who set up displays.

Those who donated gift baskets for the raffles included Kennie's Market, Food Lion, Cynthia Lami-rande, Antrim Veterinary Hospital,



Four dozen dogs, along with a cat and rabbit, participate in the Taneytown pet parade

Taneytown Farm & Home, and K9 Kreations.

International Fair Trade Gift Festival and rug event

For five amazing days in November, the 52nd International Fair Trade Gift and Rug Festival brings the artistic vitality of Ten Thousand Villages to the Fairfield Mennonite Church in Fairfield, PA. November 6th-10th, the International Fair Trade Gift and Rug Festival transforms a quaint country church into an eye popping international marketplace complete with fairly traded pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys, nativity sets, art & sculpture, unique textiles, natural soaps, christmas decorations, coffee/tea, chocolate, hand loomed oriental rugs, and much more from 38 countries around the world.

Fairfield Mennonite is passionate about the mission that

inspires the annual gift festival, and it's exclusive fair trade crafts. Fairfield Mennonite uses Fair Trade diplomacy to work for Peace around the world; ending poverty & injustice to end conflict. A positive peace is not just the absence of violence; it can only happen when people earn a living wage to feed, clothe and educate their families, have social and political equality, and are involved in a community that gives hope for a brighter future.

The Fair Trade movement is successfully demonstrating that fair trade businesses and coops can compete in the global market and make a profit while putting people first.

52nd International Fair



Fairfield Mennonite Church in Fairfield will play host to the 52nd International Fair Trade Gift and Rug Festival

Trade Gift Festival and Rug Event opens Tuesday, Nov 6th thru Saturday, Nov 10th. Tues-

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Pippinfest draws thousands

Several thousand individuals attended Pippinfest in Fairfield, a significant increase over last year, a clear indication of the successful marketing campaign put on by this year's organizer.

The annual event dodge a bullet early Friday after severe storms rolled across the region overnight, paving the way for

near perfect weather for the ensuing weekend.

Sally Thomas, chair of the Pippinfest Committee, said "This is a bigger crowd than last year. It's been great. Everybody looks happy."

This year's Pippinfest festival featured food, arts, crafts, a cruise-In car show & swap meet, tractor show, entertainment, roving

clowns, gospel and bluegrass music, an apple desert contest, an expo at the Fairfield Fire & EMS fire house, and other activities.

Fairfield Borough Mayor Robert Stanley said, "It's looking good. Everyone selling seems to be doing okay."

Pippinfest takes it's name from the Pippin apple, a type of apple grown in the Fairfield area.

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October 4

Surprise Party

A very delightful surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Horner on Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in social chat, games, songs and a great many musical selections on the organ and violin. Owing to the inclement weather only 34 guests arrived from Keysville, Bruceville, Taneytown, Harney, Bridgeport and Emmitsburg. At 11 o'clock all were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served. After extending thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Horner for their hospitality all departed for their homes.

Pays to Ship Milk to Baltimore

Several of the best farmers in Emmitsburg are now shipping milk to Baltimore and as this new market has been found to be very profitable it is certain that many more will soon follow the lead. On account of the steady increase in demand, owing to the growth of the city, they obtain good prices for milk, and since the rate has been reduced to only three cents per gallon from all points on the Emmitsburg Railroad they claim that they make more net profit now than at any previous time.

"Swimmer" In Baltimore

Everyone in Emmitsburg remembers "Swimmer" who used to camp in town - "Swimmer," the dark complected person with pearly teeth, shiny eyes and feet like a steamroller with elephantiasis.

"Swimmer," it will be called to mind was a brave Ethiopian. When he was properly pickled, or lagered up, he wasn't afraid of anything-not even himself. Fully laden with frisky Juice, he would start out at night, happy and unconcerned, and glide along the dark alleys as graceful as a drunken Dutchman beating a busted bass drum. The only thing he thought of was eating, and there was some class to "Swimmers'" appetite. He could eat eight meals a day, four at night, and even then he was hungry.

They heard of "Swimmer's" combat with a famous 'sizzlehiser,' those pirates in Baltimore; they heard of his appetite and his fearlessness, hence "Swimmer's" present occupation along the wharves of the Monumental City. His steady job is biting tarantulas off bunches of bananas and lifting the freight. For this occupation he receives from his employer a fair wage, and from those who are not looking, something more.

October 11

Bumper Crops

The Rice Brothers, owners of the Mountain Orchard Farm where Victor Rowe formerly lived, shipped last week a carload of the finest potatoes seen in this locality for many a day. Northern Star is the variety and for size, weight, and appearance this potato is unusual. Three specimens, taken at random from the shipment weighed 5 pounds, the largest measuring 9½ inches in length and the

smallest 8½ inches.

More broom corn is being grown near here than ever before and a fine variety to. None has been seen however equal to that being grown by Charles Keepers. It measures 12'11" in length and has a brushed 25 inches in length.

Emmitsburg Cornet Band

The Emmitsburg Cornet Band, the musical organization of which all Emmitsburg radians are justly proud, delighted a big audience on the square Friday night with a concert that was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it. The repertoire was lengthy, well-chosen and splendidly rendered and it was the consensus of opinion of the townspeople that never before have the band appeared to better manage and that it should repeat the concert at an early date.

October 18

Dr. Charles Reinewald Celebrates Anniversary

Services at the Elias Lutheran Church on Sunday morning marked the 20th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Charles Reinewald's pastorate. The church was appropriately decorated with flowers and a special musical program was arranged for the day, the repairs to the pipe organ having been finished in time for the occasion. Exactly 20 years ago Dr. Rheingold assumed charge of the Emmitsburg church, from which date he has ministered year in and year out to his congregation.

Rev. Gluck Preaches Last Sermon

On Sunday evening the Reformed Church was crowded with citizens of Emmitsburg eager to show their regard for Rev. Mr. Gluck who on this occasion said farewell to the people of this town. The other churches were closed in order that such an opportunity might be given their members. Rev. Gluck left on Monday for his new home and work in Martinsburg, taking with him the good wishes and prayers of this whole community.

Pickpocketing Gypsies Working County

A band of alleged marauding and pickpocketing gypsies have been reported in different parts of Maryland. It is supposed that these are the same gypsies

who invaded Emmitsburg Wednesday morning. One of the girls succeeded in picking one's residence pocket of \$20, and a traveling man's of \$1. Several members of the party were arrested, and besides refunding the \$1 paid a fine \$3 for fortune telling. The girl who took the \$20, had left hurriedly going towards Gettysburg. Later, when the authorities threaten them with pursued, some of the Gypsy men produce \$20, and a promise of capitulating Emmitsburg, were allowed to go free.

Accidents

An automobile leaving Emmitsburg about two o'clock Wednesday morning ran into the Eichelberger house on the square. No damage was done.

A large party of tourists from New Market met with an accident on Sunday. The chauffeur lost control of the machine and it ran into the fountain, delaying them for some time. Mr. Ashbaugh came to their assistance and they continued their journey.

A horse belonging to Mr. Charles Rider ran away on Monday. It started in the alley on the north side of E. Main St. and turned a corner so sharply at Gelwicks Alley that it tore a board loose on the barn. The horse then continued its course to the square where it stopped. The horse is now in a serious condition having hurt itself in the run-away.

October 25

Chronicle to Sponsor Auto Race

The course is from Emmitsburg to Frederick, a distance of 23 miles, over the old Frederick Emmitsburg pike. The start will be made in front of the offices of the Chronicle and the official starter, who will give final instructions of the drivers, will be Mike Thompson, athletic instructor at Mount St. Mary's College. The Marshal of the course will be Col. Austin Baughman, of Frederick.

The cars are to be started at five-minute intervals and three prizes are offered. The first prize will be a solid silver loving cup, valued \$100; the second prize will be a handsome automobile, and the third a trophy valued at \$10.

The objective of the race is to center the attention of the state road commis-



The office of the Emmitsburg Chronicle prepares for the big road race to Frederick.

sions on the conditions of that link of state road between Emmitsburg and Frederick, and also the hope of getting some definitive co-operation on the part of Pennsylvania or the government in continuing the road into Gettysburg, the National Battlefield. This 23 miles can be put into splendid shape at a moderate cost. If the people living along this thoroughfare - traveled as it is by thousands of automobilist - will turn out and afterwards come forward with their plea for substantial improvements to this road, a great deal may be accomplished.

Opposed to "Turkey Trot"

Dr. Dan Shorb says that in the bright lexicon of Greece there's no such word as "Turkey trot."

Incidentally Dr. Shorb, who was recently made a Brigadier General in the Greek army, is fitting out a fleet, which will shortly leave Whitmore's Wharf to join the Greek fleet which is assembled at Four Points. General Shorb is very much opposed to the modern style of dancing and in the interest of humanity, will stamp out the "Turkey Trot" once and for all.

Telephone Line Extended

A new telephone line extending from Emmitsburg to points on the Gettysburg Road is being erected. This line is being financed by the subscribers but the service will be furnished by the C&P Telephone Company.

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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of County Commissioner Kirby Delauter

Preservationists often use that term as a means to lull the public into believing that they are actually interested in “preserving” land. Whenever I hear the sentences “We are here to protect, or preserve the land”, a red flag immediately raises for me. We’ve all heard the buzzwords, sustainable growth, green initiatives, bio-friendly, Smart Growth, Comprehensive Planning, Sprawl, it all ties to a U.N initiative called Agenda 21.

There is a flowery group in Florida called “Florida Forever”. Now, who could be against such a wonderful group of people that call themselves, “Florida Forever?” It kind of reminds me of the local group here called “Friends of Frederick County.” They (Florida Forever) are buying up land for preservation in Florida. Actually, they aren’t buying up the land, we (the taxpayer) are buying up the land through a grant funded program started in 1998 that goes by the name of the Sustain-

able Grant Fund Program. Then there was a \$5 million dollar grant to the American Planning Association by the Clinton Administration to create a training program to be implemented in every American university in order to train planners in the Agenda 21 concepts.

When someone graduates from College with a degree in Urban Planning, they more than likely have taken this course, which is directly tied to the Agenda 21 policies. I call them policies, because like the Storm Water bill in Maryland, it is bureaucratic “policy”, not legislation that has not been vetted, debated and enacted by our elected representatives. Yes, the socialists are among us and they have figured out that through “policy” not legislation, they can enact whatever agenda they want on us.....as long as we let them. Never underestimate the power of a bureaucrat. Elected leaders come and go, but bureaucrats are typically in place for the long haul

and once they figure out the power that they can wield, especially if they are part of a public sector Union, they become a dictator in their own little fiefdom. My favorite saying, “They have ALL of the Authority and No Responsibility”. What a great way to live life, and typically the person they are screwing is the person paying their tab.....the taxpayer.

So back to Agenda 21, what is its purpose? Its purpose is to control every human aspect, the control and inventory of every human activity. They use every crisis to advance Agenda 21. It is a United Nations program that states its purpose is (taken directly from the UN website) The full implementation of Agenda 21, the Program for Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Commitments to the Rio principles, were strongly reaffirmed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 26 August to 4 September 2002. Now, I don’t

know about you, but me personally, I don’t want to have some U.N. program from a summit held in South Africa governing my land rights here in the United States. The United States is a sovereign country with the greatest Constitution in the history of the world. In 200 years this country became a world leader in every aspect due solely to the ideals of freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution. The U.N. has its place in the world but when it starts horning in on the personal freedoms and rights of Americans, that’s where we need to draw the line.

Here in Frederick County this BoCC just gave back the personal property rights of many landowners that had their property rights stripped by the last board with the stroke of a pen. A lot of this was within a hidden agenda of “smart growth”, “comprehensive land planning”, “sustainable growth”, and let’s not forget “sprawl”. It was a hidden agenda because none of the previous board that stripped

these land rights ran on an open platform stating they would take these land rights if elected, thus it was a hidden agenda. This BoCC has been open and transparent, we 4 of 5 Commissioners stated openly that we would restore the land rights of those who had their land rights taken from them by the last board. We were elected on this platform by a landslide.

My final thoughts, do your homework when you vote, everything isn’t as it seems, and yes, socialists that want to control your life, land and freedom are among us and if they dismantle our Constitution, it’s not coming back. They will not do this in one full motion; it will be incremental over time. They will divide us into groups, pit one against the other and remove one freedom at a time until they have full control. Pay attention so our next generation has the same opportunities that we’ve had.

“He who sacrifices freedom for security deserves neither” --- Ben Franklin.

Planning for Downtown Emmitsburg

Susan H. Cipperty, AICP
Town Planner

The Town of Emmitsburg staff and elected officials have been working to implement the goals of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan since it was finalized. Some of the tasks that were accomplished were ordinances, zoning map revisions, and an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. One change to the zoning map was the combining of multiple kinds of commercial zoning into one uniform zone of B-2 - General Commercial - to make commercial development more feasible. During 2012, the town has made progress toward some tangible improvements in the downtown area, using the prod-

ucts and programs described below.

Architectural Guidelines - Maintaining the character of the Historic District is an important goal of the plan. The historic architecture on Main Street and Seton Avenues is remarkably intact, with very few buildings missing or greatly altered. In 1972, an inventory of the buildings by a historical consultant, and the efforts of a dedicated group of local citizens, resulted in the designation of the National Register Historic District in Emmitsburg in 1992. There was little guidance for owners of buildings within the Historic District until the Town of Emmitsburg Architectural Guidelines document was adopted in early 2012. We are fortunate that Keith Suerdi-

eck, a retired architect living in Emmitsburg, volunteered to undertake this important project. The document is now available on the town website. It describes the architectural types that exist on Main Street, and provides guidance to owners who wish to make appropriate improvements on older buildings. It also mentions that new development should make an effort to relate to the architectural character of the town.

Sustainable Communities Program - Recently, the Town was accepted into a state program called Sustainable Communities (SC), which is overseen by the Dept. of Housing and Community Development. SC is a new program that united several funding sub-programs under one umbrella, or gateway program. A Sustainable Communities area was designated by a local SC Working Group, which was a requirement of the state program. It is basically the historic district with some extensions where it was thought to be beneficial to revitalization efforts. This area will be the focus of efforts at this time, but can be expanded in the future.

Community Legacy - Once we were approved for the SC program, we were able to apply for grant money from one of the sub-programs - called Community Legacy. If our application is approved, there will be grant money available on a 50/50 matching basis for owners of properties within the SC area to make exterior improvements, e.g., façade improvements, painting, repair porches, etc. Improvements have to be approved by the Maryland Historic Trust as part of the process. We applied for \$100,000 in grant money, which means that \$200,000 of work could result from this application. The State will make its decision on our application in mid-November. More information on the details of the program will be provided after our application is approved.

Heart Of The Civil War Heritage Area Grant - This grant was awarded to the Town in July, 2012. It will provide \$28,000 in matching funds so that the Town can

undertake a design effort for the Square. The Town will provide its \$28,000 match in the

form of \$20,694 cash, plus staff time and in-kind services. A request for proposals has been issued, seeking landscape architects, architects or engineers to conduct a design process that will include input from involved agencies, such as MD State Highway Administration and town staff, plus a public participation element to get ideas from local residents and businesses. The design firm will then take the ideas and work them into 2-3 design proposals and return for more interaction. The end result will be a design and a menu of cost estimates for the various parts of the project. This will help us by providing a plan to work from in deciding short- and long term capital investments, seeking donations, or applying for grant money to implement the various elements of the design. This type of quick turnaround design process with stakeholder input is often called a “charrette”. This type of process is one of the most effective ways to approach a project like revitalizing the Square in Emmitsburg. The design firm provides multi-disciplinary staff, trained in eliciting input from all concerned, and translating those ideas into a workable design. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Town to work together on creating a vision for what the Comp Plan described as “a vibrant downtown”. Information on how to participate will be provided on the Town website and other media when the consultant has been chosen and a plan of action has been put in place.

If you have any questions about these programs, you can e-mail Sue Cipperty, Town Planner, at suecipperty@emmitsburgmd.gov.



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GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of County Commissioner Blaine Young

I wanted to bring some clarity on our position of the current proposed Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility. First, Carroll County is still a partner. They have formally notified us that we may speak to other potential partners should their final decision be to withdraw from the project. If they withdraw and another partner is identified, Carroll County would not be subject to the \$3 million exit fee. This fee would be paid to the Northeast Waste Disposal Authority (Authority) not Frederick County, to pay for Wheelabrator's project development costs. Carroll County has not given formal notice that they are terminating their agreement with the Authority.

The Authority and Frederick County are actively talking with a potential new partner. Frederick County would not move forward, nor would staff recommend we move forward, with a 1,500 ton-per-day facility without a full partner.

The project is moving forward as planned, however permitting is taking longer than expected. At this point, it will take approximately nine months longer before breaking ground for the facility. State and Federal permits are estimated to be issued within the next 60 to 120 days. At that point, with the Board's approval, the Authority would move forward to issue the Bonds for construction. Construction would take about three years. These Revenue Bonds would be in the name of the Authority, NOT the county and would not affect our Bond rating or debt service.

There are some options for the Board to choose from, if Carroll County officially withdraws from the contract and if a full partner is not found to replace Carroll County.

1. Continue to do what we have been doing, for a period of time, and transfer our trash out of state while we wait to see if a

new partner materializes.

2. Down scale the WTE facility to only deal with the current and future waste of Frederick County. A short term flexible contract with a county may be developed to help with the additional capacity until we grow into it.
3. Site a new landfill in Frederick County.
4. Go back to the drawing board to develop a long-term solid waste plan that meets our needs.

Taxpayers should remember that to continue to do what we have been doing has a cost. Since 2006, Frederick County has spent \$68 million in service fees and expenses to truck our trash out of state at no economic benefits to the county. (This number does not include county staff costs or debt service on the transfer station or its operating costs.) This is not a predictable long-term solution either.

It should be noted that if Frederick

County does not build a WTE facility, we then will have to build a sludge digester, at an estimated cost of \$50 million. It should be noted that the cost per capita for WTE is lower than many very important county infrastructure projects, such as the new wastewater treatment plant, currently under construction, that is more than \$100 million in cost. WTE could be utilized by all Frederick County residents; the wastewater treatment plant will not be utilized by all the residents.

Down-sizing the facility could also be an option. We have asked that financial numbers be run for our examination for a down-sized facility. Please note that even though Mike Marschner is heading up this project for us, our decision is not solely based on his opinion and analysis. We will have the financials examined by multiple financial experts, lead by our Director of Finance.

I do not think there is the will or

desire in our community to site a new landfill within Frederick County. Plus, there are only two types of landfills, those that leak and those that will leak.

Last, but not least, we could go back to the drawing board. The previous Board of Commissioners did this and ultimately decided to continue with the WTE project. It took a considerable amount of time to get to this point. Examining options does not happen overnight.

An elderly gentleman once told me the issues of the future will be water, trash and energy. So here we are. We will go forward, being prudent and performing the due diligence on behalf of the citizens, with the goal of putting a long term predictable solid waste plan in place. Just as we should plan for basic infrastructure such as roads, schools and water and sewer, our waste is just as important.

From the Desk of Town Council President Chris Staiger

Well, happy October everyone. It's hard to believe how fast the year is flying by. Put away the yard furniture and start firing up the snow blower - Halloween and Thanksgiving will soon be upon us! Town elections were held on Tuesday, September 25 and my congratulations go out to Commissioners Cliff Sweeney and Tim O'Donnell who were both re-elected in an uncontested election. I look forward to working with them again over the upcoming year. Thank you also to election judges Dottie Davis, Charlotte Mazaleski, Sharon Hane, and alternate Paul Spangler - who spent most of the day at the old town office on East Main Street assisting the 64 voters who came to cast a ballot.

Business before the Board of Commissioners in September focused primarily on approvals for state funding pursued by the town office over the course of the year.

In an effort to promote reinvestment in, and revitalization of, the Emmitsburg Historic District, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-07R at the September 4 meeting. This resolution paves the way for a \$100,000 state grant through the Community Legacy Program. The money will be used to establish a fund to reimburse qualified property owners for a portion of the costs related to building improvements that meet the program's guidelines.

Our expectation is that the grant will be awarded by the end of the year. When the program is finally up and running, the grant applications will be processed through the town office. There will be no additional cost to the town - although I will propose that town fees for permits, etc. are waived for qualifying projects.

Any property owner in the "improvement area" (roughly the 'historic district') who is contemplating a rehabilitation project should contact the town office to see if their project might qualify. Small and large projects are acceptable, so please ask! There is really no downside to this program. Hopefully it will incentivize some property improvements.

At the September 17 meeting, the Board approved a grant agreement for \$28,000 through the state Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area program. This grant will require approximately \$21,000 in matching funds from the town. A portion of this cost will be covered by "in kind" contributions such as staff time. A portion will be covered using money saved and reallocated by the Board from 2011 projects. And the balance of approximately \$12,700 has been allocated from our "reserve" funds.

This roughly \$50,000 in total funds will be used to develop possible re-design plans for the town square area. A consultant experienced in these types

of re-design / revitalization efforts will be contracted to work with town staff, a working group of residents, and the larger community in order to develop a series of proposals.

The funds to actually implement any changes have not been identified at this point. But this is a solid first step in an effort to reinvigorate a past and potential town showcase. Town staff has developed an aggressive schedule that may see proposed plans available for Board consideration as soon as January, 2013.

As always, I encourage your participation and input into these projects. Please consider contacting any of your elected officials with questions or comments. Sincerely, Chris Staiger.

From the Desk of Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

To the members of Boy Scout Troop 727 who ventured to New Mexico last summer for a taste of rugged mountain camping and hiking.

To Amanda Hoover, daughter of Jim and Dianne Hoover, for taking another teaching assignment in Asia this time in Korea at an all-English School. Last year Amanda taught for a shorter stint in Thailand.

At Emmitsburg - Thurmont Community Show: To Betty Meredith who won 36 ribbons including two grand champions and a reserved champion ribbon for her baked pies. To Commissioner Blanchard and his daughter Gracie who won the parent-child cross cut log event.

To Bill Sullivan, son Billy and Cody Lowe on putting aside the comforts of home for a 10 day bear hunting adventure in Canada.

To Professor David McCarthy for again organizing the second youth indoor basketball season at the Community Center.

Mark your calendar for upcoming fall events in the town:

- Fallen Firefighters weekend, Friday-Sunday October 5th thru 7th: Our time to shine and welcome over 5,000 very special guests.
- Bulk trash pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, 6:30 am.

• Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st. Parade at 7 pm. Contact (or look for posted flyers around town) the Lions Club for details.

• Trick or treating - Suggested time frame: start at 5 pm and end at 8 pm.

• Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th a Federal Holiday.

• Wattle Waddle 5k run in Community Park, Thursday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving morning.

• Evening of Christmas Spirit, Monday, December 3rd, starts with the traditional Christmas tree lighting on the Square at 6 pm and then down to Carriage House Inn for more festivities. This year Santa will also be at the Tree lighting.

On Sunday, August 26th I attended the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services Annual Meritorious Service Awards ceremony at FCC. At the event 67 firefighters and emergency responders and one civilian were recognized for their extraordinary service. The service they provide is so often taken for granted. These are very special people who serve, never boastfully, just doing their job. Amazing.

Attended the 56th annual Emmitsburg and Thurmont Community

Show. Congratulations to Rodman Myers and the Community Show Board. Friday night Commissioner Blanchard and I proudly enjoyed seeing Commissioner Sweeney processing in with the town flag at the opening ceremonies. Among those being honored were the Girls Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary and Guardian Hose Company on their 125th anniversary. Sunday was a wonderful day to take grandchildren for pony rides, petting of animals, hanging out and enjoying tasty delights.

It has been a good first year in office. Summed up, right there with Enlightenment writer Voltaire's assessment that "Perfect (best) is the enemy of good" (on a human level). There were some surprises, but all in all principal platform goals were met. We kept the focus on the history and tradition of the town by recognizing 1785 as the establishment date and adding appropriate signage; moved the Christmas tree lighting back to the Square; secured the grant from the Civil War Heritage Area; and, recognition of the historic area as a Sustainable Community with the benefits it brings is a good launch for year two. These efforts are a tribute to all the people who over the years cared for the Square including one group that comes

to mind, the Silver Fancy Garden Club. Thank you to the town staff, the service groups and the town commissioners for their efforts and support to bring this all about. We are "taking back" the Square. We will bring back that simple - less is

more - beauty to the Square.

Finally, thank you to Commissioners Tim O'Donnell and Cliff Sweeney for running and being elected to another term as Commissioners. I look forward to working with you.

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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of Representative Dan Moul Making Pennsylvania roadways safer

Children are heading back to school, which means motorists must be extra vigilant on our roads and streets to watch out for school buses and students who may be crossing, with or without the benefit of crosswalks.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), about 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day. Over the course of the

school year, PennDOT estimates that these children travel more than 400 million miles to and from school. To help ensure their safety, state law requires motorists to stop for school buses when they are flashing their red lights or have their stop arm extended. It is illegal to pass a school bus when its stop lights or stop arm is displayed. In fact, the law requires motorists to stop at least 10 feet away from the bus. You may not proceed until the

red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn and all children have reached the sidewalk or other place of safety.

Anyone convicted of violating Pennsylvania's school bus safety law will be subject to a 60-day driver's license suspension, \$250 fine and five points against your driving record.

In this Legislative Session, the Pennsylvania Legislature has passed other important driver safety laws to protect

those traveling on Pennsylvania roadways as well as pedestrians. Responding to the overwhelming calls by residents to address texting while driving, Act 98 of 2011 made it illegal for drivers to text while behind the wheel.

It is no secret that reading or writing text messages while driving is a dangerous activity that is preventable. When a driver takes his or her eyes off the road to read, write or send a text message, it can mean the difference between life and death. In fact, a study by Virginia Tech Driving Institute revealed that those who texting while driving are 23

times more likely to crash.

Pennsylvania's texting ban, which supersedes any local ordinances governing interactive communication devices, prohibits drivers of all ages from using the devices for the purposes of reading, writing or sending a text message or email while driving a motor vehicle.

Because texting while driving is considered a primary offense, a police officer can pull a driver over if the officer sees a driver in the act of texting. Violators who are convicted under the new law are subject to a \$50 fine. More than 30 other states have laws that prohibit texting while driving.

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. We honor Columbus' arrival in America on Oct 12, 1492 and celebrate this event on Monday, October 8th. And then, on October 31st children and adults will dress up in “strange looking” costumes to celebrate Halloween and go around the community proclaiming “Trick or Treat”.

Halloween is a 2,000 year old tradition given to us by the Celts in the area known today as Ireland. This festival event will be celebrated in Carroll Valley on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Halloween is the one night of the year where children get to dress up as anything or anyone they want to be. If you want to be visited by these little goblins, leave your porch light on. There are some safety tips everyone should take into account that evening. The children should be accompanied by an adult or a responsible teenager.

According to Safe Kids USA, a national child safety advocacy organization, twice as many children are killed while walking on Halloween on average as compared to any other day of the year. So, make sure your children wear bright, reflective costumes. If they are wearing a costume that would make it difficult for a motorist to see them in the dark, than place strips of reflective tape on their costume, have them carry glow sticks or give them a flashlight. Motorist, be sure to watch for children walking on the trails and darting out from be-

tween parked cars. Please be extra cautious. Parents make sure your little ones understand that they should walk on the left side of the trail, facing the cars. Instruct your children not to eat anything until they get home and the treats have been examined. Why all this precaution? It is Halloween. It is a time to have fun. And, you can never be too safe with your kids.

In cooperation with the Adams County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the Carroll Valley Police Department will be hosting a clinic offering 1 year rabies shots for \$10 and microchips for dogs and cats over 3 months of age for \$25. The SPCA will have its mobile hospital in the Borough parking lot on Sunday, October 21st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are asked to have your animal restrained by a crate or leash at all times. Remember, failing to have your pet vaccinated could result in fines in excess of \$100 and put your pet at risk of contracting rabies.

Every year people lose their lives in residential fires. October, with the change of weather and coming to the end of the year, may be a good time to test your smoke alarms in your house and replace the batteries. Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gases, not as a result of burns. It is further reported that deaths and injuries occur in fires that happen at night while the people are asleep. While you are checking the smoke alarms, it might be a good idea to also check and replace the batteries in your Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm. CO is an odorless gas

produced when any fuel is incompletely burned. CO poisoning is associated with malfunctioning home fuel-burning heating equipment such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters. Do you have a family fire escape plan? You should. How do you get out of the house? Do the kids know the plan? Do you hold fire drills during the night to see if the children know what to do?

Approximately 1,000 assessment appeals have been filed with Adams County. It is the goal of the County to complete all hearings by the end of October. These hearings are being held at the Adams County Courthouse. The sole matter at issue is the fair market value of the property. During the appeal hearing, the property owner or authorized representative presents their information bearing on the property's fair market value. After the testimony is given, the appellant(s) leave the hearing, the Appeals Board discusses the testimony and documentation presented and renders a decision. The decision is mailed to the appellant so that it is received by the appellant not later than November 15th. Remember, written evidence is better than oral evidence. Written appraisals are strongly recommended. The appraisal should be for the present year. Do make sure that the comparables used in the appraisal contain relevant property characteristics (location attributes, physical attributes, et.) related to your house and land. If you are not satisfied with Board's decision, you can appeal the decision at the Court of Common Pleas. For further information go to <http://www.adamscounty.us/>, scroll down the page

and click on Rules of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Volunteering means something different to each individual that gets involved in local activity. The simplest definition may be “an individual that becomes part of something without any expectation of receiving anything in return.” I just know without the selflessness of our residents we could not accomplish many of the tasks that have made Carroll Valley a quality place to live and raise a family. Are you interested in helping your neighbors during an emergency? If so, you may want to consider joining the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency (FREMA). FREMA provides emergency services to three municipalities: Carroll Valley Borough, Fairfield Borough and Liberty Township. On behalf of these participating municipalities, FREMA is responsible for preparing, maintaining and keeping current a disaster emergency management plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a natural or man-made disaster. The agency is also responsible for the prompt and effective response to the disaster and the disaster emergency relief efforts and recovery.

FREMA is governed by an Executive Committee which is comprised of one elected member from each participating municipality's governing body. The current committee members are: Supervisor Robert Jackson, Mayor Robert Stanley, and myself. Coordination among the municipalities, the county and state government during a disaster is managed by an Emergency Manage-

ment Coordinator (EMC). FREMA's EMC is Andrew Aldrich. He is assisted by Deputy EMC Chief Dave Martin. Both are responsible for the planning, administration and operations of FREMA and report to the Executive Committee. How much experience do you have to have to join? None. There are two requirements and they are the desire to help others and the willingness to learn how. What does the job entail? You will be part of a staff operating the Emergency Operations Center following documented procedures under the supervision of the EMC and Deputy EMC. You will be answering phones, collecting data over a mobile radio device and documenting the information. Your primary job is to support the first responders (firemen, police, etc.) in the field. Please consider joining by giving me a call at (301) 606-2021 or by email at mayor@carrollvalley.org for more information.

Borough meetings to be held in October are: Planning Commission (Oct 1st), Finance Committee (Oct 8th), Borough Council (Oct 9th), Borough Council Finance Workshop (Oct 23rd), Parks/Recreation (Oct 24th) and a Sewer & Water Authority meeting (Oct 29th). The Carroll Valley Citizens Association Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at Ski Liberty, 8 AM to 2 PM. Call Alexandra at 717-420-0728 to reserve a space. Please reduce your speed to make sure you, your loved ones, your friends and neighbors will be safe. If you have any questions call me at (301) 606-2021 or email at mayor@carrollvalley.org



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GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

From the Desk of County Commissioner Randy Phiel

In Pennsylvania, if you belong to a club or organization that depends on small games of chance for survival your world changed dramatically on March 3rd. What was hoped to be an amended law by the Pennsylvania Legislature that helped veterans clubs, fire companies and other non-profits create more revenue; has done just the opposite in terms of the organizations survival. Many local clubs are now on red alert predicting their demise within the next year if the legislation is not amended soon! Under Act 2 of 2012 the organizations were allowed to keep more revenue due to the new law; tougher accounting, auditing and reporting standards were also part of the new legislation. 70% of the proceeds must go to a public interest or charity. Although the clubs are allowed to keep 30% of the proceeds, making matters more difficult is that the organizations are not allowed to use the 30% for

things like labor, cost of products and utilities. Many are in the frustrating situation of simply having money sitting there to give away to local charities - but not enough income to run the business that generates the contributions.

As the County Treasurer's Office is the agent to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that issues various licenses and permits including raffles, bingo and small games of chance, I have asked Adams County Treasurer Terry Adamik to convey her perspective on the issue.

Comments by Adams County Treasurer Terry Adamik as follows: On March 3rd of this year the first major update to the Small Games of Chance law, since its inception, became effective. This has opened a Pandora's box of issues for Adams County organizations who have been using SGOC to raise funds to make ends meet for many years.

Some of the new requirements of

the law include the need for State Police certified background check of the organization's executive officer and secretary in order to obtain a license and, at minimum, annual financial reporting of the SGOC operation to the PA Department of Revenue. Each organization will also need to open a separate bank account to deposit and expend the gaming proceeds.

One area that has not changed but has been misunderstood for many years is the use of rolled tear-off tickets with sequential numbering commonly known as "50/50". It is an illegal practice using these mass produced tickets, however a "50/50" drawing can be a legal small game of chance if the organizations follow the defining rules for a "raffle".

The definition a raffle ticket is: "Tickets must have a detachable stub, be consecutively numbered and be accounted for separately through the use of a logbook showing to whom the tickets were

given to be sold. The ticket stub shall bear a duplicate number corresponding to the numbers on the ticket and contain the purchaser's name, address and telephone number. Both parts shall be imprinted with sequential numbers commencing with "1" through the maximum number of tickets to be sold; or in the case of a raffle where the winner is determined by a drawing of the State Lottery, the universe of eligible ticket numbers shall correspond to the universe of eligible numbers in the State Lottery drawing. The ticket shall contain the date, time and location of the drawing, the name of the licensee and license number (special permit number where applicable), price of the ticket and prizes to be awarded."

When listing the "prize to be awarded", print "50% of total pot" and then it will be considered a legal SGOC according to the Liquor Control Enforcement division of the PA State Police.

It has been a trying time for the Treasurer's office and the applying organizations; and it may become even more trying if Senate Bill 444 becomes law as it is perched to pass when the state legislature comes back into session.

There is no doubt there have been reporting and fund abuses in the past. But no one wants to see our local Legions, VFW's, Amvets, fraternal organizations, volunteer fire companies and other non-profit organizations shut their doors. Urge you state legislators to tweak this legislation expeditiously so that it makes sense and the doors of these local institutions that provide both a social retreat for many of our veterans and also provide many services to our community keep their doors open.

It is Fall in Adams County and what a great time of year it is! Get out there and enjoy all the historic, natural, recreational and cultural opportunities our beautiful county has to offer.

You, too, can be an agritourist

Ellie Vranich

The mission of the Land Conservancy (LCAC) is to preserve the rural lands and character of Adams County. Farms, forests, and orchards; streams and watersheds; wildlife habitats and recreational areas; historic landmarks and scenic landscapes - LCAC has preserved these and other open spaces through perpetual easements on properties throughout Adams County.

These places are also important for the future of the county's agricultural industry. Agricultural tourism is one way small farms and rural communities can improve their incomes and economic viability. It is also important for Adams County's other major industry, tourism. Agritourism (agricultural tourism) also educates local residents about the importance of agriculture to Adams County.

Agritourism is broadly defined as any agriculturally-based activity that brings visitors to a farm, orchard, or vineyard. There are three agritourism basics: have something for visitors to see, something for them to do, and something for them to buy. It offers tourists a variety of activities, such as buying local produce direct from a farm stand, harvesting a Christmas tree, picking fruits, vegetables, or pumpkins, feeding animals, walking and bicycling on

trails, or staying at a B&B on a farm. Agritourists can go horseback riding or on a hay ride, navigate a corn maze, taste honey, learn about wine- or cheese-making, observe farmers in action, or take an educational tour. And of course, there are fairs, festivals, and special events.

A study by Penn State found that for some people, the image of rural Pennsylvania comes "from nostalgic pictures of simpler lifestyles in previous generations, linkage from this nation's heritage and basic American character." We should take advantage of this sentiment to help maintain and grow both our agricultural and tourist industries.

One of our neighbors to the east, Lancaster County, convened an Agritourism Task Force, which recently published Agritourism Guidelines for the Promotion and Regulation of Farm-based Tourism Enterprises. In it, the task force identified the types of "authentic" agritourism-related activities, experiences, and uses that would support the primary use of a farm, which is farming, and would be permitted within agricultural zoning districts. They also developed guidelines to ensure that the agritourism-related activities that are permitted meet the public health, safety, and wel-

fare concerns of the community; and created a recommended process for reviewing and permitting proposed agritourism-related ventures within a municipality. It also proposes a possible zoning ordinance for agritourism uses.

While Adams County is smaller than Lancaster County, now might be the opportune time for the county to convene its own agritourism task force, and for its municipalities to consider adopting an appropriate ordinance.

Professor Duncan Hilchey of the Cornell University Sustainable Agriculture program advises: "Farmers and growers have to adopt a new outlook and switch their thinking away from production toward giving today's consum-

ers what they want. That might include farm tours, value-added products, or even adding a petting zoo. People come out to the farm these days not so much to buy large quantities of produce, but for the immersion experience for themselves and their children. They are looking for a farm-fresh feeling—not just food."

A good way for you to become an agritourist is to enter the Land

Conservancy's annual Road Rally on Saturday, October 20. Get yourself a sponsor so you and your team can explore the back roads of Adams County for free. Information and registration at /www.lc-acnet.org.

Mark and Temma Berg are members of the Land Conservancy. In 2000, they donated a conservation easement on their property in Highland Township.

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Words From Winterbilt

A brief history of free markets

Shannon Bohrer

Once upon a time, the United States experienced a financial collapse that started with a housing bubble that spread to mortgage crises. This was closely followed by problems in the financial markets when investors relied on complex financial instruments. Was the cause of this financial collapse a free market or a lack of a free market? Or was it excessive regulations? Or maybe just greed? I believe there are cases to be made on many different sides of this issue. But, no matter where you stand, there are numerous talking heads and politician-types that preach that the free market is the Holy Grail that will save us. According to these talking heads, free markets work better than government programs, free markets lower cost with competition, free markets are the fuel for a growing economy, free markets are good for our country, and free markets make us smarter! They do indeed make a good argument.

When the “experts” talk about free markets, they use Cornelius Vanderbilt (the Commodore) as an example of how free markets work and why they are so important. Vanderbilt started his business using a small sail boat to

move passengers and freight. By the time he died in 1877, his empire included railroads, and was very large and very vast. He is credited with starting the large corporations that we have today. His story is very impressive in that he faced fierce competition from every business he was involved in. Even more impressive is the fact that he competed against other businesses that were supported by government subsidies. You heard right, even before the Civil War, our government supported private industries with subsidies. Vanderbilt went head to head with the government subsidized companies—and won.

Vanderbilt’s businesses succeeded against all competitors and it was all done in a free market; a truly free market, as there were no regulations at the time. The general strategy was simple: Lower your rates and keep them low until you’re competitor goes bankrupt. It worked. There was one occasion when Vanderbilt’s competitors lowered their railroad freight rates so low that money could only be lost. Vanderbilt then lowered his rates, believing he was competing for business. However, his competitors who had initially lowered their rates then shipped their freight on Vanderbilt’s railroad.

With no national regulations, Vanderbilt and other industrial-capitalists that followed him were either very successful, or went broke. While Vanderbilt is credited with creating one of the first large corporations in our country, the totally free market also created some very large corporate monopolies. The business strategy of undercutting your competitors and then buying the remains at a fire sale was very successful and continued until large monopolies dominated the business landscape. In response to this business strategy of the “Robber Barons” of the day, the Sherman Antitrust Act was enacted in 1890. The purpose of the Sherman Antitrust Act was a commitment to a free market economy. As was widely reported at that time, “monopolies do not encourage free trade, they restrict it.”

This brings us back to where we started. Remember the housing bubble, mortgage problems, and complex financial instruments that all occurred when the country experienced the financial collapse? That all happened in 1873, and at that time Vanderbilt was already an elder statesman. The 1873, financial collapse was called “the great depression” and was referred to as such until the

country really did suffer the real Great Depression starting in 1929. And, just in case anyone forgot, we also experienced the panic of 1893, the panic of 1896 and the panic of 1907, just a few of the other financial issues we experienced between 1873 and the real great depression. I wonder if they will rename the 2008 recession... Never mind.

Anyway, I digress. Because of the 1929 recession, the Glass-Steagall Act was passed in 1933. This act created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which separated investment and commercial banking. A large part of the act was an emergency response by the government since nearly 5000 banks had failed. Sound familiar? With the FDIC, the federal government was now providing insurance for depositors, with insurance funds provided from the banks themselves. Of course, the act separated the investment and commercial banks, as the government did not wish to provide insurance for the gamblers (I mean investment banking). This worked very well for a long time.

Fast forward to 1999: the Financial Service Modernization Act (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) was passed and congress repealed the Glass-Steagall Act. This removed the regulations barring mergers with banks, se-

curities and insurance companies. It worked well for 66 years, but I guess we needed more free markets. Then, in 2008 we experienced a financial collapse that started with a housing bubble that spread to mortgage crises. This was closely followed by problems in the financial markets when investors relied on complex financial instruments. Does this not sound familiar?

We deregulated the savings and loan companies, they gambled and went broke. We then deregulated the energy futures market (a.k.a. Enron) and they went broke. Then we deregulated the banks and investment firms, or allowed them to become hybrids, but it turned out that they were not very efficient. However, they did not all go broke. And that was because the major difference between 1873 and 2008 was our government’s willingness to bail them out. If one believes in free markets, are they still free if they are bailed out? I do believe that we have witnessed a pattern. In my former profession, we would call this a clue. Of course, if you’re a large investment firm and you have the capability of becoming a bank, you do it. Then you can gamble, I mean invest, and our government becomes your insurance company.

If you want to predict the future, just take a look at history.

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View From the Track

Stop with the lies!

Kip Hamilton

I don’t know about you, but I have just about had it with the blatant, in-your-face lies being told on a daily basis by the current administration. I don’t think they would recognize the truth if it came up and slapped them across the face. What was supposed to be the most transparent administration in the history of the world has, in fact, turned out to be the most obfuscating, conniving, flat out bald-faced lying administration we have ever had to suffer.

Everything about the man from the story of his birth forward has not been true, except for the fact that he promised to fundamentally transform our country. He’s keeping that one pretty well.

We were told that the GM bailout saved a million jobs and that as a result of the bailout, GM is the largest, most successful car company in the world. The fact is that at the time, GM’s employees numbered about 91,000. I guess that he just misspoke or maybe he didn’t do well in math (of course we’ll probably never know about that) because he was just off by, oh... 90%... that’s not so much, right? Last year, all of the employees of all

of the auto makers and their suppliers in the United States, including GM, only came to 710,000. As far as being the “largest” automaker, Fortune magazine lists GM’s revenue as smaller than Toyota’s and Volkswagen’s. My, how the facts sure can get in the way of a good story.

Then there’s Obama care. We were originally lied to that it would save money and improve care. It does neither. The latest projections, out in the past few days, estimate that the tab has soared to triple the original figure we were sold; up to well over a trillion (with a T) dollars. Oh, but it will be worth it because it will improve the quality of our care...wait... there are doctors falling over each other bailing out of the system because they don’t want any part of it. Oh, but we can keep our doctors if we like them... well, maybe, if your employer keeps offering you your \$8K health plan rather than opting to pay the \$2K fine for not offering coverage. Oops... there goes your favorite doctor.

How can any thinking person accept that millions more people could get dumped into an already burdened system and be seen by fewer physicians and it would

cost less and result in better care? That was an insane assertion from the get-go, yet millions of sheeplapped it up like warm Progressive milk.

Then there is the ridiculous, “My budget will cut the deficit by \$4 Trillion over 10 years.” Would you like fries with that whopper? First of all, there is no budget. Obama’s budget proposal was voted down 97 to 0. Think about that. How bad did his proposal have to be that not a single person in his own party would even vote for it! Has that even happened before? Then there is the “cut the deficit” lie.

Are you kidding me? We keep hearing about how awful the Bush deficits were and that is why it has taken so long for Obama to drive the country’s car up out of that famous ditch. President Bush left office with a deficit of \$485 billion his last year; an amount that then Senator Obama described as “unpatriotic”. Well, just to insure that our car never leaves that ditch, Obama has run up an additional \$6 trillion.

Friends, this goes way past party loyalty; the debt that he has left us (and the man still has three + months left in his term) will have a direct impact on our families...on our children for generations. The

amount that each of us as citizens has been saddled with is the equivalent of a mortgage. The numbers are so high that they cease to be real for most people. Without Medicare, Medicaid and a few other billion dollars’ worth of expenses, this president has run up the tally to over \$16,000,000,000,000; and it grows by the second. If you consider the missing entitlements, the number increases to astronomical heights that most of us cannot even get our heads around.

Currently, the tensions in the Middle East are as high as they have ever been. The leader of Iran recently reiterated Iran’s intention to “vaporize” Israel. The leaders of the world are coming to New York to The United Nations, but at this most critical time, does our extra-cerebral president plan on sitting down with these leaders and using his enormous intellect work out a solution which guarantees the safety of the planet? Nope, no time for that, but somehow he does have time to speak with the ladies on “The View”, so that’ll be something to look forward to.

Last week we had a U.S. Ambassador heinously murdered along with three other American citizens (CIA contract employees) in Libya and our consulate buildings in two different countries burned to the ground. Former presidents would have addressed the nation from the Oval Office; this one chose to yuk it up with Letter-

man. The administration’s party lie was that it was just an isolated demonstration fed by the disgust of the 10 people who had actually watched that inane “anti-Muslim” movie on YouTube; and that the spur-of-the-moment demonstration had just morphed into a “spontaneous protest”, said US ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice.

Yeah, if you call a coordinated assault by 400+ trained fighters on the anniversary of 9/11 who just happened to bring automatic weapons, RPG’s and mortars along with them “spontaneous.” The facts, of course, are that the assault had been planned for months and we had been given at least three days’ notice of the planned violence. When eventually trapped in the lie, the president’s press secretary stated, “It is, I think, self-evident that what happened in Benghazi was a terrorist attack.” Ya think, Jay???

I used to suspect that this president and his administration were the most inept, incompetent leaders we’ve ever known, but I think after four years, they have clearly demonstrated their true intentions. Next month, we will have a decision to make which will truly determine the future course of our country.

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Pure OnSense

It's in the details

Scott Zuke

October is a time of changing colors. Around here that means waiting for the autumn hues to appear while walking through the park at Colorfest. For the Presidential campaigns it means trying to get those last few undecided voters to swing either Red or Blue. The upcoming debates offer the last, best opportunity for the candidates to show the American voters their cards after a long campaign season in which both sides have been playing close to the chest on specific policy details. Neither was dealt a great starting hand. When the game is over, we just have to hope the winner didn't steal the game with a bluff.

For President Obama, the conventional wisdom has been that his greatest obstacle to winning reelection is the sluggishness of the recovery after the Great Recession. This may have historical precedent, but it rests on the assumptions that voters blame the current president for those conditions, and that they think the opponent has a better plan. Neither can be said with confidence in this election.

A June 2012 Gallup poll found that 68% of Americans assign moderate or significant blame to former President George W. Bush for the poor state of the economy, versus only 52% for President Obama. A poll published by The Hill in July reported only 34% of Americans placing primary blame

on Obama, with the rest being attributed to Congress (23%), Wall Street (20%), and George W. Bush (18%). Obama is being blamed, but so is everyone else who holds privilege and power. Mitt Romney personifies both more than any of his GOP Primary opponents (Except, perhaps, Newt Gingrich), and he has had a steady stream of gaffes—from his \$10,000 bet with Rick Perry to the leaked video in which he wrote off 47% of voters as being dependent on the government because they don't pay federal income tax—that have continually made him appear out of touch with average Americans.

As for who has the better plan for setting the economy back on track, right now it seems to be a toss-up. According to campaign rhetoric and media pundits, this election is fundamentally about deciding between two visions of the scale and scope of government: Big versus small. Most voters are probably planning to mark their ballots on those grounds. As partial as I am to pondering political philosophy, though, I feel that in this case, there has been a failure by both campaigns to make their cases on grounds of solid policy.

First, President Obama needs to explain what he will do differently in a second term to break the legislative logjam of the latter half of his first term. He will likely still be battling a Republican majority in at least the House of Representatives, and win or lose, the next ma-

major showdown over fiscal policy is only a few months away (the ball in Times Square will have a long way to drop as 2013 brings us to the "Fiscal Cliff"). The Tea Party caucus and Grover Norquist will still be tying the hands of the Republican establishment as it tries to negotiate fair deficit reduction. Previous attempts to build a bipartisan compromise on deficit and debt reduction came tantalizingly close to completion, but failed because of a tragic mix of bad timing, careless mistakes, bruised egos, and irrational politics based on extreme ideologies. President Obama needs to acknowledge these obstacles aren't going to disappear, and produce a game plan for how to better navigate around them in the next four years. The question here is not "Big government versus small," but whether Mr. Obama has the management skills and political acumen to forge a new and effective negotiation strategy where the old one has failed.

Mitt Romney, on the other hand, has to show that he has a coherent economic plan, and so far, it's not there. His tax policy promises were declared "mathematically impossible" by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, which concluded that his plan would decrease taxes on the wealthy and increase them for the middle-class, while also cutting entitlements benefiting the poor. Subsequent studies have relied on dubious assumptions to try to make the numbers work, but have still come up short. As Ezra Klein wrote for The Washington Post: "Romney has clearly calculated that there aren't many people who read these analyses. If he just keeps saying his tax plan can



cut taxes on the rich while cutting taxes on the middle class while not cutting taxes on the rich while not costing a dime, eventually, his version of this will come to be seen as the truth. And perhaps he's right. But the numbers show what they show." Following our analogy, this sure sounds like a risky bluff.

On the budget side, a significant part of Romney's plan that's breaking the bank is his outdated call to expand defense spending. Bizarrely, despite the planned withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, Romney wants to increase troop levels by 100,000, at a cost of up to \$200 billion over the next decade. He also proposes a sharp increase in US Navy shipbuilding and a return to production of the over-budget F-22 Raptor stealth fighter, which was ended in 2009 in favor of more cost-efficient alternatives.

If Obama's bad hand is the economy, Mr. Romney's is his

base. The Economist's Democracy in America blog argued recently that the campaign's flailing and untenable policy promises are due to "splits between three of the party's constituencies: the wealthy, the defence establishment, and the elderly," forcing him to implausibly promise massive tax cuts, no cuts to Medicare and increases in defense spending, all while cutting the deficit. He has played his hand so far by withholding the specifics of how he'll pay for his plans, or by blatantly misrepresenting them. Whether through this strategy or by falling back on the simpler Big Government vs. Little Government philosophical divide, he may ultimately win the presidency, but whether he'll have any cards left to play after the election is anyone's guess.

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Down Under

Ostrich morality

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"What is morality at any given time or place? It is what the majority then and there happen to like, and immorality is what they dislike."

—A. N. Whitehead,
Dialogues, 1954

I'm not sure how many divisions, splits, sects and factions there are at present within the Christian Church, and it doesn't really matter, because there is one thing that is supposed to unite them in a common cause: The teaching of morality. This is based on one quite simple precept, that whatever a Christian says or does reflects straight back to their founder, Jesus. If it honours him, whether in thought, word or deed, it is to his glory and therefore to the follower's. If it does not it is shameful, for it brings into disrepute his name, his legacy, and his teachings. And thus the follower's and the follower's sect.

So, what exactly IS morality? According to the dictionary it is the ad-

herence to the conventional standards of moral conduct - which is no definition at all, for what then is moral conduct? There is, as well, an even better definition in a certain other dictionary, compiled by that wonderfully artful American Ambrose Bierce: 'Moral', adj. "Conforming to a local and mutable standard of right. Having the quality of general expediency." This means that morality is in the hands of the person or group who may justify their own standards by whatever is expedient at the time. No proof necessary, and many examples to quote in support of their stance - and an equal number to ignore that go against it.

Most of us, of course, recognize that the fundamental teachings of Jesus are easy to understand and apply, and some really do try hard to live by them. Some of them, anyway. Top of the list for many is based around the idea that life is sacred; that, seeing God made us all, we should honour him, and therefore his son, by doing no harm to another person. As well, we should not steal, commit adultery, or do any of the other things that appear throughout the

bible, whilst doing the things we are commended to do: Honour our parents, give to the poor, have no other god, do good to all men, and so on. These other things are, of course, pretty much on the outer rim of obligations, as I doubt I could name one person who abides by them. You may be different, of course, but I truly doubt it.

Most of us, however, like to imagine we live lives that can be called moral - at least opposed to immoral - for we know that to co-exist with our fellow man we have to have rules that foster and permit peaceful co-existence. And we also must recognize that these change over time, that things once frowned upon by the majority are now commonplace, things once accepted and blessed are now anathema. And when some people do not embrace such shifts in moral acceptance they get upset, rant and rave, form pressure groups, and try to cling to the old ways. Like that revival song says, 'Give me that old-time religion, it's good enough for me.' Oh yes? Does that include witch trials, the Ku Klux Klan, slaves, women only in the kitchen and birthing bed, and so on? That's not religion? That's not ethical? Well, yes it is, for all those things and many more were accepted, promoted and blessed by the churches of the time. And accepted by the community as natural,

normal, and therefore proper.

They were morally good then but are so far away from morally right now that their introduction would cause a storm in every hamlet. (I hope). Such things are now so immoral that anyone condoning them would be imprisoned - at least. But what would be the result if one of these pressure groups got the Government to pass a law that say legalized slavery? All hell - to coin a phrase - would break loose. A whole war was fought over this issue, and no one, not even the most cynical, would support it now.

So why, would someone please tell me, is the owning of a gun by Americans considered to be a moral right? Sure, the constitution permits the 'bearing of arms', (the idea might have sounded good at the time, but no one foresaw the outcome), which has been transformed into 'buy a gun or you'll be at the mercy of all the the bad people out there'. The frontier mentality, which originally saw that right enshrined in a document, (one that is revered by all), has been transformed in to the notion that there is still no real civilization in the country. The gun lobby says that any attempt to limit the sale and proliferation of gun ownership is against your inalienable rights - as set down in the constitution. This means that is it legally OK to have the means to

kill and injure a person, a human, in your possession, in order to protect oneself or ones property with such potentially lethal force. And when, as has happened so often, protection turns to aggression and the taking of life at random happens, a sad shake of the head is all the reaction it gets.

Morality has been long high jacked by powerful people who profit from the manufacture and sale of weapons to citizens. They also do so by promoting wars, insurrections, skirmishes, and the overthrow of elected leaders. War and the use of weapons it their bible, their god, and it is the most repugnant aspect of life in your great and wonderful country. It is like seeing you all swim in the sewer as you pretend it's normal, that it moral, that it is right. Believe me, from down here, where guns are banned for everyone who cannot show beyond all doubt that they need one - usually a rifle for a farm, or to practice target shooting - death or injury from gunshot is very rare, and no one jumps up and down about it.

The sale of guns to the general populace for pretty well any reason is about as immoral as it is possible to get. You are a Christian? Good. Take your head out of the sand, don't be an ostrich, and reflect the glory of Christ by helping remove this stench from your country.

PASTOR'S DESK

From the Desk of Pastor Katie Penick Incarnation, United Church of Christ

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want... (Psalm 23:1). Such familiar words. We all know them. We mumble them together at funerals. We turn to them during difficult times. We KNOW them and they comfort us. When I go to visit people and read scripture, Psalm 23 is almost always what people request to hear. "That's a good one!" they say. A few years ago, I went to visit someone in the hospital who was dying. As she lay in that in-between place, hovering between life and death, I opened my Bible and began to read out loud. As I uttered those familiar words, I heard another voice saying them with me. It was the elderly woman in the other bed, separated by a curtain. In all my visits to that hospital room, this woman had appeared to be non-responsive, sitting in a chair and staring at the TV. Yet, something in the words of this beloved Psalm triggered a long-distant memory... and she spoke the word of reassurance and holy love. Together, we recited the whole thing. Sometimes comfort comes in unexpected places.

I wonder, as we read and say these long-remembered words,

how many times you really think about what they mean.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...

Words proclaiming that because the Holy Shepherd cares for, we will want for nothing. Just as Jesus tells us to remember the lilies of the field, so are we to remember a shepherd who leaves no one behind and cares for each and every one in his fold. No matter how dark and dangerous the valley can become, we know that our shepherd will comfort us.

But, if we are really honest with ourselves, we don't really meant the "I shall not want" part. We all do want something... we all want many things. The latest iPhone or a bigger house or a more fulfilling job. And, we want a better world: the end of child abuse and domestic violence; no more addiction, no homeless families living in cars. We want to be safe from terrorism and gang violence. We want world peace – or at least for our troops to come home safely. We want loved ones who are ill to be healed and we never want to grieve again. Yes, we all want something!

But in some deep and profound way, what we want isn't really the point here. The focus is on the shepherd. No matter what we long for, when we hear Jesus' voice... we follow him. Just like the sheep respond to the shepherd. No matter what, we trust and love that beautiful voice. It guides us where we need to be. Maybe not where we want to be, but where we need to be.

Now I won't claim to know a lot about shepherds. I grew up in the suburbs and there were not a lot of sheep wandering through the gate in my back yard. But, I do know this: shepherds had a hard life. They herded their sheep through hostile landscapes and it was difficult, time-consuming work. They stayed with their flock 24/7, and they faced all of the same dangers and difficulties that the flock faced, and they were just as vulnerable -- the heat in the day, the bitter cold nights, and predators - human and animal, who could attack at any moment. They slept with their flocks at night, except those nights when the dangers were too close. Then they didn't sleep at all. Isolated and alone, they usually had no families. The lives they lived were too dangerous to make them good prospects as a husband or father. Despite our Christmas pageants, these shepherds are not romantic figures.

And this is the kind of life Jesus lives for and with us. Jesus journeys with the most vulnerable, and takes on all of their vulnerability. He knows what it's like to be out in the cold. He knows what he's saying when he calls other people to leave their homes and villages behind -- and even their families -- since he had done the same himself. He knows what it's like to have people think that you're crazy or irresponsible be-

cause of what you leave behind and let go of, because people said the same things about him.

But he knows something else, too: this crazy life he lived, and calls us to live with him, is abundant life (John 14:10). Life in abundance – not having all that we want given to us... he's not talking about dollars and property here. No, abundant life doesn't grant all of our wishes but it does give us exactly what we need.

It seems like a paradox. Jesus of all people knows the risks and the hardships, the cost of the life he's leading. He knows the cost can even be life-threatening. But Jesus is the shepherd, and he knows that as hard as it can be to follow the shepherd, it's so much better than being prey for the others: the thieves and bandits and predators.

Perhaps it is because we know that Jesus completely understands what we experience that we are so willing to follow his voice when he calls. The power of a loving voice and our response to it is huge. Years ago, I worked with a young mother who was suffering from post-partum depression. She would sit in her apartment with the blinds closed. She provided for her baby's basic needs, but nothing more. She would leave the baby in his bouncy seat for hours. She sat, day after day, in darkness. Slowly, as we worked together, during each visit, I encouraged her to let the light in, to literally open the blinds. Then I would pick up that precious little baby and gently encourage her to interact with him. Sometimes, I would just model playtime for her, hoping that one day she would reach for him herself. But, she only did what I asked her to do, and after several visits, I had no confidence that her life changed when I was not with her. I pictured her

in the dark, alone with her baby near her, but not with her. Then, one day, I showed her how whenever she spoke, her baby turned towards her. I said, "look how his face lights up. That's because he knows your voice." The change was not immediate, but at my next visit I noticed that the blinds were already open and for the first time, she opened the door with her baby in her arms. The journey towards healing had begun.

The Lord is my shepherd. We know his voice and we follow him.

And when we follow him, we will receive abundant life. So, that is what is important for us to focus on. Not our wants... but the confidence that Jesus will meet us when we need him. We need to live in the simple declaration: "The Lord is my shepherd." And the shepherd will care for us, guide us. Remember the shepherd's sacrifice – the willingness to take on our vulnerability -- for me and for you and for you. Because the Lord is our shepherd, we have everything we need: our wants, still notwithstanding.

Jesus tells us today that he is the good shepherd. Like his Father, he leads us to what we need: food, water, air; faith, deep rest, and real love. Trusting him frees us to enjoy all of those good gifts as fully as God gives them. And the richness of God's blessings are far beyond anything I could describe. When he's our shepherd, we experience abundant, blessed life that no thief can take away. When he's the gate, we have the freedom to love whomever we find ourselves with in the flock, and know that they are loved by Jesus as well. Jesus is our Lord and shepherd, and so we need fear no evil; surely, as we follow the sound of his voice, goodness and mercy will follow us. All the days of our lives.

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THE BOOK OF DAYS

Spectre-dogs



Neither Brand in his Popular Antiquities, nor Sir Walter Scott in his Witchcraft and Demonology, mentions spectre-dogs as a peculiar class of apparitions, yet they seem to occupy a distinct branch of English mythology. They are supposed to exist in one form or another in almost every county, and few kinds of superstition have more strongly influenced the credulous mind. To have the 'black dog on the back' has become a general phrase, though perhaps few who use it have an idea of its origin. The following anecdotes about spectre-dogs will illustrate this phrase, and shew how generally this branch of superstition is received.

According to popular psychology, the subject may be divided into three parts:

- Black dogs, which are really fiends that have assumed the form of dogs;
- The spirits of evil persons, who, as part of their punishment, have been transformed into the appearance of dogs;
- Evil spirits, that to mimic the sports of men, or to hunt their souls, have assumed the form and habits of hounds.

We will begin with the black-dog apparition of fiends who have assumed the appearance of dogs.

In almost every county there is a popular belief in a spectral dog, which, although slightly varying in appearance in different parts, always bears the same general characteristics. It is described as large, shaggy, and black, with long ears and tail. It does not belong to any species of living dogs, but is severally said to resemble a hound, a setter, a terrier, or a shepherd-dog, though often larger than a Newfoundland. It bears different names, but is always alike supposed to be an evil spirit, haunting places where evil deeds have been done, or where some calamity may be expected.

In the Isle of Man, it is called the Mauthe Doog, and, according to tradition, was accustomed to haunt Peel Castle, where it was seen in every room, but especially in the guard chamber. Here, as soon as candles were lighted, it used to go and lie down before the fire, in presence of the soldiers, who became so accustomed to its appearance, that they lest much of the awe which they first felt at its presence. But knowing its malicious character, they never ventured to molest it, till one of them, in a drunken fit, swore that 'he would try whether it were dog or devil!' He made his trial, and was

one. He is the quietest and frugalest creature in the house.'

One night, however, the farmer, having been drinking too freely with a neighbour, and excited by his taunts about the black dog to an unusual degree of irritation, was determined his courage should no more be called in question. Returning home in a rage, he no sooner saw the dog on his usual seat, than, seizing the poker, he rushed with it towards his mysterious companion. The dog, perceiving his intention, sprang from its seat, and ran up stairs, followed by the infuriated farmer. The dog fled into an attic at the top of the house, and just as the farmer entered the same room, he saw it spring from the floor, and disappear through the ceiling. Enraged at being thus foiled, he struck with the poker the ceiling where the dog had passed through, and down fell a small old-fashioned box, which, on being opened, was found to contain a large sum in gold and silver coins of Charles I's reign.

Lady Howard, a Devonshire notable of the time of James I, was remarkable for her beauty, her wealth, her talents, and accomplishments. But she had many bad qualities. Amongst others, she was unnaturally cruel to her only daughter, and had a bad knack of getting rid of her husbands, having been married no less than four times. At last she died herself, and, for her misdemeanours while living, her spirit was transformed into a hound, and compelled to run every night, between midnight and cock-crowing, from the gateway of Fitzford, her former residence, to Oakhampton Park, and bring back to the place from whence she started, a single blade of grass in her mouth; and this penance she is doomed to continue till every blade of grass is removed from the park, which she will not be able to effect till the end of the world. How these particulars were communicated to our fellow living mortals we are not informed, and we dare not venture a conjecture.

Our rustic psychologists have been rather more explicit in the following story:

There once lived in the hamlet of Dean Combe, Devon, a weaver of great fame and skill. After long prosperity he died and was buried. But the next day he appeared sitting at the loom in his chamber, working as diligently as when he was 'alive. His sons applied to the vicar, who accordingly went to the foot of the stairs, and heard the noise of the weaver's shuttle in the room above. 'Knowles,' he cried, 'come down; this is no place for thee.' I will,' replied the weaver, 'as soon as I have worked out any quill' (the quill is the shuttle full of wool). 'Nay,' said

the vicar, 'thou hast been long enough at thy work; come down at once.' So when the spirit came down, the vicar took a handful of earth from the churchyard, and threw it in its face. And in a moment it became a black hound. 'Follow me,' said the vicar, and it followed him to the gate of the wood. And when they came there, 'it seemed as if all the trees in the wood were coming together, so great was the wind.' Then the vicar took a nutshell with a hole in it, and led the hound to the pool below the waterfall. 'Take this shell,' said he, 'and when thou shalt have dipped out the pool with it, thou mayest rest not before!' And at mid-day and at midnight, the hound may still be seen at its work. It is difficult to understand why the industrious weaver was consigned to such a hopeless doom.

Many spectral dogs, believed to be the souls of wicked persons, are said to haunt the sides of rivers and pools, and sometimes their yelping is so dreadful, that all who hear them lose their senses.

Besides such apparitions of solitary dogs, whole packs of spectral hounds are said to be occasionally heard and seen in full cry in various parts of England and Wales, but chiefly in mountainous districts. Generally, they are only heard, and seem to be passing swiftly along in the air, as if in hot pursuit of their prey; and, though not very high up, yet they cannot be seen, because they generally choose cloudy nights. Why they have anywhere received the name of Gabriel's hounds, appears unaccountable, for they are always supposed to be evil spirits hunting the souls of the dead, or, by their diabolical yelping, to betoken the speedy death of some person.

Many wild and amusing stories are told respecting these aerial hounds. A herdsman was journeying homeward across the moors of Cornwall one windy night, when he heard at a distance the baying of hounds, which he was not long in recognising to be the dismal yelp of the Devil's Dandy-

dogs. He was three or four miles distant from his home; and, much terrified, he hurried onward as fast as the treacherous nature of the soil and uncertainty of the path would allow; but the melancholy yelping of the hounds and the fiendish shout of the hunter came nearer and nearer. After a long run, they appeared so close upon him, that he could not help turning round to look at them. He was horror-struck, for he could distinctly see the hunter and his dogs. The huntsman was terrible to behold. He was black, had large fiery eyes, horns, a tail, and carried in his clawy-hand a long hunting-pole. The dogs, a numerous pack, blackened the ground as far as it could be seen; each snorting fire, and yelping in the most frightful tone. What was the poor rustic to do? No cottage was near; no rock, no tree to shelter him nothing remained but to abandon himself to the fury of these hell-hounds. Suddenly, a happy thought flashed into his mind. He had been told that no evil spirit can resist the power of prayer. He fell on his knees, and at the first holy words he uttered, the hounds stood still, but yelped more dismally than ever; and the huntsman shouted, 'Bo Shrove!' which 'means,' says the narrator, 'in the old language, the boy prays!' The black huntsman then drew off his dandy-dogs, and the poor herdsman hastened home as fast as his trembling frame permitted.

This, and similar stories, strikingly illustrate the creative power of the imagination when excited by fear. The herdsman's vision existed only in his own mind, induced by the terrifying sound, which, although adapted by his imagination to his previous conceptions of the dandy-dogs, was a reality. For it has been fully and satisfactorily ascertained that the goblin-hounds, which have originated such fanciful legends in almost every county, are merely flocks of wild-geese, or other large migratory birds.

instantly sobered, but rendered speechless. He lived only three days afterwards, and then 'died in agonies more than is common in a natural death.' I heard this attested,' says Mr. Waldron, 'by several, but especially by an old soldier, who assured me he had seen it oftener than he had then hairs on his head.'

Within the parish of Tring, but about three miles from the town, a poor old woman was, in 1751, drowned for suspected witchcraft. A chimney-sweep, who was the principal perpetrator of this atrocious deed, was hanged and gibbeted near the place where the murder was effected. While the gibbet stood, and long after it had disappeared, the spot was haunted by a black dog.

We will now give a few instances of human spirits that, as a punishment, have been transformed into similar apparitions.

Lyme-Regis, in Dorsetshire, has a famous story about one of these canine apparitions. About a mile from the town stands a farmhouse, which once formed part of an old mansion that was demolished in the parliamentary wars, except the small portion still existing. The sitting-room now used by the farmer, and also by his predecessors for a century or two, retains the large old-fashioned fireplace, with a fixed seat on each side under the capacious chimney. Many years ago, when the then master of the house, as his custom was after the daily toils were over, used to settle himself on one of these snug seats in the chimney-corner, a large black dog as regularly took possession of the opposite one. For many nights, weeks, and months, this mysterious visitor, sitting vis à vis to the farmer, cast a gloom over his evening enjoyment. At length, as he received no harm from his companion, and became accustomed to his appearance, he began to look on him as one of the family circle. His neighbours, however, often advised him to drive away the fiend-like intruder; but the farmer, not relishing a contest with him, jestingly replied: 'Why should I? He costs me nothing he eats nothing, he drinks nothing, he interferes with no

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Autumn, curiosity, and hope for the future

Bill Meredith

"I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity."

—Eleanor Roosevelt

One day in the spring of 1997, Bo Cadle came to my office and asked if I would be interested in writing a column for the *Emmitsburg Dispatch*, which he and Jean had recently started. The idea sounded intriguing, but, being gainfully employed just then, I had no free time, so I declined. Bo was tactfully understanding, but the seed of the idea had been planted; and after I retired he was more persistent. So, partly to avoid boredom, I began writing. The essays came out irregularly at first, but before long they became a regular feature, and they continued as the paper evolved into its present form and title. This month's article is a minor anniversary of sorts, the 150th in the series.

The older you get, the more the calendar becomes cluttered with such things. There are regular

holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and seasonal events that happen every year. Sometimes such routine events have the potential to achieve historical uniqueness; for instance, is it possible that the next World Series could feature the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Nationals? But more often, the only difference between this year's event and last year's is that you're a year older. Age makes a big difference. Having a birthday when you're 80 is not the same as it was when you were five. When I was five, my thoughts were directed to the future; I couldn't wait to be six because then I could go to school, and I expected that I would start first grade the next day. I had no doubt that some day I would be a fireman or truck driver, or have my own farm, or be President. Now, at 79, the only difference I expect to see at 80 is that my golf shots will be another five or ten yards shorter, and my daydreams are usually about the past instead of the future. I seem to be coming to a stage in life when reaching a calendar event just means I've survived another unit of time.

One of those annual milestones, Fall, is here again; it slipped in

quietly on Sept. 22, when no one was looking. Usually I'm not glad to see it; it's not my favorite season. The trees are pretty for a while, but on the whole, it is a season when things are leaving, disappearing or dying. The arrival of fall used to put me in a nostalgic or even sad frame of mind; but this year those emotions are being replaced by curiosity. I hope this is a good sign. Dorothy Parker once said, "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." I find a good deal of comfort in this. I hope she's right; boredom is a fearsome malady, especially among retirees.

For example, each fall there comes a day when I fill the hummingbird feeder for the last time. Yesterday my wife remarked that she hadn't seen a hummingbird for several days, and I should put the feeder away; but I filled it one more time, and within minutes a hummingbird appeared. It was a young one, as usual for this time of year; the adults went south some weeks ago, and if you see an adult now you can be sure that it started in Canada or New England and is on its way south too. The young ones will wander off soon, driven southward by inherited instinct rather than foreknowledge or parental instruction. Some of them will get lost or die, but a surprising fraction of them will find their way to the coast of Louisiana. They will fatten up there for a few days, and one day when the wind is favorable they will take off across the Caribbean toward Yucatan, 200 miles nonstop over open water. Again, a surprising fraction of them will make it. So has it always been; as Max Ehrmann wrote in the *Desiderata*, no doubt the universe is unfolding

as it should. The odds that they will be back next spring are at least as good as the chance that I will still be here. So instead of being depressed by their leaving, this year I found my mind was engaged in wondering how that migratory instinct works, and what kind of metabolic magic enables them to fly so far on such a tiny food reserve. I know more about those questions now than I did when I started studying biology, but there's still a lot to learn.

Curiosity, thank goodness, is not limited to biologists. Last summer a friend who was working in his barn stepped on a cricket, and out of it popped a mass of long, slender black worms. Many people would not have stopped to look at them, but he did. He had never seen anything like them, so he put them in a jar and brought them to me. I recognized them as horsehair worms; they are commonly studied in zoology courses. They squirm around and tangle themselves into configurations like the Gordian Knot of Greek mythology, and because of this, zoologists gave them the name, *Gordius*. (Historically inclined readers will recall that no one could untie that knot; according to legend, Alexander the Great solved the problem by cutting it with his sword.) I was pleased to see that my friend had the curiosity to notice the worms and wonder what they were, and I was doubly impressed yesterday when he showed me another smashed cricket. This one had a different worm in it, white in color and much thicker than the earlier ones, and not inclined to coil into a knot. I had never seen one like it, but I was able to find a picture of it



on the internet. It seems to have no common name; its friends in the zoological profession call it *Spinichordodes tellini*. Although it lives as a parasite in the body of the cricket, it must lay its eggs in water. When it is ready to lay the eggs, it is able somehow to stimulate the cricket to seek out a pond or stream and jump in; the cricket will die, but the eggs are released into the water to start the next generation of worms. There are plenty of questions there to be curious about.

I think curiosity is much more important than many people realize. While Mrs. Roosevelt's remark about the gift from a fairy godmother is a colorful metaphor, I believe all children have curiosity, admittedly in varying amounts. But somewhere between infancy and the early school years, something seems to stifle it in many children, and without it, education becomes a boring process of force-feeding. Children who retain their curiosity want to learn, and usually do well in school at all levels; but without curiosity, learning must be coerced, discipline problems arise, dropout rates soar and test scores plummet, as is happening in many of our high schools.

I was lucky; from earliest memory, my idea of play was following my father or grandmother around as they worked, and asking questions. I had only two teachers in my first eight grades, but both of them were really good. I now have two neighbors, aged two and four, who are starting out the same way; several times each week they come to show me things they have found and ask questions about them. Perhaps Mrs. Roosevelt's fairy godmother smiled upon them, but their parents are spending time with them and having the patience read to them and cope with the torrents of questions they ask. Good parenting and good teaching are not easy, but in the long run they are the only hope for our faltering educational system.

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IN THE COUNTRY

Creature features

**Tim Iverson, Seasonal Naturalist
Cunningham Falls State Park**

This is the time of year the air begins to cool, the days get shorter, and when the spirits start coming out! Sure Sleepy Hollow may have the “Headless Horseman”, and Transylvania is home to Dracula, but here in Frederick County we have our own notable ghost stories. Maryland is home to two crypto-zoological critters, the Snallygaster, the Dwayyo, and the very real Ghost Owl!

The Snallygaster is a beast that is said to have terrorized the greater Frederick area, with sightings as far away as New Jersey, Ohio, and West Virginia. The name ‘Snallygaster’ comes from the German word “Schneller Geist” meaning “quick spirit”, because it was said to have beset early German settlers in the area. This beast began resurfacing frequently in newspaper reports beginning in February 1909. The first reported sighting came from James Harding, and he described it as having one eye, large wings, a sharp beak, claws like steel, and made loud shrill screeches. As the monster made various appearances throughout the area it was said to have laid an egg near Sharpsburg, MD, and later near Burkittsville, MD (which is also supposedly home to the Blair Witch, but we’ll leave that story to Hollywood). With sightings and reports coming from all over hysteria began to rise. It is said that such a commotion was caused among locals that President Theodore Roosevelt considered cancelling a trip to Europe to lead a hunting party for the Snallygaster. After reported sightings and clashes with residents of Frederick and Washington Counties the last reported sighting of the Snallygaster occurred here in Emmitsburg in March 1909 and then mysteriously disappeared for 23 years.

After lying low until 1932 the Snallygaster again began making appearances to local residents. The beast that was seen flying over the area “was as large as a dirigible, with arms resembling the tentacles of an octopus”. It was believed that this

Snallygaster was possibly hatched from one of the eggs laid back in 1909. Unfortunately, the Snallygaster was eventually killed and all evidence of his existence destroyed. This area, not unlike many other areas of the United States, had secret distilleries and moonshine operations during prohibition. While flying overhead near Frog Hollow in Washington County it was attracted to the smell of a 2,500 gallon vat of moonshine. When it flew overhead it was “overcome by the fumes and dropped into the boiling mash”. Shortly after that federal revenue agents, after receiving a tip off about the secret still, went to investigate the location. While they did find the illegal moonshine operation they also stumbled upon the dead Snallygaster, imagine their surprise! The agents then placed 500lbs of dynamite under the still and destroyed the Snallygaster along with the moonshine. While the Snallygaster remains a memory in our collective conscious another beast is said to have roamed our parts more recently.

The woods adjacent to Gambrill State Park, our sister park, is home to a beast called the Dwayyo. In November 1965 John Becker went to investigate noises coming from his backyard where he saw something moving towards him. He claimed, “It was as big as bear, had long black hair, a bushy tail, and growled like a wolf or dog in anger.” As it approached him it stood on its back legs and began to attack him. He claims to have fought the monster until it gave up and ran into the woods. John Becker filed a report with the Frederick City Police, where the report got picked up by the Frederick News Post. Articles began appearing in several oth-

er local newspapers which began a wave of public interest and outcry. A woman in Jefferson, MD claimed to have seen “a dog-shaped animal about the size of a calf chasing some cows on a farm near her home”. Meanwhile, several hunters saw a strange black beast roaming the woods nearby. However, by December of the same year the sightings mysteriously stopped and as suddenly as the story started it began to disappear.

Both the stories of the Snallygaster and the Dwayyo are now local legend, and the information in this article was compiled from a book called Ghosts & Legends of Frederick County written by Timothy Cannon and Nancy Whitmore. While these tales are entertaining and have struck fear into the hearts of residents for decades there is one local creature known to have some monster credentials.

If you drop by the aviary here at the park you can meet an owl who has been inspiring ghost stories for centuries. The Common Barn Owl, or sometimes known as the “Ghost Owl”, is one of the most visually striking birds we have. Barn Owls are in a family of owls all to their own, while all other species of owls belong to a different scientific family classification. With radiantly white feathers, and solid black eyes, they call out into the night with a shrill piercing shriek instead of the common “whooh whooh” of other owls. The “ghost owl” also exhibits some odd defensive behaviors. When encountered in close quarters this owl will begin “toe dusting”, a side to side swaying maneuver with out-stretched wings. In addition, owls may also lower their heads and shake it back and forth in a “No, No, No” fash-



ion to embellish the tactic. Among other things that make this owl an incredibly fierce hunter they have been gifted with unrivaled hearing. Their ears are asymmetrical, placed almost diagonally from one another on opposite sides of the head, which amplifies hearing to an incredible degree. With such acute hearing, enough to hear the sound of a heart beat or the pitter-patter of mouse feet, they don’t require any light to successfully hunt!

To see the ‘Ghost Owl’ in action and to learn more about this owl and our other raptors stop by the aviary in the Manor Area of Cunningham Falls State Park. So while the chill in the air settles in, and things go bump in the night remember that the Snallygaster and Dwayyo haven’t been spotted for decades so keep your eyes peeled for the ‘Ghost Owl’ or our other species of flighted specters.

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IN THE COUNTRY

National Apple Harvest Festival

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This autumn, the National Apple Harvest Festival sponsored by The Upper Adams Jaycees, Biglerville, Pennsylvania, has been honored by three different news media as a must-visit event. According to the National Geographic, the festival was selected among their "Best Fall Trips 2012, a list of 10 popular and unique tourist destinations from around the world. A few of the festivals included are the Alba International White Truffle Fair, Italy, and the International Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Smartertravel.com says, "The festival is one of 10 fall festivals you're sure to love. When the air turns crisp, we can hardly wait to pull on a sweater and celebrate the season at an outdoor festival. Along with the country's biggest Oktoberfest, the 48th National Apple Harvest Festival was a shoo-in for a roundup of fall events."

The third accolade for this fall gala was voted by the readers of The Gettysburg Times who picked the Jaycees' fund raiser as "the best annual local event in Adams County."

What has created this excitement? Go back to Sunday, October 14, 1961, when the Adams County (Pennsylvania) Fruit Growers Association held an Apple Harvest Holiday to celebrate the apple harvest. The Upper Adams Jaycees—a new chapter and in need of a fund raiser—organized and sponsored the one-day festival in 1965. In 1975, it became a two-weekend event, and is always held the first two full weekends in October.

The festival supports projects of the Upper Adams Jaycees, including the 92-acre Oaks Community Park located one mile east of Biglerville on Route 394.

The old-fashioned, fun-filled, family event, held at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in the heart of apple country 10 miles northwest of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania,

features free entertainment, displays, rides and tours, apple products, and food specialties.

This year's free entertainment features local and regional musicians—country, bluegrass, rock and roll and more on six stages. To whet the appetite for entertainment possibilities while strolling through the festival, performing Saturday, October 6, at Cortland Circle is Creekside Soul Duo who have been singing together ever since they became a couple and got married. Much of their roots is steeped in religious, soulful music, like might be found in the gospel genre. Their sound is sort of a "Detroit meets up with Philly and they both take a vacation to Nashville."

Sunday, October 7, on the Cider Barrel Stage is Buck-n-Chet, a band who loves to sing classic country with some classic rock and only songs that stand out over the last several decades.

Appearing both Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, is The Pennsylvania Native American Flute Circle whose members are composed of flute enthusiasts of all ages wishing to promote the hauntingly beautiful music of the Native American Flute. One of the missions of the flute circle is to encourage the continuation of traditional and contemporary Native American flute music and its craft.

Appearing both days the second weekend is the "must-be-seen-to-believe" Middle Creek Tractor Swingers who square dance on antique tractors. Formed in 2005 as a unique and separate entertainment and educational team of the Middlecreek Valley Antique Association, the Swingers perform a variety of traditional square dance routines using eight antique tractors as the dancers. All tractors meet AARP age qualifications—being 50- or more years old! Tractor operators are appropriately (and debatably) dressed for their roles as men and women partners. The smaller tractors sport flower bouquets and traditional ladies' names to match their roles as women dance partners. The larger tractors have men's



names and drivers with typical farmer-style outfits. The Swingers' performances are highly entertaining while showcasing the nimble maneuvering characteristics of the now largely extinct tricycle configured farm tractors.

The Klinger-McFry Band takes the Cider Barrel Stage Sunday, October 14, and plays songs that range from Hank Williams Sr. to Fleetwood Mac, but puts their own twist on classic songs from all genres of music. The band says, "We like to take songs that people know but maybe haven't heard in a while and do them Klinger-McFry style." So far, that seems to be a recipe for success which involves musical ingredients like bluegrass, Cajun, rock, Celtic, swing, country, gospel, and mariachi.

The festival is for all ages with Kid Country featuring pie eating contests, old-fashioned games, and a petting zoo. For a complete listing of what to do each day of the festival, visit www.applefestival.com.

Displays located throughout the festival grounds promote fruit growers and the apple industry,

kids' art, the 2011 Photo Contest winners, an apple museum and gallery, antique cars, equipment, hit 'n miss engines, a working cider press, a working shingle mill and steam engine.

Not to be missed are the famous Adams County apple products—bread, butter, chips, cold and hot cider, cider slushies, cookies, crisp, daiquiri, fritters, jellies, pizza, sausage, sauce, candied, fresh, fried, and caramel slices.

Food stands and restaurants are throughout the grounds and food specialties are wines, barbecued chicken, ice cream, kettle corn, pit beef, pork roast, and funnel cakes. Take time for an orchard tour and enjoy the beauty of the surrounding South Mountain and its bounty of orchards.

The year's festival is held the first two full weekends of October—6-7 and 13-14—daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Parking and shuttle services are included in the general admission of \$9, but please leave all pets at home as they are not allowed to attend the festivities. For more information, visit www.appleharvest.com or call 717-677-9413 or 717-334-6274.

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IN THE COUNTRY

Camp Eder's Fall Fest

Alan Patterson

Sitting quietly on Mount Hope Rd., just outside of Fairfield is Camp Eder, a small Christian camp and retreat center serving our community and beyond as an agency of the Southern Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren.

Established in 1958, Camp Eder sits on over 400 acres of beautifully wooded and orchard property that makes for a perfect and peaceful outdoor experience for all.

Hosting a variety of programs throughout the year, Camp Eder offers Summer Camp programs for children of all ages, Senior Citizen's Days for our wise friends, Scrapbooking Retreats for the creative, and many other activities for folks from a variety of backgrounds. Three main lodges serve as the primary retreat facilities; wagons, cabins, and camp sites are also utilized for groups seeking to get away from the busyness of life. The nearly 40-foot climbing wall, challenge course, swimming pool, hiking trails, and many other facilities offer plenty of recreational opportunity.

In the spring, Camp Eder and Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve join together to offer a wonderful Outdoor Education experience to the students from Waynesboro Elementary Schools. For four weeks in the spring, over 300 fifth graders get the invaluable experience of taking the classroom outside for a time of intense learning and activities.

From early June thru early August, the Camp Eder Summer Camp experience is underway, averaging over 40 campers each week of camp. Camp weeks are generally divided by age group, but many specialty camp experiences are also offered such as; horse camp, hiking camp, wilderness camp, science camp, swim camp, and many more. In addition to these exciting activities, all campers get to experience basic Bible studies, nature classes, cooking over a fire, arts and crafts, hiking, wall climbing, swim time, and plenty of relationship building; forming many friendships which will last a lifetime. During the summer months, Camp Eder also becomes home to a group of Adams County 4H campers and to the annual Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Alliance Conference.

In the winter, Camp Eder continues to be an exciting place with weekend camping programs offered to children of all ages. The twice-a-year women's scrapbooking retreats continue to be popular and exciting for all who attend; for this event, there is a Creative Memories Consultant on hand, with tools and supplies, to offer advice and to share cre-

ative ideas. New retreats are being developed each season to meet the needs of growing families with busy schedules.

Senior Citizen Days are held throughout the year, generally on the last Wednesday of every other month (contact Camp Eder for dates), and often bringing more than 60 individuals for this great time of fellowship and activity, proving that camp is not just for the children among us. The Senior Citizen Days offer a morning program and an afternoon program, one of which is educational in nature, the other is a "hands-on" activity. A light breakfast and a substantial lunch are also served to those who attend these enjoyable events.

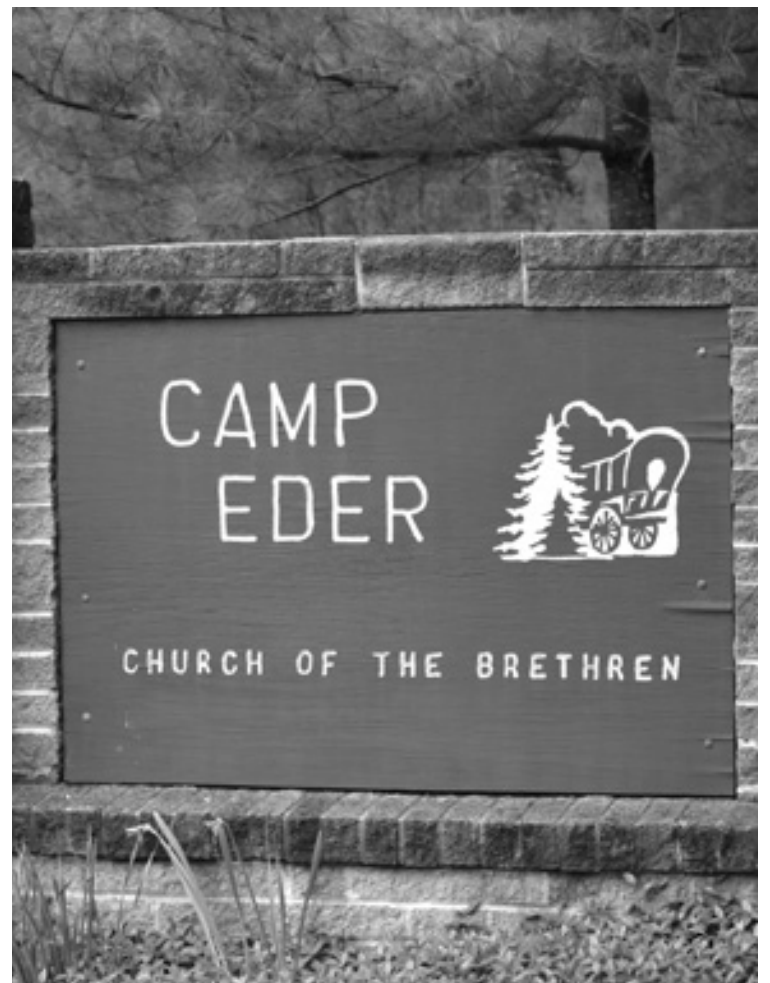
Although Christian based and Church of the Brethren affiliated, Camp Eder programs and events are offered and welcome to all. Lodges and facilities also offer accessibility to individuals with specific needs.

As a not-for-profit organization, Camp Eder relies heavily upon volunteers and donations to manage the high cost of these events and programs. There are a number of fundraising events that hap-

pen throughout the year to help offset these management costs.

Fall Festival is one of the largest and most exciting fundraising events of the year for Camp Eder. This October 20th will be the 34th Annual Fall Festival for the Camp, complete with a live auction, craft vendors, live music, pioneer/heritage demonstrations, children's activities, and the ever-popular pit-roasted pork and turkey meal with fixings. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this exciting community event.

This December, the Camp Eder Staff are excited to invite the community to our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Celebration: in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Come this December 14th, 15th, or 16th to see Christmas lights, enjoy cookies, music, and the candlelight services held each night around the campfire (accessible to everyone). You'll also be able to cast your vote for your favorite Christmas trees, each decorated by different organizations or individuals from within our community. The first Christmas Tree Festival in 2011 brought hundreds of people to see Camp Eder covered in lights and the over 100 Nativi-



ty displays. Without any pressure of fundraising or advertisement, many people were moved by the peaceful atmosphere of this wonderful event.

It's clear that no matter the age, background, ability or interest, Camp Eder has something for everyone. Whether spending a week

in the summer camp program or simply spending an afternoon with friends and family at a wedding in the historical chapel atop the mountain, Camp Eder is sure to make an impact on your life.

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PETS LARGE AND SMALL

“We were supposed to meet, weren't we?”

**Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley
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The bus pulls away from the end of the drive and for a second, she has the insane impulse to snatch her daughter right back off.

Abby's six and so excited about starting kindergarten, but mom is a little more nervous. Her baby's growing up and it shouldn't be as scary as it is. It's natural and what's supposed to happen, but she still finds herself wanting to chase after the bus to keep her daughter from moving further out of her sight.

Taking a deep breath only makes her inhale the distinctive school bus exhaust smell and she tries to tell herself she's being ridiculous, that Abby will be fine, and that her six-year-old is being far more mature than her own mother at the moment, but it doesn't seem to work.

The tiny meow is probably one of the only things that could pull her out of her what-if spiral. And it works. She narrows her eyes, thinking maybe she just imagined it, but the soft sound comes again and she discovers the orange kitten behind one of the garbage cans.

She hesitates. She has no idea how to care for a kitten. Sure, she had animals when she was growing up, but she was only a kid at the time -- the majority of the responsibility for the care fell to her parents. She's got work and Abby and other worries now. She doesn't need a kitten.

It's about the time that she's talked herself out of it that the kitten bravely steps out from behind the metal can and puts a little paw against her pant leg -- so fearless for one so incredibly small -- green eyes imploring, asking. It's absurd to think that the kitten is trying to tell her something, but she gets an odd shiver that suggests otherwise.

She's pretty much doomed.

The kitten goes to the vet a few days later and they discover he's a boy and she and Abby decide to name him Harry after that curly-haired fellow Abby loves from One Direction. Her daughter spends a few days crooning “You Don't Know You're Beautiful” to the cat and it melts her heart. Every. Time.

Harry becomes a staple in their lives.

Abby's first sleepover at her best friend's home is a tough one. The house feels empty without her daughter around. She wonders if Harry knows this -- he sleeps tight against her, all night.

The week at summer camp is a decision she really wrestles with. She wants her daughter to have different experiences, but the thought of letting her sleep outside for a week at a campground fills her with worry. She knows she watches too many crime shows, but you just don't know what could happen in the world today.

Abby, as precocious and curious as ever, doesn't even see an issue and talks non-stop about it for weeks prior to the event.



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It's Harry who meows a hello when she gets back from dropping Abby off at the camp and she strokes his orange head, so glad the house isn't empty.

She never thought helping Abby decide to play the flute in the band would mean she would have the opportunity to go to Florida -- seven states away. She makes Abby promise to text her or call every day and she thinks Harry is almost as excited as she is when the phone rings each night.

Graduation is amazing. She couldn't be more proud of her daughter and the future she has ahead of her. The party is in full swing and she's gotta go to the linen closet to get more paper towels when she sees Harry on her bed. He has an incredibly pleased look on his face. When she whispers, “We did it, Harry. Our girl is ready for the world,” she would swear he practically nods at her.

The dormitory is new construction and full of promise. She considers everything her daughter will become in this space and tries not to let her eyes fill. Abby made her promise not to cry.

If she has trouble seeing the road through her tears on the ride home, she figures it's okay as she swipes at her wet cheek -- Abby doesn't have to know.

She's in Abby's room that night. Most of what makes the room Abby has been stripped and is in a dorm room the next state over. A quiet purring sound is the only warning she gets before Harry is on the bed with her.

She absently strokes his head and realizes that in 18 years, this is the first time she's really had to contemplate letting go, letting Abby make her own way in the world. Her stomach clenches with a variety of emotions and she hopes and prays she did right by her daughter.

Empty nest, indeed. Taking a deep breath, she wipes her eyes and knows she has to figure out what to do for herself now. Harry shoves his head into her hand and she murmurs, “It's just you and me now, kid.”

He purrs and crawls into her lap. As she snuffles into his fur and tries to get through this right of passage, she shivers -- the same feeling she had when she looked at the tiny orange

ball of fluff behind a garbage can all those years ago.

At that moment, Harry glances up from her lap and she knows she's not really alone as long as he's here and she's struck again by the feeling of divinity, of something bigger than she is, of a quiver in the room of something she should know but can't quite grasp.

“We were supposed to meet, weren't we?” she asks aloud to a pair of incredibly knowing green eyes. “You were supposed to be here with me ... through all of this, weren't you?”

His deep purr is the only answer she receives.

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- 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.”

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

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

-- Author Unknown





PETS LARGE AND SMALL

“I hate my horse”

Dr. Kimberly Brokaw
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Most parents have at some point said they hate their children, and at some point in time almost every horse owner finds themselves saying “I hate my horse.” This statement can be uttered for numerous reasons ranging from the unfortunate timing of an injury, which makes a rider miss a competition to the horse kicking the owner.

The first “I hate my horse” story relates to the newspaper editor, Mike (he gave me permission to use his real name). Like usual, I was late in sending him my article for the newspaper. He politely asked me if I needed a topic idea and suggested writing about his horse’s recent lameness. Since the only other topic I was contemplating was about a man who told me that his dog was acting like he did when he had gonorrhea (the dog had bladder stones), I decided to write about horses.

I received a panicked phone call from Mike early last week. He informed me that his horse had a hoof abscess and was supposed to compete in four days. My response of “that is unfortunate timing” was not what he wanted to hear. Mike wanted me to come out and fix the horse now so that he could have him ready to compete by weekend. Unfortunately with a hoof abscess, regardless of how it is treated it still takes time to heal.

After I examined Mike’s horse, I told him that he was right (experienced riders like Mike tend to call vets to confirm what they already know), the lameness was in fact caused by an abscess and that he could soak and poultice the hoof, to try and draw it out but it was unlikely to resolve by the weekend. It needed time to come to a head so it could be paired out and drained. I instructed him to

continue to soak the foot with epsom salts and betadine and then pack it with epsom salt and betadine. The epsom salts acts as drawing agent, drawing out inflammation, while the betadine kills the infection causing the abscess.

While Mike diligently followed my instructions, he was still unhappy with the rate of resolution of the abscess, (another trait of experienced riders), so he tried to dig out the abscess to allow it to drain, which would be the pressure of the abscess which was causing the horse to be lame. When he hit sensitive lamina he was smart enough to stop (yet one more trait of an experienced rider). He called in his farrier to finish digging deeper to open a hole for the abscess to drain fully. While the horse continued to heal, it wasn’t fast enough. Mike ended up scratching from the competitions, which threw his finely planned fall competition season to hell. Two days later the horse was sound and ready to ride.

Throughout the lameness Mike kept repeating the phrase “I hate horses.” Now he really doesn’t hate horses, it’s just a reflection of the fact that no matter how well you plan things, or how good you care for your horse, some things are just outside of your control. It rule number #1 for owning horses – horse will go lame at the worst possible time.

It was only a couple weeks ago that I was hating my horses too. I was treating three horses in my barn for various medical problems. The first horse, while not mine, was in my care to treat his hooves. At the time my horses hurt themselves, the guest horse’s treatment requirements had decreased to twice daily washing of the hooves and then application of topical antibiotics. My first horse, Ace, injured his eye on a Friday evening. He had a large corneal ulcer that was causing pain. While I was unsure

as to how Ace hurt his eye, less than an hour after discovering his eye injury, I watched Billy injure his eye. Billy walked off while I was taking off his saddle and got smacked in the eye with a buckle from his bridle. There was enough force that the buckle created a small ulceration as well as bleeding with fibrin strands in the aqueous chamber. With the second eye injury of the evening, I found myself calling my mother to let her know how much I hated horses (not just my horses but ALL horses).

While irritated by the situation I was grateful that at least they hurt their eyes on the same day so I would only be spending the next three nights with interrupted sleep. It could have been worse. Ace could have hurt his eye Friday, and then Billy could have hurt his on Tuesday with the result being almost a week of little to no sleep. With eye injuries it is best to treat them very aggressively. If treated promptly and frequently, one can expect full resolution with no scarring in just a few days. This meant that I would be treating the eyes every 3-4 hours round the clock for the next three days and nights. I was already feeling a little stressed from treating the guest horse’s hooves multiple times per day and the added bonus of two more patients as well as starting an on call weekend was already wearing me down.

Luckily treatments went smoothly Friday night, Saturday, and most of Sunday. About 9pm on Sunday I received a call from a client that her horse was colicing. She was about 45 minutes away from me. I drove to her farm and luckily it was a simple colic that resolved with an injection of anti-inflammatory and anti-spasmodic and I was rapidly on my way home. I arrived just in time for my horses’ midnight treatment with eye ointment. I wandered out into the field with



“I hate horses” is a frequently used phrase by horse owners. On other days, however, horses are worth their weight in gold.

a halter, bag of horse cookies, and eye ointment. The horses, being food motivated, approached me readily. I treated Billy, then put the halter on Ace.

As I was about to treat Ace, Billy and the guest horse spooked and knocked me to the ground. They stepped on my leg in three different places. As I was lying on my back in the middle of the field, unable to make my leg move, I hated my horses (all except Bart who was in the orchard eating apples, and hence not involved in the trampling). As it was a little after midnight, I didn’t want to make anyone wake up and help me to the house. I had the momentary

thought that a quick nap in the field might give me the energy to stagger back to the house. The nap didn’t happen as Ace came up to me. I was worried I’d get stepped on again so I grabbed onto his halter, pulled myself to my feet, finished treating his eye, and hobbled to the house. Five days later my horses’ eyes were perfect and they were ready to be ridden. However, my leg was still covered in horse hoof shaped bruises and my knee was still swollen. Sometimes, I hate my horses.

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THE MASTER GARDENER

Don't judge your fall garden by its litter

Martie Young, Penn State Master Gardener of Adams County

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As I was snipping and cutting and raking and loading all the dried and dead flower stems in my garden, I was also thinking of what may be beneficial to leave in the fall garden. And more important—what “should” be left in the fall garden to winter over.

The kind of garden you are growing will determine how much “cleaning” you need to do at the end of the season. How concerned you and your neighbors are about yard neatness may also be a factor. If you grow annuals, tropicals, vegetables, wildflowers, have a woods or a plain lawn, your style will set your work schedule.

Do you know that many perennial and shrub stems are hollow? These hollow stems provide homes for solitary bees and other insects to find in very early spring. They find their way into the hollow stems (or under some loose tree bark) and lay their eggs. Soon, as the weather begins to warm up, they will hatch and come out of those stems and begin to pollinate the early spring flowers. Honey bees and bumble bees are generally later than solitary bees (mason bees, orchard bees, and leaf-cutting bees) to begin pollinating the flowers, especially early blooming fruit trees and brambles.

Some of the perennials and shrubs with hollow stems include coneflowers, agastache, helianthus, helianthemum, sedum, and monarda. Some salvias, the ones with hollow stems, will survive winter bet-



Clean up your vegetable garden to discourage bad, overwintering insects.

ter if they aren't cut back till spring. The reason to not cut your perennials to the ground is protection from the cold. If there are stems sticking up in your garden, preferably with seed heads still attached, these stems will trap blowing leaves that blanket your garden with warmth. The seed heads provide the added benefit of food for birds if snow is deep enough to hide the soil. And what could be prettier than viewing a sedum or rudbeckia (black-eyed Susan) with a little crown of snow on top of it right after one of those windless snowfalls?

To me it is inconceivable that ornamental grasses are cut back in the fall—sometimes before the seed heads or plumes even form. Ornamental grasses such as Feather reed grass (*Calamagrostis* ‘Karl Foerster’), Northern sea oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*), Blue oat grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*), and others provide fall and winter color and have the added benefit of providing material for birds building their nests in the spring. Sometimes the leaves have red or blue color that shows up well in your snow-covered landscape. Just the contrast of the wheat colored leaves and plumes can provide a welcome sight after a snow storm.

Fall is also that busy time of raking and blowing all the leaves from the trees into piles for the municipi-

pal leaf sucker to get them. If you have gardens or a compost pile, this is where they should go. You can rake smaller leaves onto your perennial beds as a protective covering for your plants. The idea here is to keep the soil at a consistent temperature throughout the winter instead of having a bare garden bed that alternately thaws and freezes. The leaves form that insulating blanket. Of course some leaves are better than others—the Norway maple, sycamore, redbud and some oaks have large flat leaves that form a mat that will smother small, delicate plants. These should be shredded or mowed over with your lawnmower before being used as mulch or a protective blanket.

If it's possible, leave some perennials standing. It's fun to watch

finches on coneflowers (*Echinacea* sp.) picking out the seeds. Sunflowers, liatris and other flowers that go to seed will provide food for wildlife. Watching birds can give you hours of enjoyment in the winter garden. Leaving flowers and stalks through the winter will also provide homes for overwintering insects. Gardeners familiar with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices will welcome insects as pollinators and as food for birds and each other.

An environmentally friendly garden will always have lots of bugs in it. By leaving seed heads and some winter protection for birds and insects in your garden, you'll have lots of wildlife to enjoy this fall and winter. Milkweed pods provide seeds for food and flycatchers, vireos, wrens, some warblers, sparrows, orioles and finches will use the floss for nesting. You'll have more insects in the spring, too.

On the other end of the spectrum, here are some reasons to clear your garden of plant debris: some plants reseed so prolifically that they are more like weeds. The Northern sea oats fits that category. Your compromise may be to cut off some of the seed heads or to wait until they begin to drop and then clear out those seeds; you still don't have to cut the plant to the ground—the seedless stems still serve to protect the roots and the plant from exposure to cold.

When you simply must cut down perennial stalks, chop them into six-inch lengths (or so) and pile them in the garden as mulch with fall leaves. Stick piles give cover for wildlife, including overwintering butterflies like the Mourning cloak. The leaves and plant material you leave on the ground will mulch the garden and can be turned in to the soil in spring, adding important organic material.

Many vegetable garden plants should be cleared so they don't harbor harmful insects. And your vegetable plants should not be put in your compost if you suspect disease. Tomato plants are particularly harmful in your compost; the same with vine crops such as cucumber, squash, and melons. The insect or disease may have lived in the plant during the summer and laid eggs that will hatch next spring. The cole crops may be harboring aphids or the ubiquitous white cabbage moth that turns into the green worm that may greet you as you cook your broccoli.

You may have to add this vegetable garden chore to your fall duties, but remember, all the work of bagging leaves or raking them to the street to be carried away can now be eliminated!

Tropicals take a lot of care in this non-tropical area. I used to spend my October digging up, drying out and preparing to store cannas, glads, and dahlias. Plants that naturally grow here (and many are beautiful additions to your yard) will not

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THE MASTER GARDENER

The Small Town Gardener Take a walk with me

Marianne Wilburn

It is true, as the late Christopher Lloyd once said, that there shouldn't be too many vested interests in a garden. Invariably, tastes cross, words are exchanged and dirt is thrown. I have rarely seen a couple equally driving the feel and scope of a garden – one gardener always has his or her hands firmly on the steering wheel.

Of course this doesn't stop me having fabulous visions of my husband and I working side by side, smiles on our weary faces as we build a wall together, or dig in a new bed as the sun goes down behind the deck. Alas, such visions will remain pure fantasy. He is far too apt to categorize such nonsense as 'work', where I consider the same tasks firmly within the realms of 'pleasure'.

It is far more usual to find me covered in smiles and soil and sweat and up to my hocks shoveling compost, while my husband smiles at the scene in front of him from a comfortable (and cleaner) distance; that is until the piano gives him the 'come hither' and he heads inside for hours of Rachmaninoff on steroids.

Yet, once every couple of weeks I see him lingering just a little longer on the porch. I recognize the signs of contentment instinctively. He is not complaining about the mosquitoes, having sprayed his extremities in a moment of rare preparation. He has commented on the beauty of the evening and the way the light is playing hide & seek in the front border. Perhaps he has even poured himself a drink. He is ready to take a tour with his resident gardener and waits only for the invitation.

I rarely need to be asked. Soon we are walking with slow footsteps down the gravel walk. I am pointing out plants I have just moved, plants soon to bloom, or those for which I have high hopes in the spring. He is nodding patiently and asking just enough in the way of questions to let me know that he is interested and not just on his way to the mailbox. We tread paths that we have tread for years, and I answer the same questions I answered four weeks before, yet there is nothing tired about the exercise – we are merely continuing a tradition we started a million years ago when

mortgages and college savings plans seemed a lifetime away.

My husband and I didn't meet whilst exchanging rose cuttings at a plant swap for twenty-something plant geeks. Far from it. He was in the desert, I was in college, letters were exchanged and Saddam Hussein was involved, however indirectly. However, the days of our early marriage were often spent traipsing around various public and private gardens, lying in the sun on great swathes of lawn, and having a sandwich in garden tea-rooms when we were feeling profligate and peckish.

Gardens – whether ours, or somebody else's – have always been a part of our marriage, and though it amuses (and sometimes annoys) me that he is oblivious to the actual daily work involved in creating and maintaining our own, I am tremendously thankful that he does appreciate the result in all its unfolding beauty, and further enjoys a few quiet moments together walking through our little kingdom.

These walks are gratifying not least because there simply wasn't a garden here when we moved in nine years ago. Those of you with larger gardens may be tempted to ask, "How much wandering can one do on a 6000 square foot lot anyway?" But with a little planting ingenuity and a bit of gravel, you'd be surprised how many rooms can be made, how many surprises can lurk, and how much joy can be gained from exploring those nooks and crannies with another human being.

Our wandering always ends the same way. He looks wistful for a moment and talks about our next garden; how given more land, more sun, less in the way of Black Walnuts and more in the way of ready cash, he fully expects something along the lines of Kew or Longwood to emerge magically from the soil. I smile equally wistfully and imagine something slightly smaller but just as magical; equipped with henhouse and a large koi pond filled with various forms of lilies – not to mention a greenhouse equipped with a full time undergardener with workaholic tendencies.

Perhaps these dreams will be fulfilled, perhaps not. In any case, and with the blessing of more time upon this Earth, we will no doubt be walking together through whatever greenery surrounds us well into our golden years. There might be canes involved, and the evening's tittle may have evolved into Ensure on the rocks with a twist of lime, but the wander will always be sweetly familiar – no matter the venue.



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CIVIL WAR HISTORY

The Chambersburg Raid of 1862

John Miller
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After the 1862 Maryland Campaign in September, many communities became one vast hospital and were in the process of recouping their losses. The Union army, still sitting idle from the bloody Battle of Antietam, was deployed throughout the areas of Pleasant Valley and Cumberland Valley. In early October, General Robert E. Lee ordered General JEB Stuart and portions of his cavalry to gather information about General George McClellan's army and harass his supply lines. This raid would be the first major Confederate movement north of the Mason Dixon Line.

On October 9th, 1862, General JEB Stuart and roughly 1,800 cavalymen, along with four pieces of artillery began moving toward the Potomac River. The next morning, the Confederate cavalry force forded the Potomac River into Maryland at McCoy's Ford between Williamsport and Hancock. By noon, the Confederate cavalry had entered Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. From there, Stuart turned toward Chambersburg, where he arrived after dark.

Upon enter Chambersburg,

Stuart sent in a flag of truce to receive the town's surrender. General Wade Hampton was given the opportunity to enter the city and no resistance was made. Most of the prominent citizens had already fled the city. The next morning, October 11th, Stuart managed to get some much needed supplies for his troops such as small arms, ammunition, and clothing. Stuart wanted to leave Chambersburg, and head toward Leesburg. Being assured that Cox's Kanawha Division who was approaching Cumberland, Maryland would turn around and head toward Chambersburg, he thought it best to move toward South Mountain. General JEB Stuart left Chambersburg and rode toward Cashtown, where he learned that a Federal cavalry force was closing in.

To Stuart's east and south, Colonel Richard Rush and his 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry were patrolling. Further to the south near Frederick, portions of Cole's Cavalry were ordered to be on stand by. Several members of Cole's Cavalry were from Frederick County. Union General Alfred Pleasonton and portions of his cavalry division, acting on intelligence, began pursuing Stuart's cavalry from Knoxville, Maryland.



Since Stuart was in Pennsylvania, messages about a Rebel cavalry force had been sent over the wires. The communities that stood in the wake of the Battle of Antietam were now in a state of concern. An observation post was ordered to be established upon South Mountain at Washington Monument to see if Stuart would back track through the Cumberland Valley.

Upon reaching Cashtown, Stuart took the direct road leading to Fairfield where he took several stores of supplies, including several prisoners. From Fairfield, Stuart's cavalymen began heading toward the Mason Dixon Line. As Stuart was closing in on Maryland, 140 troopers of Rush's cavalry had already been to Emmitsburg and were headed toward Gettysburg. Just as the advance of Stuart's cavalry entered Emmitsburg, they charged the through the town chasing after the stragglers of Rush's command. At just about sunset, Stuart and his cavalymen entered and occupied Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The town of Emmitsburg hailed the Confederate troopers as the townsmen opened their arms to the Confederate cavalry. Many people of Emmitsburg applauded very loudly as the Confederate cavalry entered the town. Orders came from General Stuart to rest, feed and water the horses. As Stuart's men began to mingle with Emmitsburg residents, they received fresh bread, buttermilk, and meat, and the town itself was being very supportive to those dressed in gray. Emmitsburg, at the time, had never really seen a Confederate soldier and the town was curious to hear the tales they had to tell. The men in the Confederate cavalry were noted as being polite to the residents of Emmitsburg. Major Henry B. McClellan observed General Stuart enjoying the hospitality of the local citizens of Emmitsburg, while he attended to his horse and stood up against a tree for about a half an hour before moving out.

Confederate Lieutenant Colonel W.W. Blackford, who was a captain during the 1862 Cham-

bersburg Raid, noted they reached Emmitsburg at about sundown. General Stuart ordered pickets to guard the road leading out of Emmitsburg and capture anyone who attempted to leave. Blackford later wrote: "Just as the advanced guard entered the street, a young lady rode out of a yard of a house before us, and seeing, to her dismay, a body of soldiers, which she took for Federals of course, she dashed off out of town towards her home some miles in the country."

"Our men called upon her to halt, but this only made her whip up her horse the more, and being reluctant to use their firearms, the only thing to do was for two of the best mounted to overtake and capture her. It was an exciting race for a mile and the poor young lady was, as she told us, scared almost to death, but finding she could not escape she pulled up and surrendered in great terror. But when she and her captors appeared leisurely riding back they were in high good humor, laughing and talking over the adventure."

"The young lady returned to the house she had been visiting and was requested to remain there until we had been gone an hour. Though only a mile or two from the Pennsylvania state line, the people here seemed to be intensely southern in their sympathies and omitted no opportunity of showing us attention during the short half hour we passed among them."

Friendly citizens also greeted members of General Stuart's Horse Artillery, as they paused long enough to feed and water their horses. Private Henry Matthews remembered the women of Emmitsburg: "Basket after basket of provisions was passed around." He continued: "The old battle scarred boys of the battery, with their farmers' hats were indeed an object of curiosity to those sweet and dear ladies. Several boys could not resist the tender smiles of the fairer sex; I was one of the first victims, so we gave them our straw hats as souvenirs. I doubt not that some of those hats are still treasured by some of the ladies in that locality yet."

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VETERAN'S PROFILE

Lance Corporal Phillip Mort, USMC

Vietnam — take two

Michael Hillman
Emmitsburg Historical Society

"I don't understand the fascination with war video games. Video games are not the real thing. Kids think that once you get shot, all you have to do is hit a button and you go on. In real war, when you get shot, you go down and it hurts... and you may never get up again. War is not fun, war is pure hell... a terrible thing."

—Phil Mort

For many, a tour of duty in Vietnam was a life changing event. Unlike every war America had fought before, Vietnam had no formal lines of combat. U.S. troops would fight valiantly to free a village or hill from the control of the Viet Cong, only to be ordered to withdraw the next day by arm chair generals fighting the war from the safety of plush offices in Saigon or the Pentagon, ceding the village once again back to the enemy— then ordering the troops to retake the village or hill again the following week. For many soldiers, it was a senseless waste of life.

Unwelcomed upon their return, many soldiers felt bitter about the blame placed upon them for the perceived state of affairs in Vietnam. They were also met with the pressures of a growing anti-war movement that demonized those who had answered their country's call to duty while at the same time glorifying those who had fled the country to avoid the draft.

It was not a happy time for Vietnam vets, and Phillip Mort was no exception.

With six months left in his hitch, Phil's temporary return to his old stomping grounds in Emmitsburg was more of a nightmare than a reprieve from military life. When his 30 days of leave were up, Phil returned to Camp Lejeune.

It would actually be more accurate to say that he escaped to Camp Lejeune. Things had not gone well for Phil during those 30 days. With his marriage clearly over, Phil found that he had nothing to lose, an attitude that landed him in the Philadelphia Naval Hospital following a major car wreck in Fairfield.

Unable to stand the tedium at the hospital, Phil walked out with no permission from doctors or superiors— Phil had gone AWOL. The next day, he called his sergeant and told him what he had done. The Sergeant, understanding his plight, told him to report to the base. Nothing more was ever said of the accident or his escape from

Once back at Camp Lejeune, Phil struggled to regain some semblance of normalcy. But, like at the hospital, the ho-ho nature

of daily life at Camp Lejeune ate away at him. Mowing lawns and performing KP duty, while clearly less hazardous than his assignments in Vietnam, left Phil feeling empty.

When he asked for a more useful assignment, he was offered an LST sailing in the Mediterranean. While some might have jumped at the chance for a free Mediterranean cruise, Phil saw the assignment as just another way to waste his life. So, he asked for what many would consider the unthinkable— a return to Vietnam to finish out his tour with the buddies he had left behind.

Phil's sergeant agreed, but as tours in Vietnam had to be a year long, Phil had to agree to a six-month extension of his original enlistment. He agreed.

Shortly afterward, Phil found himself once again on a plane headed to Vietnam. While many on the plane spent the trip worrying about what was to come next, for Phil, the ride was spent planning reunions with old friends.

Unfortunately for Phil, in a classic military screw-up that soldiers referred to using the acronym "SN-FUBAR," he discovered that his unit had been rotated out of Vietnam. So, the commitment he had been given to resume service with his buddies could not be honored. Although he had previous training as a machine gunner, Phil was instead assigned to serve as a door gunner in a Huey helicopter unit at the Phu Bai Marine Air Base.

"Bird 20 was my helicopter. It had 2 pilots and two gunners. Every day we flew out into the surrounding country to support troops on patrol and convoys making supply runs. If a patrol got into trouble, we would be called in to 'rake' the area with bullets where the enemy was firing from.

"As the helicopter would come into range of ground fire, the Viet Cong would shift their fire from the troops on the ground to the helicopter. That was expected as



A UH-1 helicopter, also known as a Huey, carrying troops "in-country." It was on a bird like one this that Phil Mort served during his second tour in Vietnam.

a single helicopter had more firepower than an entire squad of troops.

"As you came in, you could see the bullets coming towards you. A machine gun round looks like a beer can coming at you. Not the bullets themselves, but the bright light surrounding the tracers. Tracers are bullets that are built with a small pyrotechnic charge in their base. Ignited by the burning powder, the pyrotechnic composition burns very brightly, making the path of the bullet visible to the naked eye. This enables the shooter to follow the bullet trajectory in order to make aiming correction.

"But as a military adage puts it, 'tracers work both ways.' All I had to do was point my gun in the opposite direction - let me tell you, a 50 caliber machine gun can put a heck of a lot more bullets in a shorter time and over a wider area than an AK-47. Once the VC knew they were being zeroed in on, they would stop shooting.

"The 'skin' of the helicopter offered no protection from incoming rounds. The bottom line was, if a bullet was going to hit you, it was going to hit you. Fortunately, it was the helicopter, not me, that was hit. One day we got hit so bad

that the helicopter was put out of action and I was transferred to another helicopter, and the war went on.

"Life as a gunner on a helicopter was a lot different than my prior job as a truck driver. Every night I got to sleep in the same rack. When not in the air, I could head over to the enlisted club on the base and drink beers - we called it 'swinging with the wing.' But I still had to do my fair share of KP and guard duty.

"One night, while performing barracks patrol, I came across a Sergeant who was trying to kill himself. He had received a 'Dear John' letter from his wife. He was only 18. He couldn't take it anymore. I sat and talked to him, and eventually I was able to take the rifle from him and get him help. But it left me wondering if people back at home truly knew what we were going through.

"Every day we faced death. The only thing that kept most of us going was knowing that we had peo-

ple at home that loved us— getting a "Dear John" letter destroyed that illusion and left little to live for.

"I often wonder what happened to that Sergeant. Thankfully, while his loved one proved unfaithful, his Marine family did not let him down. The medics jumped in to help him, and when I left, I knew he was in good hands.

"My second tour ended in 1969 - I was still only 20 years old. This time, when I returned to Emmitsburg, there was no thought of returning to Vietnam. I had done my duty and it was time to get on with my civil life, and I did—for a while, at least.

"No matter what job I took, none seemed as fulfilling as serving my country. And when my country called again to help free to people from Kuwait, I once again answered it. But I'll save that story for later..."

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Interview with Mrs. Esther Barry
Continued from last month

I can remember my childhood days so much better than I can my later life. My memory is very poor for recent events, but the further I go back into the past, the clearer it becomes. Yes, I remember Mother Seton perfectly. When I was about six years old my father carried me to Mother Seton to see about my going to school at the convent. She took me on her lap and said, 'Why, she is too little to go school. Keep her at home for a while.' So my father took me to Emmitsburg to stay with a relative, but later I went to the convent as a day scholar.

Everybody loved Mother Seton. I can see her now- her pretty black eyes and the elevated expression of her face. She wore the black habit and the black cap when I first saw her, but later she put on the white coronet when she joined the Sisters of Mercy. The poor people loved Mother Seton but most of all the children loved her. We were always happy when she came into the schoolroom to talk to us. Yes, Mother Seton was a saint and she worked the greatest of all miracles: the living of a saintly life.

After I had been at the convent a few months, my parents died

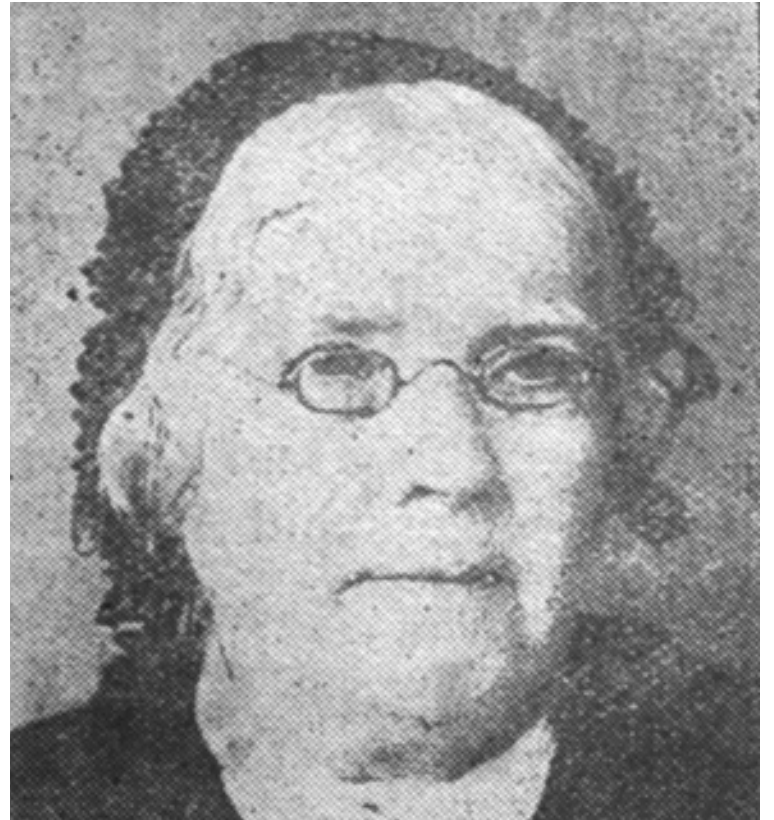
within two hours of each other. I was only nine years old then but I well remember how when my mother was dying, she wanted my father brought in to say goodbye to him. He was very ill but they carried him from his room to her bedside in a chair. When they got him there he fainted and had to be taken back to his bed. Then she died. They tried to keep it from him but he saw them carry her out. He clasped his hands and said 'She's gone, she's gone!' Then he mourned and mourned for two hours until he died. They were buried in one grave in St. Joseph's churchyard. Later, when the church was rebuilt, it was extended out over our burial lot and five of my family lie under the sacristy: Father, Mother, Uncle John, Uncle Martin and Uncle Patrick. I had a tablet placed at the right of the sacristy door to show where they are buried.

Before I went to the convent I attended a country school taught by a Mr. Donnelly. One of my father's apprentices would take my brother and me on horseback when the weather was bad, one in front and one behind him. Did we play games at school? Yes, indeed. Puss-in-the-corner, hide and seek, and others I don't remember. The girls played with dolls but we made them ourselves out of rags

and put on the features with ink. I believe we enjoyed them more than the girls nowadays do their French dolls. We made them clothes and nursed them mother-fashion. We made socks for them but they had to go without shoes. No, we didn't play at giving them a bath when we put them to bed.

I grew up to young womanhood in the care of my Aunt Dougherty and when I was sixteen years old, I went to Baltimore to earn my living as a seamstress. We traveled by stage. There was a good pike but the journey took all day. We went through Taneytown, Westminster, Reisterstown and Pikesville. We had dinner and changed horses at Westminster. Our trunks were carried on the roof. The coach held six people and was drawn, I think, by two horses. I earned one dollar a week as a seamstress in Baltimore and saved money. After spending a few years there I went to Philadelphia to sew.

When I was twenty-seven I married. My husband was John Barry, a widower. He had thirteen children by his first wife. When the time came for him to marry again, his relations proposed the names of several young ladies of his acquaintance but none of them suited him. At last my name was mentioned and he said, 'She's the one for me!' So he came to Philadelphia and proposed to me. I told him it was so sudden I would like to have a month to think it over. At the end of the



Mrs. Esther Barry

month I accepted him and we were married at St. Vincent's in Baltimore by Father Hickey. My husband died twenty-five years ago and I have been lonely ever since. We had but the one child. He has been a good and faithful son to me. He has been consecrated to the service of God for thirty years. You know of him as Father Barry.

Several of my family has been dedicated to the Church. A granduncle, Father Ryan, founded St. Joseph's Church. One of my father's brothers, Nicholas Kearney, was the first pastor of St. Patrick's in Baltimore. Another brother, Martin Kearney died before he was ordained; he lies in St. Patrick's at the foot of the altar. One of my own brothers, also named Martin Kearney, studied for the priesthood but his spiritual director advised him to go into the world for a year before taking orders so that he might be sure he was making no mistake about his calling. Before the year was out he fell in love and married. He wrote many books, amongst them

a compendium of church history, which was widely used and translated into foreign languages. He taught school in Baltimore until his death."

"Mrs. Barry," said the reporter, "I suppose you do not remember anything about your father's woolen mill and how it was operated."

"Yes I do," she said. "I remember every step in the manufacture of broadcloth. The wagons would go about the country gathering up the wool from the farmers. It was taken to the second story of the mill and opened and put through a picking machine to pull the wool apart. Then the boys would pick it over and get out the burrs and briars. Then it was run through the scouring machine and laid out on the grass to dry. It was next carded to make it soft and then put through the rolling machine. When it came out of this machine, it was in rolls about the size of my thumb.

The boys then took these rolls and fed them into a billy or slubbing machine, which drew out the rolls and twisted them tight. Then the rolls went into the jenny, which spun them into fine yarn. The yarn was warped and put on the loom and woven into cloth. The cloth was scoured then dyed, sheared and pressed. This last operation was a very important one and my father always attended to it himself. Between the layers of cloth were placed pieces of pasteboard and sheets of iron- the pasteboard next to the cloth and the iron sheets on the pasteboard. The whole was then put into the press. Father had one loom for weaving broadcloth and three or four for other kinds of cloth. He made cassinette, which was a kind of cloth with a twilled surface; it was used for making men's clothes. He wove blankets, too. The mill, of course, was operated by water power."

"Mrs. Barry," said the reporter, "I must thank you on behalf of the Chronicle and its readers for this very interesting interview and wish you a very happy New Year from us all." "Thank you, my

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Dr. Jamison was one of three doctors who practiced in Emmitsburg during the turn of the last century.

Churches & Ministers

"Of churches we had Elias Church (where both Lutherans and German Reformed worshiped), St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, and the Methodist Church, which was located on a back alley, not far from where the present structure stands. The Presbyterian Church was one mile out of town, a few rods from the Gettysburg road. My father removed it to its present location in 1839. I assisted in tearing it down, and hauled all the bricks to town with one horse and a small wagon. I was then thirteen years of age.

The clergymen I remember of the Lutheran Church where Mr. Finckle, Dr. Keller, and Mr. Sentman. I remember only one priest at St. Joseph's Church: Father Hickey. The first reformed minister was Mr. Bassler, who was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Heiner, Rev. Mr. Fisher, Rev. Mr. Freeze, Rev. Mr. Phillips (who subsequently entered the Catholic Church,) and Rev. Mr. Aughinbaugh. During all my time, Mr. Grier was pastor of the Presbyterian Church."

Merchants

"The merchants I remember were Isaac and Joseph Baugher, then Isaac Baugher, then Baugher, Moritz & Rea, again Isaac Baugher, and then J. W. Baugher. Lewis Motter had a store in the West end of the old Motter homestead; he was succeeded by Joshua Motter, who afterward removed it to the store previously occupied by Joseph Danner. Grover's store was in the room now occupied by I. S. Annan. He was succeeded by Grover & Pittinger, then Landes & Abrams. Joseph Danner occupied the store mentioned above until his death. Michael Wise kept store in the building at the foot of the old alley leading to the Lutheran Church until his death. J. M. Kerrigan afterwards occupied this store.

Hotels were kept by Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Black, and Johnzee Hooker. Mrs. Agnew was a born landlady, a regular major domo! During the summer, her house was filled to overflowing so that she had to find sleeping accommodations for her guests outside of the hotel. Her husband was living, but I never saw him do anything but read and play checkers! Thomas Welch kept the bar and attended to the routine duties of the office. Unfortunately, he was too fond of the bottle and indulged in it

to such an extent that he would sometimes see visions and dream dreams, but 'De Mortuis nil nisi bonum.'

Mrs. Black's house was intended more for the accommodation of teamsters. They carried their bedding in their wagons, and at night they would spread it upon the barroom floor and sleep there. Hooker's was more on the saloon order, as was also the place kept by William Otter, commonly called 'Big Bill the Plasterer' to distinguish him from his son, William, and another William yelped, 'Fish Bill.' Otter's saloon was located near Eyster's jewelry store. It was while there that from his dictation, Mr. S. Baumgardner wrote his life."

School teachers

"For school teachers we had R. Crooks, L. F. Coppersmith, O. D. McClean, D. Eyster, William Gerhardt (now Rev. Dr.), J. Knauff, I. E. Pearson, Mr. Donnelly, Mrs. Reid, Miss Troxell and Miss Jane Maloney. The best teachers we ever had were McClean and Gerhardt; under the last my school life closed.

McClean revolutionized teaching with us. His school was limited to 26 pupils so that each one could receive proper attention. He first inaugurated the roll call at the opening of every session. His teaching was so interesting that many a time when he had a class at the blackboard, I ceased my studies to listen to the recitation of classes below me and hear them give the rationale for their work, especial-

ly in Arithmetic. He would sometimes give the class a series of figures to write upon the board, which they were unable to do, and in which we older ones failed. The reason we failed was because we had not been properly taught numeration. We had not been taught correct pronunciation of words, nor was sufficient care taken with our grammar in the agreement of nominatives with their verbs, the proper case after prepositions, etc., all of which I had to learn since and have not finished yet! Syntax is a long study, and how few educated people are perfect in it. We did very well in orthography- much better than the children of the present day.

But I see there is a growing tendency to pay more attention to this branch. Mr. Crooks had very little system about his teaching. I would sit at my desk, and when I had solved an example, I would call out, 'Mr. Crooks I've got the answer.' He would reply, 'Very well, go on to the next.' He taught the classics very well. It was a treat to listen to that fine scholar, Joseph Adlesberger, read his translations of Caesar's 'Commentaries on the Gallic War.'

Nearly all my education was received in the little old brick schoolhouse, which alas is now no more! I wish that old building had been spared. It stood on the ground now occupied by the Lutheran cemetery.

Part 8 next month

dear," said she, taking the reporter by the hand as he rose to go, "the same to you. And may I ask whether you are a member of our Church? No? Ah, well, we are all striving to the same end and we all hope to get to the same place. Goodbye, my dear, come and see me again."

Interview with Dr. Levi Sheets Early Physicians

"My recollections date from 1833 to 1849, when I left the old town to seek my fortune in the West. I was imbued with the spirit of the dictum of Horace Greeley, who had said years previously, 'Go West, young man!' I went, but I was disappointed. I found that the West was more largely supplied than the East with men in the vocation I had chosen, but I remained to take my chances with the rest.

Emmitsburg has not enlarged its borders, nor increased its population since I first knew it. At that early date, the last two houses on East Main street were Sponseller's on one side and old Tone's (as we used to call him) on the other; the last two houses at the West end were Dr. Annan's and Henry Rickenbaugh's. Gettysburg Street had very few houses and Green Street had still less.

The physicians I first remember were Dr. Shields, (who was succeeded by my late lamented preceptor, Dr. J. W. Eichelberger), Dr. Taney, Dr. Annan, Dr. Patterson, and Dr. Shorb, near Mt. St. Mary's College. I have a dim recollection of a Dr. McNeal, who lived about where Eugene L. Rowe's house now stands.

The first druggist I have a faint recollection of was a Mr. Boyle, whose name does not appear in Mr. Helman's book. His store was on the Square, opposite the Spangler Hotel. When he retired I do not know. The next druggist was William McBride, whose store was in a small building adjoining Dr. Patterson's residence.

We had no resident dentist. Visits to the town were made by dentists living at a distance. Teeth were extracted by all the doctors and others. I remember seeing Mr. Armstrong, the gunsmith, extract a tooth from a man who was seated on a chair in the open air in front of his shop!

There was only one lawyer, I. E. Pearson. He had previously been a schoolteacher and I think also a harness maker. I once went into the shop, afterwards occupied by McBride's drug store, for a piece of leather, which Mr. Pearson cut for me."

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The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 was the most significant event of my military career. I was a staff officer at the Atlantic Command (CINCLANT-CINCLANTFLT) in Norfolk, Va. at the time. I was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet's "Intelligence Interpretive Unit". A group of Navy and Marine Corps officer analysts "behind the green door". I had just come from three years as the Operations Officer at a Black Sea warning site. When I first arrived in Norfolk in February 1962, I remember thinking all the concern for the Soviets in Cuba was kind of a joke. A side show. The real Cold War was "over there" - in Europe and along the periphery of the Soviet Union. All this attention to a fledgling Communist nation in a banana republic was a joke. Now, fifty years later we all know ... This was no joke.

In October 1962 I thought we knew everything there was to know about the Soviets in Cuba. That was our job. We now know that the Soviets did a great job of sneaking a large number of long range, nuclear missiles into Cuba during the summer of 1962. I have also learned that history is a fickle, tricky business. Leo Tolstoy had a theory of military history that said "History is written by the winners." Probably true... at least in the short term. But in the longer term I am learning that history evolves and that you probably never are completely sure you have it all. My military superiors had a saying back then "You make a decision on the facts that you have. A perfect decision that is made too late is a bad decision". Chrysler Corp. chairman Lee Iacocca may have said it better when he noted "Even a correct decision is wrong when it was taken too late". That is "You play the hand you're dealt." On balance, I think history shows ... that we did pretty good.

All the same, there probably will always be important events that historians do not know about. For reasons such as oversight, intentional cover-up or official secrecy. Events that you might learn about years, or even decades after the fact - that can alter the official history written by the "winners". I live in a town that is known for the most crucial battle of the American Civil War. 150 years after the Battle of Gettysburg we are still discovering things that were potential "game changers".

I believe two such events happened before my very eyes during the Cuban Missile crisis and I will try to describe them in this article.

I call them my Cuban Crisis "lost and found" events "Execute Scabbards '63" was my "lost" event and "Captain Arkhipov Prevents WWII" was a "found" event. Both events occurred in the chaos of "Black Saturday" (Saturday, 27 October, 1962). Black Saturday was a term coined by the Kennedy White House staff to describe THE day during the Cuban Crisis that was filled with the greatest danger and chaos. And they didn't know the whole story back then!

Black Saturday was the day when the Soviets shot down a U2 over Cuba; President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev exchanged grim, "back channel" messages trying to prevent World War III and there was a serious confrontation at sea between Soviet submarines and the U.S. Navy's quarantine forces. A day when my own CINCLANT reported to his superiors in Washington "... four positive conventionally powered long range submarines (3 Foxtrot and one Zulu) in Western Atlantic." No contact evidence indicates the presence of nuclear powered or missile-configured submarines. (Summary of Soviet Submarine Activity in Western Atlantic to 271700Z.)

A "Lost" Event — "Execute Scabbards '63"

I am beginning to wonder if I am

the only one (on record at least) who remembers this event? I was the lone Duty Officer in the Intelligence Interpretive Unit on Black Saturday- 27 October, 1962. "It" happened early in the morning of - around 0200 as I recall. An accidental order was sent out by my watch superior, the CINCLANT Command Duty Officer (CDO) to launch air strikes against Cuba. It was an accident. A total screw up. The mistake had something to do with a "pre signed" message on a clipboard getting mixed up with bona fide, outgoing messages. However it happened ... believe me ... it happened! That awful morning I was stunned to read an unclassified, highest precedence ("Flash") message that simply said "Execute Scabbards '63". I was working in a world of highly classified messages covered with code words and Top Secret stamps. Colored message forms. Bold, colored markings everywhere. And here was a plain black on white, one page, unclassified message demanding my attention. It was addressed to all of our subordinate Army, Navy and Air Force commands. The Flash precedence signaled "URGENT! This is IMPORTANT ... LOOK AT ME!". I knew that "Scabbards '63" was a CINCLANT code word for joint Navy and Air Force air strikes against Cuba. We also called it CINCLANT OPLAN 312 and had worked very hard to develop it during the summer of '62. The "Scabbards '63" message release was a total "screw up" by our Command Duty Officer and was cancelled within 30 minutes of transmission. In the early 70s I worked with a Navy pilot in the Pentagon who remembered the incident. He was on "Ready Alert" on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier in the Caribbean. He also recalled the order being cancelled shortly after it was received. I wanted to make a copy of the message, but this was in the days before Xerox machines. The message was physically taken from me by the CINCLANT Communications Duty Officer who worked next door. The CINCLANT Command Duty Officer responsible for releas-



The Soviet Foxtrot Submarine B59, shown here on surface, almost caused WWII on the night of October 27, 1962.

ing the message was relieved of duty immediately and sent back to his parent command the next morning. It is an event that was "lost" to history. Besides, we had enough going on that historic day. "Who needed this 'non event' in the command history files. Not something to be proud of."

A "Found" Event — Captain Arkhipov Prevents World War III

My second example of a "Lost and Found" event also occurred on Black Saturday. In the early evening when we thought things were calming down. We never heard about what I now call the "Captain Arkhipov" event until 2002. Forty years after the fact. And we learned about it from the "losers" - the Russians. So much for Tolstoy's theory of military history. It is especially ironic that we learned about it from the Russians. In a book that would probably never have been published in Soviet days. But this was a new day and a new generation of Russian journalism. The book was entitled "Kubinskaya Samba Kwarteta Fokstrotov" (the Cuban Samba of the Foxtrot Quartette) by Russian journalist Aleksandr Mozgovoi. It was published in Russian only. Any official, Soviet record of this incident remains classified. "Putinized" so to speak.

The Mozgovoi book introduced us to Captain Vitaliy Arkhipov - Chief of Staff of a group of

submarines known as 69th Torpedo Submarine Brigade. A group of four Foxtrot Class diesel electric submarines that had deployed secretly from the Murmansk area on 1 October. The Foxtrots were designated B36, B59, B75 and B130. Captain Arkhipov was aboard the B59 where he was equal in rank to the commanding officer, but technically "second in command" (i.e. the Executive Officer in U.S. Navy parlance). Arkhipov also was the Chief of Staff of the 69th Torpedo Submarine Brigade reporting directly to the 69th Brigade commander, Captain Vitaliy Agafonov who was aboard Foxtrot B4. The 69th Brigade's primary mission was to go to Mariel, Cuba and help establish a submarine base for ballistic missile submarines. They were an important part of the overall Soviet plan for introducing missiles into Cuba known as Operation ANADYR. After President Kennedy's 22 October TV speech to the nation - the 69th Brigade had a change of orders. They were now told to assist Soviet cargo ships as they tried to transit through the U.S. Navy's naval quarantine northeast of Cuba. We had been tracking the Foxtrots through the Atlantic since mid October and were viewing them as a minor, nuisance. We knew about the ballistic missiles in Cuba by then (detected on 14 October by a U2), but we did not know

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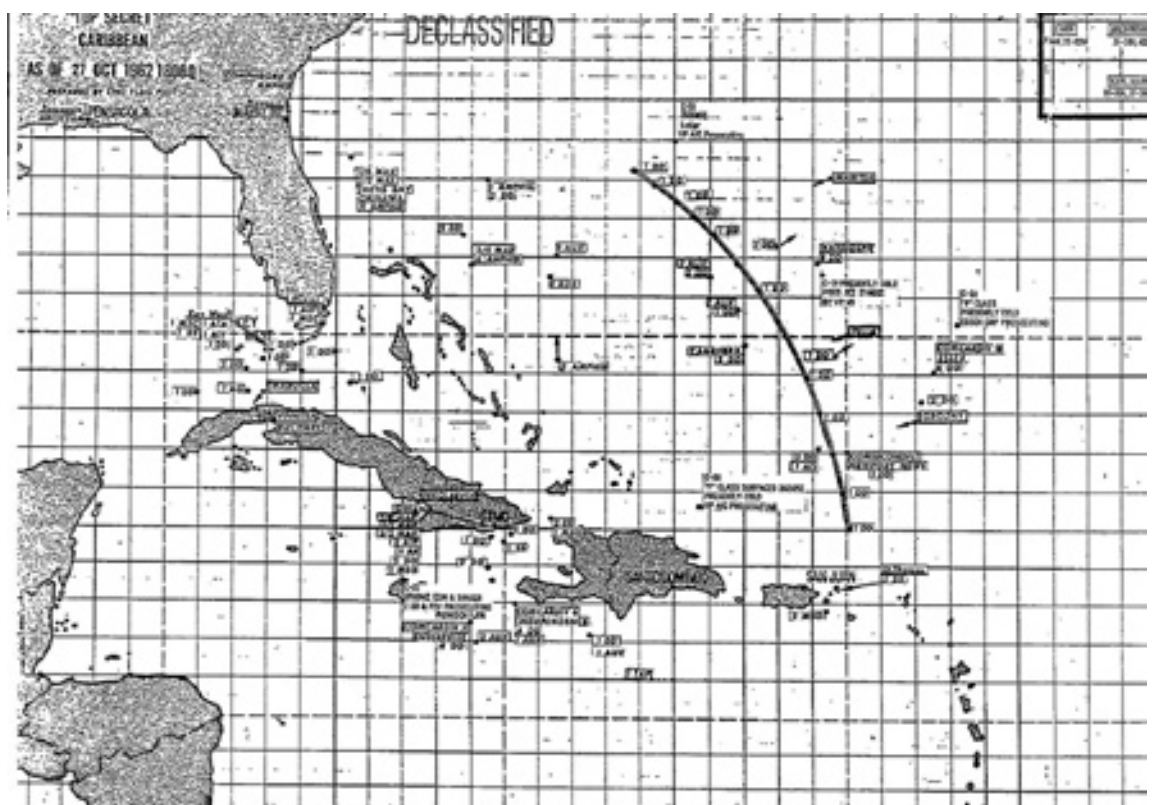
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The CNO Flag Plot of quarantine forces on the evening of Black Saturday, October 27, 1962.

COLD WAR WARRIORS

that the 69th's Foxtrots had nuclear weapons. Weapons that had been successfully test fired the previous year. They had completely destroyed a group of combatants at anchor at Novaya Zemlya island. Each of the 69th Brigade Foxtrot submarines carried two nuclear torpedoes that were capable of a 20 kiloton blast. Equivalent to what we dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

When reading Mozgovi's book, I was surprised to learn how poorly supported the 69th Brigade was for its bold, and important mission. From 22 October on ... we were sending out a variety of intelligence summaries designed to keep our forces informed on any important crisis events and the location of all key U.S. and Soviet forces. Even our submarines received special brevity summaries tailored to their specific area of operations.

The Soviets did a great job of getting their missiles into Cuba secretly – in a very brief time frame (four to five months). Also, of deploying their Operation ANADYR forces covertly. But, their top down style of management had its weaknesses. The General Staff was top heavy with Army Marshals who did not have a clue what it was like to operate in a diesel submarine in the tropics. Especially when they were being pursued by modern ASW forces. The Soviets appeared totally inflexible in their command and control for these highly vulnerable submarines. The subs HAD to come to the surface at precisely Midnight-Moscow time for their daily communications broadcasts. This was 6PM in the Caribbean. If they missed a communications broadcast... tough luck. Unbelievable.

The 69th Brigade submarines that were able to surface (most weren't for fear of detection) ... were receiving their general situation reports from U.S. commercial, radio broadcasts intercepted by their embarked Communications Intelligence teams. Naturally, these intercept teams were focusing on the worst news. For example, that President Kennedy had told the nation in his 22 October TV address, that any attack by Soviet forces in Cuba would lead to a full, retaliatory response on the USSR. True. Also, that we were preparing for a full scale invasion of Cuba. Also true... if the Soviets were stupid

enough to give us a reason to attack. Finally, that special camps were being set up for Soviet prisoners of war in Florida. Not true, but... something the Soviet sailors might have taken as "good news"? "Akhhhhh,tovarishch! News Year's Eve on Miami "bitch"!"

By the time we set the naval quarantine on 24 October- the 69th Brigade was starting to succumb to the tropical conditions in and around Cuba. They had been built for Murmansk or Leningrad ...the Barents or the Baltic... not the tropics. On Black Saturday, the B130 was asking for permission to come to the surface to repair three of its four diesel engines that were out of commission. The American news reports made them believe war was imminent. True... If they started it. The B26 had been detected and forced to surface. It later got away and headed home to repair faulty equipment. We had been aggressively pursuing all four of the Foxtrots since 24 October and only the B4 with the Brigade commander aboard had gone undetected.

Commanding Officer of the B59, Captain Vasily Savitsky had kept the B59 submerged for four days before his encounter with our ASW ships and aircraft on Black Saturday evening.. He had no communications with Moscow during this entire period. He was obsessed with avoiding detection and being forced to surface. A clear violation of his pre-sailing orders.

Most of what we know about what was going on aboard B59 that day comes from the Officer in Charge of the Communications Intelligence team, Senior Lieutenant Vadim Orlov. Orlov notes that the sub had been aggressively pursued by our ASW forces for 18 straight hours. The conditions in the submerged sub had become deplorable. Temperatures ranged from 120 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit in the compartments. The Soviet sailors were tough, but went about their duties as if in a stupor. The American destroyers above them were dropping PDCs (Practice Depth Charges) that were shaking and jolting the sub violently. The Russians called them "stun grenades" and were convinced the Americans were trying to sink them. We saw the PDCs as inter-



Captain Vasily Arkhipov. Second in Command on Foxtrot B 59. On night of 27 October he convinced his commanding officer, Captain Vasily Savitsky to not fire his nuclear torpedoes against U.S.Navy Quarantine Forces.

national signals telling them to come to the surface and be identified. We saw them as a humane way of communicating with a very crafty foe. The PDCs were part of carefully crafted ROEs (Rules of Engagement) that had been sent to Moscow through diplomatic channels. They did appear on American and Soviet broadcasts to Mariners days before the incident. But, the Foxtrots were apparently unaware of the meaning of our PDC signals because they were unable to come to the surface for their communications with Moscow.

B59's Captain Savitsky felt isolated. It was him against the world. For all he knew... World War III was going on "up there" and here he was just fighting to stay alive. Crew members were losing consciousness as oxygen levels became low and noxious fumes from the ship's batteries crept through the poorly ventilated compartments. After one particularly strong explosion... Captain Savitsky is reported to have "lost it". He was enraged and ordered that his nuclear tipped torpedoes be readied for firing.

Lieutenant Orlov notes that Captain Savitsky screamed "There may be a war raging up there and we are trapped down here turning somersaults! We're going to hit them hard! We will die, but we will sink them all and not stain our Navy's honor"

Then reality set in. In the person of Captain Vitaliy Arkhipov. The decision to fire a nuclear weapon was not one that the commanding officer of B59 could make on his own. It had to be approved unanimously by three officers - the Commanding Officer (Capt. Savitsky); his second in command, (Capt. Arkhipov) and the ship's Political Officer (Captain Ivan Maslennikov). Savitsky and Maslennikov voted to fire the nuclear torpedoes, but Arkhipov disagreed. A heated argument broke out between Savitsky and Arkhipov and history now records that Arkhipov won. Slava Bogu! (Thank God!) Arkhipov had convinced the others to not only not fire the nuclear torpedoes, but to also bring the B59 to the surface immediately. To await further orders from Moscow.

This is the moment when Captain Arkhipov may well have saved the world from nuclear annihilation.

When the B59 did surface they found they were surrounded by a large gathering of U.S. Navy ships. The sub was bathed in search lights and challenged to identify itself. One of the B59 officers noted in his personal journal "We felt like a wolf that had been hunted down. It was a beautiful, but frightful scene."

When the destroyer escort USS Cony (DDE508) challenged B59 by flashing light – the sub responded "KORABL". Shortly afterwards, a sailor from our communications center came to my duty station and said "Mr. Murphy, we have flushed a Soviet sub and it has given us his name. Can you translate it for me." I said "Sure- his name is SHIP". We laughed and agreed the Captain of B59 was pretty cool in the face of adversity. At the time I remember thinking "Impressive. To have a sense of humor at a time like this." I now see that the official U.S. Navy reports state that the B59's response to the Cony was "KORABL X" or "SHIP X". Whatever. I also recently learned that B59 also gave two other names to our ships that night.

To USS Murray (DD576) it was "PRINAVLYET" which I loosely translate as "ROGER (understand)-IN HASTE". Later to the destroyers USS Bache (DD470) and USS Barry (DD933) the name was "PROSNAV-LAST" or "WAKE UP – POWER". Again, gibberish, but it got the Americans off their backs. Meanwhile one of the American ships was playing good, American jazz music over their outboard speakers. Designed to relax the Russians- as if that was possible.

The joke is on me.... May 1993, St. Petersburg, Russia

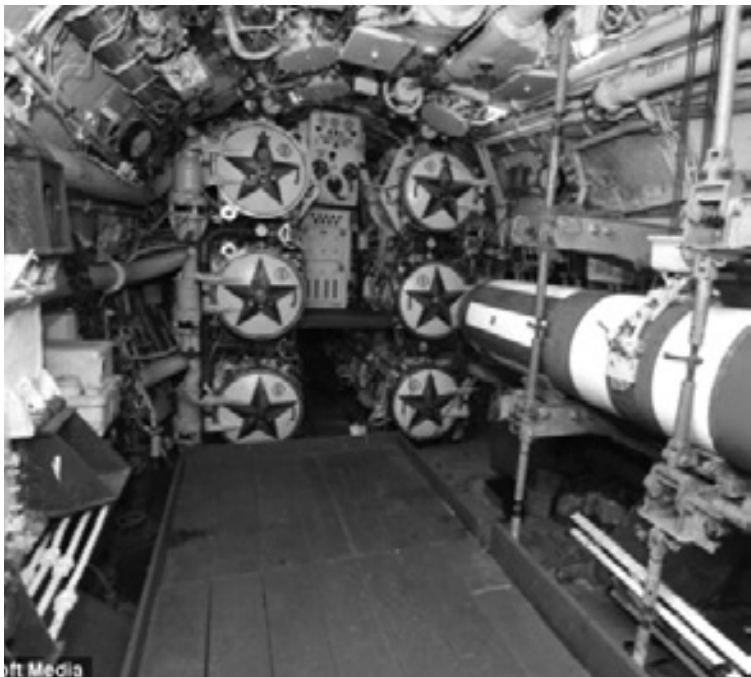
In a previous article describing this incident I described a 1993 dinner at the Krylov Ship Design Bureau in St. Petersburg. My first day in Russia. Krylov was a top Soviet bureau that helped develop

the Foxtrot submarine. I told the Russian scientists of the Foxtrot incident on Black Saturday. I presented it as a joke to show that even in the worst of situations there can be some humor. I spoke loudly in Russian as a Russian scientist translated for the three Americans present (including my old buddy Edmond Pope). I milked it for all it was worth and when I got to the punch line of KORABL (SHIP)... I pronounced the letters, slowly and distinctly (K-O-P-A-B-JI). When I was done the room erupted in laughter. Of course... I did not know the "rest of the story" at the time. Maybe some of them did? For the rest of us... it would be another decade before we found out the Russian side of this incident.

Of how Captain Vasily Arkhipov may have prevented the War III in his heated argument with Captain Savitsky – 200 feet below the Atlantic Ocean- on Black Saturday evening, 27 October, 1962. Fifty years ago this month!

Arkhipov Postscript

Prior to the Cuban Crisis, Captain Arkhipov had already distinguished himself in the Soviet Navy when he helped put down a mutiny aboard the Soviet K-19 nuclear submarine. This incident would later become known in the west through the Hollywood film "The Widowmaker". After the Cuban Crisis- Captain Vasily Arkhipov went on to command several Soviet submarines and submarine squadrons. He was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1975 and served as the Superintendent of the prestigious, Kirov Naval Academy in St. Petersburg. He was promoted to Vice Admiral in 1981 and retired in the mid 80s. He died in his hometown of Zheleznodorozhny near Moscow in 1999. A belated thank you Admiral Arkhipov! Wherever you are. For more ... go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasili_Arkipov.



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MOM'S TIME OUT

The lead pencil mystery

Mary Angle

Suspect number one is a rather tall thirteen year old boy who has discovered his favorite lead (mechanical) pencil stolen, or was it? According to the suspect he had left the pencil in question on his desk and when he returned to look for it on his desk it was missing. Being prone to not seeing what is right in front of his face, I pointed out that he might want to look again and look around his room in case he had left it elsewhere. He is immediately insistent that it had been stolen.

The second suspect is an eleven year old little boy who loves to borrow things, use/play with them and then sit them down, and not remember where he left them. Whether it be his brother's DS game, his sisters' markers for a school project, his Dad's calculator, or his own shoes, it might never be seen again. That being said he is honest to a fault and if he remembered where he put something he would certainly tell. According to this forgetful child he does remember being in his brothers room, and on the day in question, but he's sure he didn't take the precious miss-

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ing pencil. He also insisted that his Dad was in the hall when he entered the room and he saw him go in to borrow a book and that was it. We shall see.

Suspect number three is an eight year old little girl who is prone to making bad choices and then compounding the problem by fibbing to cover it up. It can sometimes take quite a while to weed through the exaggerations, half-truths, and fibs to get to the core of the matter. The plus here is the situation often snowballs on her, rather uncontrollably, until she has a little quiet time to think about it. Then she usually sorts it out for herself and then comes entirely clean, with a lot of tears. According to this suspect she had entered the room in question and on the day of the alleged theft. However, she had just entered the room to sneak up on

her brother for a "sneak, tackle and tickle attack" and when he wasn't there she had left without touching anything. This suspect was released, but was expected to follow her modus operandi and return with more information to add to her story.

Suspect number four is an adorable five year old spit-fire. This one is prone to crying, pouting, or getting mad when she thinks she is in trouble. Unfortunately none of these emotions manifest based on innocence or guilt. This should be interesting. This suspect is adamant, "I wasn't in the room at all on that day", of the alleged theft. Wait a minute. "What day was that?" "Maybe I went in to leave him (her brother, the plaintiff) a note", she wondered. When I asked the thirteen year old plaintiff about finding a note on his night stand he insisted there was nothing but

a piece of trash. When we went to the room and inspected the trash can we found and uncrumpled the note in questions. On the piece of paper was a bunch of scribbly lines with a few sight words interspersed between the lines (a "note" to a 5 year old). After we calmed suspect number four down, she was upset about her note being thrown away, we moved on to see if she had any other information that could crack the case of the missing iPod. She managed to explain that she had asked Daddy if she was allowed to go into her brother's room to place the note on his night stand, Daddy had shown her how to properly knock on the door so you don't disturb anyone.

The final suspect is, well, my husband! I asked him to please verify each of the previous stories of the other suspects. He confirmed that he had shown the youngest how to properly knock before you enter a room and had in fact seen her place the note on the night stand. He also recalled that he had seen suspect number two in the hall coming from the soon-to-be crime scene and all he had in his possession was the book he had borrowed. Truth be told it was a comic book, which made a lot more sense. He also remembered seeing the third suspect lurking sneakily outside the crime scene door as well. This too makes sense if she was going to try and sneak up on the plaintiff, but something still doesn't add up.

Then the final piece of the puzzle was about to be revealed. Suspect number three suddenly appears with the rest of her story. The truth is that she had gone into the room even though her brother wasn't in there and she had hidden to complete her idea of the "perfect sneak, tackle and tickle attack". While in the room she saw and heard everyone come and go just the way they had said, except there was one suspect who had not mentioned going into the room and borrowing the "favorite" lead pencil. That suspect was none other than Daddy. When questioned one final time he simply asked what we were looking for and admitted he had borrowed the pencil to add something to the grocery list when he was walking by. But also pointed out that no one had asked him about the pencil nor had we told him it was missing when we started the case of the missing pencil! So another family mystery comes to a close. The oldest gets his favorite pencil back and the universe as we know it can go back to normal (or what we consider normal). Nothing is as simple as it should be or as complicated as it appears, but we have fun with whatever mystery comes down the pike. The case of "The Lead Pencil Mystery" is closed!!

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A TEEN'S VIEW

We are all Penn State



Danielle Ryan

"We are Penn State." I hear this chanted at every Penn State event. Not many people even know where this slogan came from. Last year at my freshman orientation, all of the incoming students were told about the origin of this famous Penn State chant. It is said that the iconic chant was the 1940's Penn State football team's response to segregation amongst other football teams across the country. The Penn State team allegedly cancelled a trip to play another team in protest of not being allowed to have their black teammates play in the game. When the Penn State coach was asked to discuss the matter he simply replied "No, we are Penn State."

Over the past year some very serious accusations have come out regarding certain circumstances that hap-

pened at Penn State. I, however, am tired of hearing about all of the negative comments and connotations being thrown at Penn State. Unfortunately though, in today's society, the media is constantly bombarding us with negative stories about all the terrible things that are happening locally, nationally and globally. Rarely do we ever hear about the positive stories that are taking place. The same has applied to Penn State recently. Over the past year I have only heard about everything that went wrong in this scandal. The Pennsylvania State University seems to be defined solely by this unfortunate incident now, thereby giving the university and its students a negative image. I would instead like to take some time to focus on some of the positive things that have come from Penn State just in the past couple of years.

As I said, not many people take time to look at all of the amazing things that Penn State students and employees have done just in the past couple of years, but I am here to mention a couple of recent examples. Several medical advancements have been made with the help of Penn State researchers and scientists. For example, researchers in the Penn State College of Medicine have found a virus that kills human breast cancer cells in their

laboratory research. This non-disease producing virus has the potential to create opportunities for new cancer therapy treatments. According to the researchers involved, breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer in the world which makes the discovery of this virus to be monumental in the field of medicine.

Another amazing discovery by Penn State scientists deals with cancerous tumors. Penn State scientists have developed a new way to "reactivate" cancerous tumor shrinking genes. They tested this strategy on mice recently and the results looked promising. What if this worked? This could lead to the development of a medication that worked as an anti-cancer agent, thereby targeting cancerous tissues in the body.

There was even a team of researchers from Penn State in the seventies that engineered and developed a medical device called the heart-assist pump. This pump was used in patients after heart surgery and helped the heart pump blood efficiently throughout the rest of the body while heart recovered. This invention was named as a life-saving device after it was successfully used in several patients recovering from various heart surgeries.

They have not just made medical advances, however. Penn State re-

searchers have been studying environmental changes as well. I am sure most of you are aware of the more recent invasion of the pesky stink bugs. Penn State scientists are currently part of a project that is specifically researching brown marmorated stink bugs. They hope to develop control tactics in the form of integrated pest management that will help minimize the population of these insects. This will hopefully lead to less crop damage thereby yielding better fruit crops.

A Penn State research team has been studying a possible correlation between polar bear evolution and climate change. The researchers have found that there is a definite link between polar bear numbers since their species split from their ancestors, the brown bear, and the climate changes that their environment experienced. For instance, the polar bear population dropped during warmer times in earth's history, but flourished during the colder temperatures. Studying these patterns could lead to a better understanding of this species and how it may survive in the future.

Think a moment about all of these amazing feats that Penn State researchers and scientists have achieved. This is not to say of course that other

universities across the nation have not done some equally amazing things as well. I am only trying to say that there are numerous positive things that have been coming out of Penn State, and it's a shame that we have let these go by the wayside and instead have focused our attention on a more tragic event. I think that it is time to begin looking at everything good that is happening right now, at all the positive research that is coming out of Penn State research teams and scientists.

From the very beginning, The Pennsylvania State University has been a strong institution. I think that the "We are Penn State" chant can carry us through any tough situation, even the one that we are currently being faced with. Anyone who belongs to the Penn State community, whether they are students, faculty or alumni, needs to remain courageous in standing behind their beloved university. I believe that in order to move forward from this we need to look at everything positive that has come from Penn State.

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SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

Festive fall reads and programs

Stephanie Long

Now that it is officially fall, the weather is cooling down, leaves are starting to change color and, unfortunately, the sun is starting to set earlier every day. But there is an upside to the gorgeous, cool weather we're experiencing- it's the perfect time to break out the warmer layers, grab a nice warm mug of hot coco and enjoy a new book.

As always, we have quite a few new books at the Emmitsburg Branch Library for you to choose from and new books arrive on a weekly basis.

For the adults why not try "The Key: The Fate of Man Lies in the Hands of One Woman" by Simon Toyne, a novel about a woman who just happens to be

the "most important person in the world. She is The Key Journalist Liv Adamsen has escaped from the highly secretive Citadel at the heart of the ancient city of Ruin and now lies in isolation, staring at hospital walls as blank as her memory. Despite her inability to recall her past, something strange is stirring within her. She feels possessed by a sensation she can't name and plagued by whispers only she can hear: 'KuShiKaam,' the key."

If novels aren't your thing, check out a lovely memoir about one of my favorite singer-songwriters. "A Natural Woman" by Carole King "takes us from her early beginnings in Brooklyn, to her remarkable success as one of the world's most acclaimed

songwriting and performing talents of all time. 'A Natural Woman' chronicles King's extraordinary life, drawing readers into her musical world, including her phenomenally successful #1 album Tapestry, and into her journey as a performer, mother, wife and present-day activist. Deeply personal, King's long-awaited memoir offers readers a front-row seat to the woman behind the legend."

For the teens we have "A Confusion of Princes" by Garth Nix.

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Once you've read your way through a good book you can always join us for one of our many different programs. Once again I will host the annual Halloween Murder Mystery party on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 5:00 pm for teens and tweens. Come in your Halloween costume and help us track

down who has been up to no good. Registration is required.

For the kids we will be having our Halloween Happenings Children's Program on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11:00 am. Join the library's costume parade and festivities or drop in anytime during library hours to create a fun make and take craft.

There are a lot more activities planned for October and plenty of books to read. We hope you make time to come visit us at the Emmitsburg Branch Library this October.

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Fun and interactive programs just for twos to help develop pre-reading skills.

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Thursdays

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Upcoming Events in October

Celebrate National Day of Play Children's Program

Saturday, Oct. 6 @ 11:00 AM

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Craft Connection Children's Program

Tuesday, Oct. 9 @ 4:00 pm
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Pumpkin Palooza Teen Program

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Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 11:00 AM
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SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

From parents to grandparents...

Jennifer Buchheister

Mother Seton School is a Tradition. Apples, pumpkins, hay rides...oh my! Autumn is in full swing around here, the crisp and cool air invigorating the senses and the trees soon to be on fire with brilliant color. What's not to love about this season? There's football, apple picking, Halloween, Grandparents Day...

Wait, Grandparents Day? Ok, so technically speaking Grandparents Day fell on the penultimate day of summer. But it was such an autumn-like day—golden sun, cool air—that I ask you excuse me for including it with the other great things about fall. Welcoming grandparents to Mother Seton School for a special day all about them and celebrating the relationship between grandparent and grandchild was certainly one of the best ways we could think of to start this season off. Over 250 grandparents visited the school, participating in special crafts and activities designed for them in partnership with their student-grandchild.

Among those who participated were former students of not only Mother Seton School, but St. Euphemia's School and St. Anthony's School, both of which have a long history and tradition in this area. St. Euphemia's was established in Emmitsburg in 1878 under the direction of the Daughters of Charity, and took over the students of St. Joseph's Free School, the original school founded by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton nearly 70 years prior. St. Euphemia's also operated separate classes for African-American girls until 1944, when classes were then integrated. St. Anthony's School on the Mountain, meanwhile, was formed in 1903 and administered first by the Daughters of Charity and then by the Glen Riddle Franciscans, until the Daughters of Charity once again took over responsibility in 1923. In 1956, both schools were consolidated into our current school, ensuring that Mother Seton's vision to provide solid Catholic education to children from all classes in society remained intact. It is truly a blessing to have alumni from the earlier schools as active members of our

MSS family. That their children and grandchildren have grown-up within the MSS community is a testament to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's legacy, and we are honored to have them among us.

As you can tell, tradition is very important to us! And autumn brings with it a few more of our time-honored traditions. On October 4th, at 1:45pm, we are having our annual Blessing of the Animals. The children love to bring their family pets to special ceremony held in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who was one of the earliest known animal and environmental advocates. Each year, it's a treat to see who will come visit our school. In addition to the usual menagerie of dogs, cats, and hamsters, we have seen horses, goats, fish, frogs, and snakes. The ceremony is held in the circle outside of the school and is open to the community. So pack Fluffy up in her carrier and bring her on over!

We are also celebrating the International Day of Peace with a Prayer Service beginning at 1:15pm on October 4th. The students have been busy these first



Louise Orndorff of Emmitsburg, grandmother of Mackenzie Orndorff, now enjoys Mother Seton School as a grandparent, having been a parent of seven children who all attended Mother Seton School. Louise attended St. Euphemia's Elementary School and St. Joseph's High School.

few weeks of school in Mrs. Myers's art class making 1000 origami cranes. (We have quite a few flying around our own house now that my 4th-grader has learned how to make them!) These cranes will adorn "Peace Branches" to be given to honored guests from local businesses and our community. So even if you don't have a pet

to bless, why not join us for the Prayer Service for Peace? Make us a part of your own tradition!

Until next month, enjoy leaf-peeping and hot apple cider, and all the other fun fall customs there are. (Just promise to take it easy on the Halloween candy—your dentist will appreciate it!) Have a blessed autumn!

From the Desk of Joy Schaefer Board of Education Candidate

As a county resident, the mother of three boys, and a long-time volunteer in our local schools and our school system, I see firsthand the role our schools have, not only in preparing Frederick County youth for the future, but in keeping our county strong, growing and vibrant.

My goals are simple: ensure every student, in every school, is offered the same opportunities to develop world-class knowledge and skills, guarantee effective and responsible use of our tax dollars, and involve our entire community in fostering innovation at every level to make sure we are meeting the unique needs of all of our students.

Like many parents, I started from the ground up in our local schools. I began as a classroom volunteer for my oldest child when he entered Kindergarten in 2004. From there, I became active in my local PTA, eventually chairing committees, and accepting leadership positions with the PTA Council of Frederick County. This service has allowed me to work with students, teachers, school staff and administrators in the schools my children attend, as well as others throughout the county. I have had the privilege of serving on several school performance review teams, FCPS' Family School Partnership Committee, and the 2011 Elementary Task Force, which recommended the math text books that are currently in use in our primary and

elementary grades. I also currently serve on a coalition of several community and school groups to stop bullying among students in Frederick County.

My previous professional experience working with teachers and educators across the country to develop curriculum and educational programs has helped me in my volunteer work. I worked with a broad spectrum of educators at all levels, from those at secondary schools, to community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, through life long learning institutes and learning in retirement programs. I gained detailed knowledge and an invaluable perspective on education, education policy and instructional approaches from all over our country, and I continue to keep abreast of the issues even though I have left the field.

If elected to serve as a Board of Education member for Frederick County Public Schools, I pledge three things.

The first is to build on the already high performing school system we have. In just the last four years, Frederick County has produced two Maryland Teachers of the Year, one of whom went on to be named the 2011 National Teacher of the Year. Frederick County is also home to nine National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. Our seniors' SAT scores continue to place them well above national and state averages, and our

dropout rate is Maryland's lowest, while our graduation rate is among the highest in the state. In recent years, the school system has made great strides in overall student achievement, and in reducing the achievement gap between all student groups. System-wide, the student achievement gap has been reduced by 47% in reading and 41% in math.

I will work to improve our delivery of instruction and educational opportunities to all students, at all of our schools. Our students need quality teachers who are able to engage and ignite that spark that inspires them to achieve their full potential. They need up-to-date materials of instruction and access to technology that will prepare them for the world that they will enter upon graduation. They need adequate and safe facilities that are maintained properly and regularly.


Second, I will be accountable and ensure accountability, both in terms of student performance and financial management of our school system. We cannot let the challenging economic times we are in diminish the instruction and services we provide our students and families. That will require extreme due diligence in overseeing our budget. It will also require leaders who are committed to working together to marshal all of our resources to make sure we are meeting the needs of all of our residents. We certainly

should not increase taxes to cover our needs during these difficult economic times. It will take our county government, working with the municipalities and our school system to come together to identify common goals and direct the resources we already have towards those goals.

Third, I will work to better engage all sectors of our community in the education of our children with more structured and regular opportunities for significant, two-way communication between the Board and teachers

and staff, parents, the business community, non-profit service providers, and our county government. Successful communities have strong partnerships between all these sectors.

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FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

Sophomore Year

Friday night lights and the memories

Kyle Ott
MSM Class of 2015

Autumn is a season renowned for many things: the steaming plates of food that clutter a table during Thanksgiving Day, the garish costumes of young kids as they parade up and down neighborhoods in an endless quest for sweets. The shortening of days and the lengthening of evenings as the world braces itself for the coming cold. For many, autumn is a season for rebirth and most importantly remembrance.

When I think back on my experiences with autumn my mind immediately turns to the Friday nights that were tantamount to sacred rituals for my small town: high school football games. There was something magical about those Friday evenings when the lights on good old Flaherty field would blare to light and beckon to people from all over the area to come and enjoy an evening of excitement, activity and rivalry. I fondly remember donning my hoodie and jeans for the first time in 365 days and climbing into a car with my friends to take the field up on its invitation. In many ways those games and that small stadium were a reflection of the kind of lives that people in town led and the way that all of

us were connected.

There were the old diehards men who had lived in town for years sometimes decades and perhaps spent time on that field themselves duking it out with their peers when they had energy to spare and strength to use. They would crowd the yellow wire that portioned the sidelines so they could be closest to the game. They would be placing bets about what kind of play would be called next or where the referee was from while they sipped cups of overpriced concession-stand coffee. Then there were the parents who came to the games to support their children. They would have one day were they could gather and spend time socializing with friends who were equally busy raising rambunctious high school students. Any time you looked up into the stands you were almost guaranteed to find a pair of women that had known each other since they met in elementary school car pool or PTA. Or perhaps, if you spared a glimpse, you would see to hard-working fathers exchanging a hearty handshake or joke with one another as they watched the game. No matter where you looked it was a safe bet that you could find evidence of a thriving and interconnected group of people, shedding their dai-

ly roles and finding time to simply be with one another.

Of course, you had the children themselves. Freshman boys and girls freely roamed the worn gravel path around Flaherty field talking and laughing with one another as they snuck a wayward look toward a particular crush. For those first year students those Friday nights were a sort of social proving ground. It was a time where every person they knew or could hope to know was in one place. It was during those games that they began to grow both as members of that town and as human beings.

Following these starry-eyed youths were the Sophomores. By this time in their high school careers they had gotten used to the great social gathering that was the Friday night football game and they had begun to navigate both the field and the treacherous waters of adolescence with a bit more ease. They roamed far less than their younger counterparts instead finding sections of the field or bleachers where they could sit with the friends they had made in their first year and talk amongst themselves. I fondly recall an air of anticipation among those groups. Every kid there was secretly anxious about what the coming years of high school would bring. They were on the cusp of becoming upper classman and for one reason or another could not wait for the chance to be as wise and experienced as they perceived their older counterparts to be.

Those aforementioned counterparts always crowded the far edge of the field near the scoreboards. They wore letterman jackets and laughed, at ease with themselves and with the world around them. Every person there was beginning to loathe the long dragging days of small town existence and longed for the challenges of college and the chance to grow up and accept the responsibilities of adults. The sense of longing for growth that the sophomore's displayed had been replaced instead with a desire to leave and start a new life with a fresh start: a sort of cosmic do-over where they could become someone completely new. Those night games were fast becoming a memory and for many those nights when man collided with man in a quest for victory signaled the end of an era and the start of something completely different.

There was a special group who made infrequent appearances at these games. I could always pick them out of a crowd by the massive horde of students that seemed to swarm them wherever they went. They were the recently graduated, those who had returned home from the mythical world of college and migrated to the staple of small-town living that those games were. Some were legends in the eyes of the students: they had been record breakers, team captains, or presidents of the class in the past and now they had moved on to new worlds and fresh experiences. Some were the old friends of current

students and others were siblings but all of them were greatly missed. I myself used to run to my friends who had left the school eager to catch up on their life but also eager to see what they had learned now that they had moved on to new horizons.

I bring this up because I am now a member of that mysterious group. Having been out of high school for two years now, I am beginning to fade away in the memories of those who still walk the halls of Delone Catholic High School. In another two years not a single student will remember my name or know who I was. The funny pranks I pulled, my embarrassing moments, even my first romances will all be consigned to some forgotten corner of memory. It's a bittersweet moment for me as I think back on those autumn nights of yesteryear and a moment that makes me feel a lot older than I am. I realize that some of the memories that I hold dearest are quickly becoming just that. Despite the amount of distance between me and those earnest Friday nights I can still say with pride that when I think of autumn I think of: Flaherty field, good football games and a community coming together; experiencing life in its many stages. The next time you go, appreciate every second those spotlights shine on you, they shine for only a moment but what a moment it is. I'm Kyle Ott, won't you sit and read for a while?

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Junior Year

A Wednesday to remember

Nicole Jones
MSM Class of 2014

The beginning of fall is always a busy time of year for me. It seems like every birthday and anniversary of my family and friends falls in September or October. While it can be enjoyable seeing or hearing from everyone, it can be hectic running around and making

sure I've sent a card to all the right people.

One of my favorite and most personal events is in mid-September: the anniversary of my father's sobriety. When I was younger, Wednesday nights were always spent attending my church's youth group, but one night a year my mom, brother, and I did something different. One night a year, we visited the church where my father attends Alcoholics Anonymous.

It's always cool by the time we get there at 8pm. When we pull into the dark parking lot, the church's black windows make the place feel deserted and eerie. As we approach the church, I begin to hear voices up ahead, and rounding the corner, my nose is assaulted by a cloud of cigarette smoke. The source of the voices is of course the AA members milling about the courtyard and catching up with one another. Some conversations are probably more serious than others, but I never know, because as soon as they see my family approaching, everyone turns to greet us. Other family members and friends are mixed into the welcome committee, but even the new members and the perfect strangers come to congratulate us. I don't think I really understood why when I was younger, but I definitely know why now.

They were congratulating us on having made it another year with a sober, successful, kind, and selfless father and husband. I never grasped the

depth of their congratulations until several years ago. I think the revelation was brought on through my college experiences. I have met so many different people at the Mount, all coming from different backgrounds and all having had different experiences with alcohol. I think seeing what my life could have been had my father not decided to get help has really made me realize just how fortunate I am, and now this one Wednesday a year, I never leave church with dry eyes.

After making our way through the crowd of well-wishers, my mom, brother, and I slip inside the church's basement where the meetings are held. The air is usually just a little bit musty with a hint of coffee and cigarette smoke. In the center of the tiled room stand four tables positioned in the shape of a large rectangle with folding chairs lining the outside. We don't sit in these chairs, but save them for the regular attendees. Instead, we take our place on the single church pew that is pushed up against the wall just to the left of the door we entered through. It's an unpleasant, well-worn scrap of wood with poor back support and no cushion designed purely for the purpose of keeping its customers awake.

Within ten minutes, the crowd that was outside has filtered into the church and taken their seats. The meeting begins with some announcements and the traditional reading of the 12 steps. It's then my father's turn to talk, and everyone always pays attention. Each year the message is a little different. He pulls a passage from one of the AA books, and often shares a snippet of his experiences as an alcoholic. While I appreciate the lessons he shares from the text, it's always his personal experiences that move me. I

don't even recognize the main character in his stories; it surely isn't the man I grew up with. He makes himself out as a villain. Belligerent. Selfish. Drunk. While I won't share these stories for the sake of his privacy, the ones I can remember will always stick with me. To me, his stories are representations of what my father used to be like, what my life could have been, and how fortunate I am that none of that came to fruition. They are the representation of who my father really is: someone who can admit that he needs help, that he is wrong, and that his family was ultimately more important to him than his addiction. They are a beacon of hope that prove people really can change and that the other men and women in that room could change too if they really wanted to.

Once he is done speaking, other members share their opinions on the topic or relate their personal stories. So many of those stories involve my father: the people who he has sponsored, the ones he's picked up and taken to meetings when their licenses had been revoked for alcohol related reasons and the people who have helped him along his journey to sobriety.

When I was younger, I never understood why my father didn't go to church with us, but through visiting these meetings, I now understand perfectly. This was his church and second family. This was where he was called to be and whether he realizes it or not, he is a leader in his group. Through the testimonies of the other members, I can hear how much they respect, appreciate and love him.

During these testimonies, my father always makes sure to offer my mom a chance to talk. She always declines. Not because she doesn't love

him or isn't proud of him, but because she is too nervous to speak in front of all those strangers and because she is too busy crying to form any coherent words. I never understood why she cried before, but now I know it's for the same reason that everyone congratulates us.

After more testimonies and a group prayer, the meeting ends, and to celebrate, everyone enjoys some ice cream cake. It's not long after my plate is clean when my family says goodbye to everyone and my mother ushers me and my brother out the door.

Some of the details of these memories have changed throughout the years. My brother is now in graduate studies in Georgia and no longer attends the meetings with me and my mother. That hard pew has since been replaced with a cushioned pew that is slightly more bearable to sit on. The basic story is always the same, though, and it has only become more enjoyable as the years have passed and my understanding has grown.

While this is all very personal, I know my father would be okay with my sharing this with you. He is not afraid to confront his demons and is willing to share his story to anyone who he believes it will help. I didn't tell him I was writing this, because I wanted him to be surprised. I have shared with you the words that I was never able to say, that my mom was never able to say at these meetings because we lacked the courage to do so. So Dad, when you read this, know that I love you and am so proud of you. I am the luckiest girl alive to have you as my father.

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AUTUMN MEMORIES

Senior Year The smell of autumn is in the air

Samantha Strub
MSM Class of 2013

The smell of pumpkin spice and salted caramel mocha floating through the air from Starbucks creates the aroma of autumn for me. The strong smell of those signature autumn drinks always brings back memories from when I was growing up. An autumn memory generally started with a trip to Starbucks with one of those drinks in hand. Through high school and into college, those drinks were a staple which may explain why I'm so broke now. The aroma of those smells floating through the air always brings back memories of the good old days when life wasn't as chaotic.

The days are starting to get cooler with a little chill in the air, but there is no snow on the ground. These autumn days are the perfect riding weather. It isn't so unbearably hot that the moment you step outside you become drenched with sweat. On those hot summer days, one has no desire to do anything much less get on the back of a horse. So when the days start getting a little colder, the riding kicks into gear again. All horse riders cannot wait to get outside and continue their spring work with their horses now that it is the perfect temperature outside —not too hot or too cold. In high school, after school and field hockey practice was over, I would head to the barn where my riding buddies were waiting for me. My riding buddies usually went to the barn right after school got out, but they would wait for me to be done with field hockey practice so we could all ride together.

Once I got to the barn we would work our horses for about an hour or so. It was a good break away from school and the chaos the day brings. It was a chance to escape reality and focus on the horses. As autumn progressed and the days got darker and colder earlier, our riding was moved

indoors. When we needed to warm up after the training we put into the horses, we went on the aromatic fall journey on which only Starbucks can take you. The combination of the caramel, mocha and pumpkin spice smells was tantalizing. These delicious favors and smells were just the icing on the cake to the special time with the horses and friends that we just had at the barn. On Saturdays, the tradition continued and after my friend Noelle and I finished chores and riding, we would more often than not take a trip to Starbucks.

Starbucks and other autumn smells continued to be a tradition after field hockey games. As the field hockey season progressed, the weather conditions got colder. Needless to say, as the sweat from a long hard fight for the win we dried, we were freezing and exhausted. To our benefit, our parents wanted the special treat as a way to warm up after being our biggest fans on the sidelines. All in all, everyone was happy to walk into the nearest Starbucks as a way to warm up and celebrate around the delicious smells that Starbucks has to offer.

In college, the Starbucks tradition has continued, though maybe not quite so often. I still stop at Starbucks after field hockey games on occasion as well as after a good ride; however, it has become more of a delicacy now that I have tuition and more bills to pay than I did in high school. Starbucks has become a traditional stopping point as a pit stop on my way

out to The Mount and on the way home. This tradition started because I needed an energy boost while I was sitting in a car for ten hours straight. It helps that most of the time my parents give me money for the trip there and back, so my parents are treating me to Starbucks. This little treat makes the car ride just a little more enjoyable, as well as making the car smell delicious. The autumn and winter trips are the best because they are the flavors that I long for and can't wait to have that cup with the quote in your hand.

My friends and I started the tradition of going to Starbucks to do homework. When the fall flavors started, we all wanted to rush out and enjoy the delicious autumn flavors but we had mountains of homework to accomplish. That is when we decided we should make a trip to Starbucks to do homework and enjoy the autumn flavors and each other's company.

My mother and I have always had the tradition of going shopping when I'm home on breaks from college. This is quality mother-daughter time that we do not have very often. That being said, it is always a challenge to stick to a schedule for shopping. Our goal is to go by ourselves because then no-one complains about how long we take trying on clothes or looking through all of the racks around the store. We typically get very thirsty when we shop so we make a trip to Starbucks a part of the shopping tradition.

These shopping trips are not just shopping for ourselves but also shopping for Christmas presents. My mom has always had the goal of accomplishing all of the Christmas shopping by Thanksgiving (or not



too long after), that way she is not in the stores during the busiest shopping season. My mother is a bargain hunter—she has a knack for finding the best deals on the racks. I don't always come home for Thanksgiving but when I do we make numerous shopping trips because some of the best deals are discovered around Thanksgiving. These Christmas shopping gifts take a very long time and no one besides my sister and I will volunteer to go with her. That works out to our benefit because then we get the thinking juice of Starbucks autumn flavors—everyone else just doesn't know what they are missing. My mother, sister and I always have a blast browsing through the stores looking for the perfect gift. When we find something we debate on whether it would be a good gift for that particular person or not. My sister is a new member on these excursions so we have to familiarize her with our ways of thinking. It could take a little while, but once she is fully acclimated, the three of us will have a flawless system.

Bonfires truly are the epitome of

autumn memories. They have to be one of my favorite autumn pastimes. The heat and smell of a bonfire wraps around you and your family and friends like a warm blanket. There is not another feeling in the world that compares to the intoxicating smell of a bonfire. My family has a big fire pit in the backyard where my family and friends have sat around the bonfire roasting marshmallows for s'mores and telling stories. We usually have dead bushes or a tree to burn; my mom always gets very excited because that means we are roasting marshmallows for s'mores. S'mores are my mom's favorite dessert and her excitement is contagious. We relax and bond as a family, wrapped up in blankets under the stars.

All that needs to happen is a blending between the outdoor smells of the bonfire and the autumn flavors at Starbucks—that would be a wonderful mixture!

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THE GRADUATE

Calling professors by their first names

Kelly Conroy
MSM Class of 2012

I'm taking a break from writing about the nature of the Emmitsburg-News Journal for this issue to reflect on the past month as a graduate student. This is the graduate column. There's still a lot more to tell about the ENJ and why it does things the way it does, so stay tuned for future editions.

Grad school isn't just an extended college experience. It's not like having an extra senior year. The nameplate that my professor put in front of him in my first class had only his first name listed. I glanced down at my syllabus to learn his last name. Then, the other students began addressing my teacher by his first name. "Weird," was my first thought when a student didn't address the teacher as "professor."

"Call me by my first name," my professor wrote at the end of an email to me. And there it was—I wasn't just allowed to address my professor by his first name, but was asked to do so. Being treated as an adult in a professional setting—nice.

Calling professors by their first names was just one of the surprises that I learned upon entering grad school. One of the other biggest surprises was the out of class homework time. With classes only meeting once per week, the time that needs to be

put in to keep up with work is extensive. The nights that I don't go to class are filled with studying, paper writing and reading for those classes. This style of learning is a more mature approach. Students have to budget their own time in order to get all of the work done. Professors aren't teaching every piece of information because you're expected to learn some of it on your own.

I love the freedom that comes from being in graduate school. I can choose to do my work a week in advance, or a little bit every day for a week. I am expected to read and understand large chunks of reading material, which might not be mentioned until the midterm or final. I can re-read the parts I don't understand and move quickly through the topics that are easier for me to grasp.

"My son is home sick with a fever, my daughter has a volleyball game tonight and my husband is on a business trip," a woman sitting next to me in class explained, "And I need to make grad school a priority before I let it go for too long."

Some of my classmates have gone out of their way to encourage me in graduate school. They warn that life only gets more hectic as you get older, and it's best to attend graduate school right out of college. Grad school is not meant for everyone, and people have to decide when the right

time for them is, but I am glad that I went straight from college into further schooling.

Studying and writing papers is normal for me. Maybe in 5 years that won't be the case. One of my other classmates assured me that the adjustment process back to school was hard for him. On the other hand, another one of my classmates claimed that grad school was "fun" because he hadn't done school in so long.

The classes move extremely quickly. Since I was not a Business major and am earning my Masters in Business Administration, I am required to take some prerequisite courses. I completed all of Accounting I in just four weeks. I can assure you that the quality and quantity of material in this course was extensive.

Students in grad school often have "real-world" experience. In college, my classmates and I envisioned what we wanted life after college to be, dreamed about it, and planned for it. Now, I am surrounded by many students who have been in the work force for many years. Some of the students want to change jobs, or they want to improve their skills for promotions, or they are just interested in the classes. I am grateful for their input because it brings the subjects to life.

Discussing stocks and bonds is not always the most interesting topic. When a classmate brings up a real

case about his company's choices with stocks and bonds, their importance becomes obvious.

Learning the differences and similarities between monopolies, duopolies, and oligopolies is just facts at first. Then, a classmate mentions how his company might merge with another company. The class continues with a discussion about whether the merger should be allowed and if it is beneficial to the consumers and other producers. The debate comes alive because it is a real issue—affecting all of us today.

In grad school, I'm surrounded by a whole new group of people. I received my undergraduate degree from the Mount and am now earning my graduate degree from the Mount. However, they are two distinct experiences. I'm not in the loop about undergraduate campus activities, nor do I see my friends between every class in the hallways. I have a whole new set of professors and a whole new set of classes to take.

Semesters no longer define my life! One of my undergraduate friends recently described her life in terms of her semesters—freshman year fall was awesome; spring was challenging with managing time; sophomore year fall was great because she met her best friends; sophomore year spring she got involved with more clubs on campus, etc.

Now sessions can define my life! In

grad school, the semester is split into two sessions. So, there's a Fall I and a Fall II session and a Spring I and a Spring II session. This allows me to describe my life in smaller and more distinct amounts of time! On a more serious note, it also lets me take more of a variety of classes. I will have studied six different subjects because I will have taken six different courses by the end of the fall semester.

Another major component of grad school that I have already observed is teamwork and group projects. My tendency is to want to do school projects on my own without help from others. I often want to do projects on my own schedule. The teamwork aspect of grad school has pushed me out of my comfort zone. It has made me look to others for their input and ideas. I've been working on trying to combine the best ideas from groups and compromise when disagreements arise. It's hard. It's one of the things that is especially hard for me, but I know that it will be a valuable tool to own in the workplace in the future.

Grad school is often seen as the stepping-stone to the next thing. I don't want to treat it like that. Grad school should be a destination in itself. It's taken a lot of hard work to make it to grad school and I want to use grad school as an opportunity for more learning and sharing.

Just as grad school is a destination, my housing is also my physical destination. I live in a grad house on campus that I think used to be an old farmhouse. I wonder about the people who used to live here. It's a pretty big house. Perhaps it was a large family with three girls and three boys who owned a cornfield? How old is the beautiful wood flooring in my room? Did the family mark down their growth charts on one of the wooden planks in the living room? Whose initials are engraved into the floor in the middle of a heart?

I've begun to do some searches to find information about the grad house's history so that I don't base all of the stories off of my imagination. It's easy to let my mind run wild with stories about this three-story house with nooks and crannies, extra spaces, and interesting noises. It's challenging to find sources to offer historical information, but I won't give up the search! I know that the house has survived through many decades. It has also seen many different owners and even more renters. I know this house has some great stories, and if I find them, I'll be sure to share.

The people who lived in this house were brought here for different reasons—perhaps to work the cornfields, or to be near to the University, or because their family is located in Emmitsburg. I also came with my own history to this grad house and am here for grad school. Who knows where I will be taken next, but I think I'll be glad I spent this time pursuing more schooling, no matter what.

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THE SECOND LIEUTENANT

Learning how to stand

2nd Lt. Julia Mulqueen, USA
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I handed the TSA agent my identification card and boarding pass, and she waved me through. As I stood in line for the metal detector, I looked back at my mom, standing with her arm linked with my dad's, tears welling in her eyes. My brother Andrew stood next to them, smiling and standing tall.

Soon I was through security: shoes, belt, and earrings in hand. I could no longer see my family. I knew they were leaving the airport to pick up my other brother, Alex. You see, just hours after I left, Alex returned from a yearlong deployment to Kosovo. So in essence, my mother had to exchange one child for the other. She says each time it gets harder to let us go. Each time, her heart weighs a little heavier and her tears flow more freely. Truly, she is an incredible woman and an amazing mother, and it tears me apart each time I leave her.

After I passed through security, I grabbed my things and held my head high as I walked toward my departure gate, knowing that although I was leaving my family, I was embarking on an incredible journey. I was stepping into the beginning of my career.

My first flight on the leg to Oahu was from Newark to Dallas. Onboard, I sat next to a girl studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. The man in front of us was heading back home with his new seeing-eye dog. When the two of them found out I was in the military and moving to Hawaii to serve, they lit up. Each was full of questions. The student was surprised at first, remarking, "But you have Coach shoes on and a jacket with sequins. You're so chic, and you're in the military!" The blind man in front of me shook my hand, clearly impressed with my decision to serve. He said he had always wanted to join, but never could because of his eyes. It made me realize how blessed I am just to be a part of the Army.

Soon enough the flight was over, and I left my two new friends to board the plane to Oahu. For some reason, I thought the flight would be short. It was seven hours. I had one granola bar with me and received two diet cokes from the flight attendants on board. During the last two hours of the flight, I chewed bubble gum consistently and chugged the coke in an effort to divert my hunger. By the time the plane landed, my stomach was doing summersaults and my eyes were watering I was so hungry. As I walked to baggage claim, I spotted a Starbucks and ducked in to find something to gnaw on.

After that, I walked to get my bags and then signed in to the 25th Infantry Division at their Replacement Detachment kiosk.

The inn on post had no room, so lucky for me I was able to stay at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki for my first weekend on the island.

Because I stayed at the Hilton for the entire summer during school in Virginia, I am now a Diamond member of Hilton rewards. This means that they call me to test new Hilton resorts for them, I have free wireless internet in all Hiltons, and I receive a host of other benefits. One such benefit at the Hilton Hawaiian Village was free breakfast every morning in the VIP Terrace. So every morning, I would run along the beach at Waikiki and then wander onto the terrace for the best pineapple and coffee I had ever tasted.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and on Monday I began in-processing and moved into a different hotel that was closer to the airport and Schofield Barracks. In-processing is usually a week-long ordeal that consists of fully checking into one's new unit. Mostly, it means listening to briefings about the post and going through medical and beginning the housing search.

Honestly, my first week on the island was difficult for me because I was experiencing so many transitions at once. I picked up my car, but it had \$3600 worth of damage because of an accident during shipping. I was consistently getting lost around the island, and the more I got lost, the more frustrated I became. I felt out of place and lonely away from home. And to top it all off, I had to begin the search for a place to live for the next year, and I had no idea where to start. I was staggering under the stress.

So naturally, I turned to my family, my dad specifically. He is so helpful because he has been in the exact same position as I me. I texted him, frustrated and feeling lost, asking for advice. He replied, saying "I remember PCSing [moving] and feeling EXACTLY the way you do. Overwhelmed, frustrated, lonely. Don't worry; it'll get better. Prioritize what you can and take care of the select important things. Forget about the less important stuff."

I immediately felt relieved, and then I received his second text message, which read, "Imagine being 49, starting a new job, and being overwhelmed. Now THAT'S pressure. LOL." He just started a new civilian job after serving 26 years in the Army. And with that, I realized that everyone becomes stressed when they enter into a transition in life. Back at Mount Saint Mary's, I was on top of the world. I had my routine down, I was comfortable in my position as ROTC battalion commander and knew what was expected of me, and I had a safe place to call home. Here, I am completely fresh, bright-eyed, and feeling like a newborn giraffe trying

to learn how to stand up without falling over.

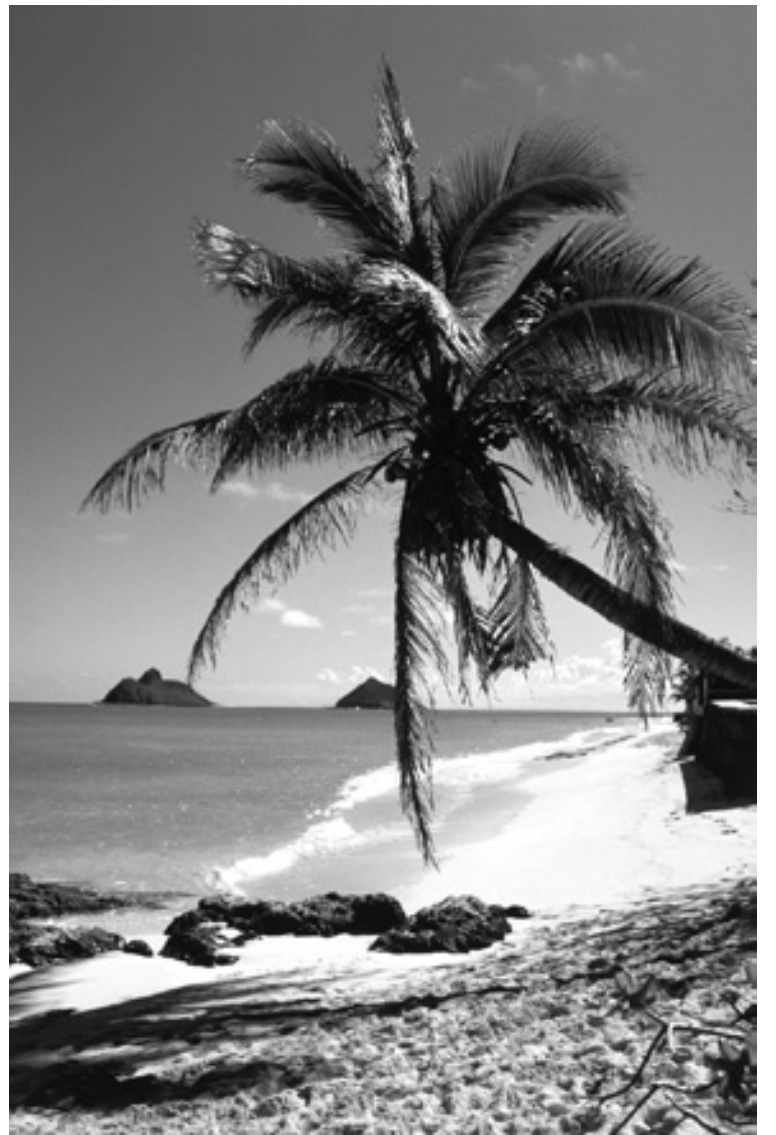
As each day passes, however, I feel more and more comfortable in Hawaii. I am finally learning my way around the island, and as a result, I have made far less illegal u-turns to get where I need to go. I met the other lieutenant in my company, and I met my company commander. I have in-processed fully, and I made it through medical and getting blood drawn without passing out.

Just this weekend, I was able to visit an apartment in Moiliili. Moiliili is a neighborhood in Honolulu right by one of the University of Hawaii's campuses. It is just a few blocks north of Waikiki. The apartment I looked at is a two-bedroom, one-bath corner unit with a lanai, or balcony, that overlooks Waikiki and Diamondhead. It is close to the highway, and I think it will work quite nicely for me. The woman who owns it used to live there before she married her husband. She only had one request – that I treat the apartment as my own.

So as each day rolls into the next, I feel more and more comfortable here. Admittedly, it is very difficult to feel so far from my family, and the time difference does not help with communication. I am still upset about the damage to my car, and it is frustrating dealing with the claims people. I feel out of my element as far as my job goes, too, because I was slotted in an ordnance position, but I was trained in transportation.

However, with the rough spots I have encountered, I already feel that I have grown immensely. Once again, the Army has molded me into a stronger, more capable person, and with each negative, come many more positives. If I am feeling down, I need only take one glance around me and remember that I am in paradise. I have already met some amazing people here, and the Hawaiian "aloha spirit" of love and openness absolutely permeates the island. I have to pinch myself often in order to remember that this is actually my new home.

Each day when I put my uniform on, I remember an experience I had at my officer basic course in Virginia. My friend Heather pulled me aside one day to give me a small gift. It was a saint's medal with Saint Joan of Arc on it, the patron saint of soldiers. I gasped when she handed it to me. Saint Joan of Arc is my confirmation saint, but I had never told Heather that. Heather gave it to me because Joan of Arc used to say, "I was born to do this." Another soldier had given Heather a Saint Joan of Arc medal once because she felt Heather was born to be a soldier, just like Joan of Arc. Heather in



turn felt the same way about me. So whenever I feel confused, or lonely, or like that newborn giraffe learning how to stand, I just touch the medal at my neck and

remind myself that I was born to do this.

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Family fun for all generations arrives when the Handsome Little Devils present Squirm Burpee on Saturday, October 27, 2012. "This just may be the most entertaining show you've never heard of," remarked Majestic executive Jeffrey Gabel. "It's a One-of-a-Kind, Vaudeville Nouveau-meets Classic Melodrama-Tim Burton-meets-Wile E. Coyote, Circus-infused, standing-ovation-inducing, theatrical extravaganza featuring classic routines from slapstick to chainsaw juggling, the Human Cannonball and more! All that entertainment for one low price."

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Ring in the holiday season on Friday, December 21, 2012 with the soaring sounds of Bowfire: Holiday Heart Strings. This festively staged show features some of the world's greatest fiddlers and violinists playing your all-time holiday favorites, such as "The Nutcracker Suite", "Let it Snow", "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "The Christmas Song". In addition, enjoy the virtuoso cast with their singing and step dancing in their high-energy, dramatic and powerful show that moves seamlessly from jazz to classical to bluegrass to Celtic to rock.

Thrill to the pomp, pageantry, and patriotic sights and sounds of The Black Watch And The Band Of The Scots Guard on Thursday, January



17, 2013. Resplendent in their colorful uniforms, these pipes, drummers and marching bandmen will muster a performance of fanfares, marches, and light classic and traditional tunes featuring bagpipes, drum solos and dancers. "Gettysburg is a regional destination for people who love military bands so buy your tickets early because this show will sell out," suggested Mr. Majestic, Jeffrey Gabel. The Black Watch continues to serve as a fully operational Battalion in the modern British Army. The Band of the Scots Guard is stationed in Central London where one of its prime functions is State ceremonial events at Buckingham Palace.

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And for our finale, celebrate Mother's Day with us and Lily Tomlin on May 12, 2013 at 3 p.m. One of America's foremost comedians, Lily Tomlin's performances span five decades and her wit is as sharp as ever. Over her extraordinary career she has been awarded six Emmys, two Tony Awards, a Grammy and a New York Film Critic Award. Her numerous stand-up specials have been broadcast internationally and she has appeared in almost every iconic comedy show from, "Laugh-In" to "Saturday Night Live" to "Will & Grace".

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National juried art show at the Mount

Kathryn Franke
MSM Class of 2013

Well, the culmination of my time here at the Mount is finally upon me. The Honors Project has made its debut. I remember hearing about it when I entered the Honors Program my freshman year, but I had so much time before I had to worry about that. I thought to myself, "I can put that on the backburner for a while. Right?"

I found out the hard way that people aren't kidding when they say that these four college years go by quickly. The next thing I knew, the deadline was quickly approaching for our Initial Proposals for our projects.

I was lucky enough to be approached by fellow classmate and art major Teresa Fredericks, who asked me if I would like to propose a collaborative project to the Honors Committee. This had never been done before in the Honors Program, so it was something that we had to put a lot of planning into so that we could get approval to work together. We had to determine which tasks we would do individually and which we would do together, the grading scale, and the overall calendar that we will follow throughout the year.

So, what is this project that we have been working so hard on? Drumroll please...

Through a collaborative planning, jurying, and marketing process, we will be hosting a thematic national juried art show right here at the Mount in the beginning of the 2013 spring semester. You will be able to see the fruit of our labor! The show will be titled, "The Natural World: A Post-modern Perspective," and it will contain a variety of art inspired by the natural world that draws attention to the beauty of nature and its relevance to our lives, both socially and artistically. The show is expected to be up starting on January 22, 2013 and will remain open to the public during gallery hours until February 22, 2013.

Teresa and I both share a very strong passion for art, and together, along with the help of our seasoned exhibition planner and advisor, Professor Elizabeth Holtry, I think we will be able to plan and execute a spectacular event. As we progress with the project, it is amazing to see how much the planning process for a juried show like the one we are planning actually involves.

Deciding on a general theme for the show involved a lot of brainstorming between the two of us, but we easily settled on the theme of the natural world because both of us have such a strong connection to it. Teresa has the unique ability to find meaning in absolutely any aspect of nature through her art, and I could easily walk around for hours while drawing, painting, or photographing things in nature that most people would walk right past without even a second glance.

Regarding the theme of the show, Teresa added, "I think this theme will really play to both of our strengths as artists. Kathryn is a photo-real-

ist who pays very close attention to the smallest details in nature. I tend to gravitate toward contemporary, sculptural, socially aware art. So, I think our different interests will make for a fabulously varied show." We also wanted to be sure that the theme was broad enough that artists can take their own approach and make their artwork truly representative of their own perspective. Because we will be advertising our "Call for Entries" nationally through the use of *Art Deadline* and several other art publications, we have to be sure that we will get a response from as many areas as possible. Name one place that doesn't have some sort of connection to the natural world...voilà! The perfect theme for artists of any kind.

The next series of steps in the planning process is where things got slightly complicated. There were so many things that we had to take care of and plan ahead for to be sure that the event will run smoothly and be a success. Regarding the planning process, Teresa explained, "It's the sort of thing you don't think about - all the small yet important bits of information that need to be definitively ironed out before anything else gets done."

Along with the "Call for Entries," we will be marketing the event through a variety of communication strategies with the goal of increasing the number of submissions we receive and the general public interest in the event. Together, Teresa and I had to work with a variety of offices on campus in order to create an email account to which the photographs of the entries can be submitted, an online payment account for the artists' entry fees, and a webpage on which we can post entry guidelines and any oth-

er general information that the artists or the public may need to know about the exhibition prior to its opening.

Each artist is allowed to submit up to three works of art for entry into the show, and we will choose which works will be a part of the show with the guidance of our faculty mentor. When selecting the works for the show, we will be judging based on criteria such as size limitations, relevance to the theme and approach to the subject matter, overall aesthetic appeal, and technical skill.

We will design show-cards to be distributed to faculty, staff, art classes here at the Mount, and the surrounding community. We will visit regional galleries to reach out to the local art community for submissions and also for attendance at the event. In addition, flyers and emails will be used to target the Mount community more specifically. We created a Facebook page and a Pinterest account for the event, where we will post updates and any important information that may come up throughout the planning process.

I personally will be sending press releases to local newspapers and handling much of the marketing for the event, while Teresa will be keeping a blog throughout the planning stages so that she can document the process and supplement the show with insight about the art world relevant to our theme and project.

Each of us will write an essay to be included in the printed catalogue that will accompany the show upon its opening. The catalogue will include discussion of the gallery's theme, images of the works that were accepted, along with identifying information, and the critical essays that each of us

will write. The essays will be academic analyses of the works in the exhibition, and they will discuss topics such as theme and theory with the goal of fostering a deeper understanding of the artwork.

Once we select the artwork for the show, the artists will ship their work to us so that we can determine the design of the gallery and hang the work. Specific tasks include lighting, labeling the work, and spacing the pieces. Our exhibit will be the first show of the 2013 spring semester for the Mount, and a reception will be held shortly after the exhibit is opened. We hope to have an informal gallery talk to share our thoughts about the process.

But as they say, the show must go on! Even after the exhibit is over, there are many things to take care of. After the exhibit ends, we must deconstruct and repair the gallery space and also ship the artwork back to the artists. We, of course, will be documenting the entire process through social media, blogging, photographs, journals, and reflections for the purposes of our presentation at the Honors Program's annual SPARC (Scholarship, Performance, Art, Research, and Creativity) festival, which will be from April 23-25, 2013.

Needless to say, the project involves a lot of planning, but all of our hard work will pay off. This event will be something huge for the Mount. Having a national gallery show such as this one in our small town of Emmitsburg will not only give artists across the country the chance to display their work, but also enrich the community with a more complete knowledge, understanding, and awareness of both the natural world and the art world.

For Teresa, this project gives her a taste of what her career might be like when she enters the workforce. She explained, "I hope to gain a glimpse into a dimension of the art world. I'm so grateful to have found my niche though - gallery work is truly what I love and want to pursue professionally."

This experience has already been one of the most fulfilling projects I have ever taken on here at the Mount, and we still have so much more to come! I am really looking forward to working with Teresa to help bring a larger art presence to our area and foster a greater awareness of and reflection on our world. Teresa's goal with this project is a perfect example of what this project really means to both of us. "I want people to truly take something away from what we end up organizing, and I want to be standing there on the opening day of the exhibit, thoughtfully engaging gallery visitors about the pieces we've come to know through this process."

There is so much to be seen in the natural world that we so easily overlook. We each have a unique way of looking at the world around us, and we each have our own opinions about it, as well. Our gallery exhibit will give insight into these theories as we draw from artists across the country and their own individual perspectives. We will keep you posted on our progress, but in the meantime, be on the lookout for our marketing outlets and spread the word to family and friends! We hope to see you in January when the exhibit opens!

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MOUNT SPORTS

Fall sports at the Mount

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With classes slowly starting and students settling in, the Mount appears to be alive and ready for another exciting year. I find it very difficult to get adjusted to my class schedule after a lazy summer, but I can only imagine how hard it is for athletes who are trying to juggle a new semester and the beginning of their season. Here is a brief synopsis of each team so far and what we can expect in the coming months.

Men's Golf

The defending NEC Conference Champions began their season by protecting their title at the Central Connecticut State Fall Invitational, finishing in seventh place after a two-day competition. Sophomore Ryan Triller appeared ready to capture another conference title. After scoring a 75 on both days of competition, Triller finished with an overall score of 150. Unfortunately, he came up short and was nine strokes behind the winner. Others who have stood out so far this season are Senior Andrew Lawton and Junior Tony Aizpun, both leaving the invi-



Senior Megan Kinsella, who has consistently been one of the Mount's top runners throughout her college career, begins this season with several strong runs.

tational with a final score of 150 and 152. Freshman Eric Flockhart made a splash in his college debut. He finished the competition after posting a score of 159.

An upcoming match to look out

for is the Binghamton Collegiate Fall Invitational on October 7-8.

Women's Golf

The Mount's women's golf team is off to a strong start thanks to freshman Marisol Doglioli. She finished the first round with 3 birdies, 4 bogeys, a double-bogey, and a triple-bogey. After day one of competition, Doglioli made Mount women's golf history by scoring a 78, the highest mark for any one woman to make in her debut! She ended the invitational with a final score of 157, the fourth-best score in program history. Also, sophomore Kelsey Hayward posted an 82 both days and finished with an overall score of 164.

A match to look forward to is the Rutgers Invitational, which will take place on October 5-6.

Cross Country

Always running through the countryside of Emmitsburg, the Mount's Cross Country team has worked hard to prepare for this season. The Mountaineers' season began at the Lehigh Invitational, where the women came in 5th place and the men in 10th place. The following week they compet-



Marisol Diglioli, originally from Italy, shows off her skills at the Tignanelli Invitational.

ed at the Nassaney Invitational at Bryant University. The men finished in 6th place while the women took 11th place. So far this season, two athletes who stand out are Tommy Gruschow and Megan Kinsella. Gruschow finished the men's 8k race at Nassaney with a time of 25:49.4, coming in sixth place overall, while Megan Kinsella has been a top finisher in both invitational meets so far.

Men's Soccer

After facing many challenges this season, the Mountaineers are 1-5. Their first game was a tough fight that came down to a heartbreaking loss during a double overtime. Despite their disappointing season so far, several players have excelled. Both Patrick Wheeler and Mark Plaisance have scored their first goals in their college careers. Also, goalie Peter Steve has helped the Mountaineers this season by making some critical saves, and he was a major factor in the team's win against VMI.

Women's Soccer

The Mount's women's soccer team is having a fantastic start to the season, one of the best starts in program history. Fresh-

man goalkeepers Rachel Bourne and Vicky Coccozza are making a huge impact on the team already, with a combination of over thirty saves this season. Coccozza made eight saves in the game against Virginia Tech and four against Rider. Not too bad for a freshman! Sam Manson is also starting her collegiate career off right, scoring her first goal at the Mount this past week. As expected, sophomore Alicia Miranda has had a great start, scoring both goals in the game against Howard. Senior Kelly Baker is also having a strong season, scoring twice in the home opener against Towson. Baker also made the final goal to help defeat VMI this past week. The combination of young talent and experienced upperclassman is helping the Mountaineers be successful this year. Keep an eye on this team, because I have a feeling they will go far this season.

The Mountaineers will take on Robert Morris on October 5, so mark your calendars!

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MOUNT CREATIVE WRITERS

Discovering my next-door neighbor

Alexandra Tyminski
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Who knew I would be sitting in the middle of a bamboo forest, soaking wet, blood running down my right shin, and a rip in the knee of my black sweatpants where the barbed wire tore a hole. It was a nightmare becoming reality. When was Halloween ever this scary?

The clock was ticking down the minutes and seconds when I was able to leave dreadful Geometry class. I wish someone had warned me that high school sophomore math would be this painful. I also wish that someone had told me that my teacher would be so boring and mysterious. Mr. Riderwood was a strange man, to say the least. He was a typical math teacher, like the ones portrayed in movies: a little shorter than most men, older and with glasses, and he sounded like he had a cold all the time with his raspy voice. I stared at the hand on the clock; it was slowly inch by inch pushing time forward.

"Pssst, Ellie," I heard whispered from behind me as a note was thrown onto my desk. I slowly opened it without making too much noise. As I unfolded each wrinkle in the paper, I got so excited that I could feel my foot beginning to tap vigorously. I already had an idea of what it was going to say. It read, "Meet after class near the water fountain by the back steps of parking lot B for tonight's game plan. -Cole" This meant one thing and one thing only: Halloween shenanigans were about to begin in... "Dinnngg!" Finally, the bell rang, and I was able to leave.

I trotted through the hallways, passing the crowds on the side. I was hitting people left and right with my big backpack as I ran by them. "Sorry, 'scuse me. Sorry, uh yeah my bad." I kept repeating myself. I eventually could see the red double doors leading to outside of these hallways. Ah! Freedom at last as I took in the fresh fall air. I slid down the railing, hands in the air and anxious to see what Cole had planned for us. I spotted him by the water fountain; his big brown curly afro-looking hair made him stand out. As soon as my feet hit the ground, I ran over to him. Teddy was standing with him, too.

"Hey guys! What's the game plan? What are we doing tonight? Where are we going? Trick or treating, anyone?" The questions began to pour out as I gasped for air through my panting.

"Whoa, whoa, let's hold on there for a second, Ellie. We have a plan. Just breathe," Cole reassured me.

I inhaled slowly, "In and out. Deep breaths. Okay, I'm ready."

"This is the plan. We are going to head to White Marsh Mall, pick up our costumes, get pizza, and then go trick or treating," Cole explained.

"Oh, sweet! Trick or treating in my neighborhood or one of yours?" I asked eagerly.

Cole glances over at Teddy, back at me, then back at Teddy, then back at me. Uh oh, I had a suspiciously bad feeling about this.

Teddy begins to stutter, "Well, y-ya, ya see, we, um, were thinking of..."

"Okay just spit it out already," I demanded.

"We decided we are going to the corner houses on the west side of your neighborhood in the cul-de-sac a few blocks from your house," Cole blurted out.

"Um, you guys know that we have to cross private property to get there. We can't drive. How are we going to get there? And do we have to go there? I'm not up for going to that last corner house on Masquerade Lane. I heard some man who lives there is creepy and mean," I argued.

Cole tried to reason with me. "Oh come on El, we will walk. It will be so much fun. Teddy and I have been talking about this ever since we were younger and we want you to come with us. You love scary movies, and you claim that nothing ever scares you. I promise we will be fine. We just want to explore the neighborhood."

"Half of the houses are abandoned and haunted so it isn't like we will get caught. The people who live in the other half don't ever really come out, so they won't know we were there," Teddy chimed in. I was not up for this at all. I hated peer pressure. Especially by my two and only best friends.

"Ugh, fine. I'm in," I reluctantly agreed to this new Halloween adventure. I noticed Cole's mom off to the left in the parking lot waiting in her gray Honda Accord. "Alright Cole, let's go. Your mom is here," I said. We hopped into the car and on my way there, I began to let my head wander. I mean, why couldn't we just do what we did every Halloween? Trick or treat, prank calls, scary movies, scare little kids when they came to the door; but not this year. We had to play our own version of ghost hunters. I guess there was no backing out now. As I thought of all the possible reasons of how to get out of tonight, I also thought about what we were going to do when we got older. What do older people, like Mr. Riderwood, do for Halloween? Do they even give out candy or do they just sit around watching the news until they fall asleep? Either way, I couldn't imagine what Mr. Riderwood would be doing. Maybe some geometry problems. He just seemed so dull.

"We're here Ellie, you can stop day dreaming about whatever teenage girls dream about," Teddy nudged my arm jokingly.

"Do you know what you want to be yet for tonight?" Cole asked.

I had barely thought about what I was going to be because I was awkwardly day dreaming about what my goofy, old, four-eyed, professor was doing on Halloween. I think they could tell I hadn't given it too much thought.

"It's ok El, we got you covered. Wait here and we will come out with your costume," Cole yelled as he was already halfway out of the car. I couldn't decide whether I was happy with them picking the costume because I didn't have to think of an idea, or nervous that they would dress me up as something odd. Fifteen minutes later, after I've practically chewed off all my fingernails, the boys came back with black costumes in hand. The car door slammed behind them.

Cole turned and looked at me, wide-eyed like a puppy. "Ellie, close your eyes and put out your hands," he said energetically. I closed my eyes, put out my hands, and I began to feel the mysterious, unknown costume being placed into my palms.

"Okay open up," Cole said. I almost jumped out of my seat when I saw it, "I cannot believe you guys got these!" It was a black ninja costume with accessories: a headband, sword, and glow-in-the-dark gloves. Although I wasn't looking forward to going to Masquerade Lane, I was definitely looking forward to wearing a ninja costume.

We drove to my house after pizza, and when we got there, I made sure to tell Cole's mom that we would most likely be home from trick-or-treating around midnight. Unfortunately, Halloween just happened to fall on a school night... just our luck.

"Alright, I'll see the boys then. Don't have too much fun!" she shouted from the driveway.

"Ellie, are your parents working late again?" Teddy yelled into the kitchen from the family room. He and Cole were already sprawled out on the couch, shoes off and flipping the channels. Typical boys.

"Yes, they are, but let's get our costumes on and get on with this exploration or whatever you want to call it," I replied in a sarcastic tone. We got ready in the fastest amount of time as possible.

"I'm so anxious to see some haunted houses tonight," Cole kept saying, "Me too," Teddy would add.

After a few snaps of photos, we locked the door and were on our way. It was a rather chilly night and quite rainy. I noticed some kids trick-or-treat-



ing, but not many. We hung a left and walked up the huge hill on my street, then took a right, then a left, and then went into the back path behind the elementary school until we reached the end of the cul-de-sac on the west side. There was no escaping it now.

"Okay, I think we should go to the 'scariest' abandoned house first," Teddy suggested.

"Can we just get this over with please?" I moaned.

"Fine, let's go," Cole said firmly. We opened the front door to the house. Was this considered breaking and entering? I wasn't quite sure.

"Did you guys hear that?" Cole whispered.

"Are you sure this house is abandoned? There is furniture everywhere, and..." A light coming from upstairs suddenly caught my eye and I couldn't formulate words anymore. I tugged on Teddy's jacket behind me, and as we approached the stairs, the floorboards kept creaking below our feet. We pushed the door open and, "Oh. My. Gosh," I muttered under my breath.

A man stood there, his back facing us. He saw our reflections in the mirror, turned around and screamed at us. "RAWWRRRRR!" My toes went numb. He was wearing a deformed purple and orange mask with bright blue feathers. We were out of there so fast! We went down the stairs, through the door, and back to the elementary path. Teddy took a wrong turn and we ended up hopping a barbed wire fence and getting lost. I cut my knee and it

started to storm. Was this actually happening?

"Two hours later and we finally made it back here," Cole said as we frantically ran into my house. His mom eventually came and picked the boys up. I could not sleep that night. What was that mask anyway? The image of the man in the mask was still so vivid.

The next day I went to geometry class. Mr. Riderwood was usually there before any of us got there. He walked in a little late and shut the door behind him. When he turned around, I instantly noticed the purple feather on his shirt, and I felt a huge gulp form in my throat. It suddenly became hard to swallow. Mr. Riderwood smiled at me, and somehow I knew that his smirk was saying, "Nice to meet you. I'm your neighbor on Masquerade Lane." I looked behind me at Cole and could see he recognized the feather, as well. Mr. Riderwood started to teach class. "I'm sure you all had a great Halloween last night and stayed out of trouble, I hope," he glared directly at me and spoke in his old croaky voice. If only the class knew his real mask. From that day onward, I never think about how older folks spend their Halloween night. As he stared at me, I started to sink down into my chair. All I could think about was, who really was Mr. Riderwood and where did he get that mask from?

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Cooking with love

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People ask me all the time what makes my food so different from other peoples. I never had an answer to that until recently. I was talking to some guests in my restaurant and when they posed the question, "What makes your food so different?" a light bulb went off over my head and I immediately answered, "I cook with love, the love makes all the difference in the world." When I am in the kitchen, otherwise known as my HAPPY PLACE, I am taken away – remember the old Calgon commercials? That is how I feel; nothing can go wrong as long as I have a grill, a knife, some pots and pans and of course, some wonderful food to play with!

Some of my favorite things to play with are the local fruits and vegetables that are available during the year. For example, this summer I experimented with Fruit Salsa for one of my fish dishes. I got the idea while doing a cooking demonstration at the Taneytown Farmer's Market. I did several demonstrations there this summer and the premise was

that I would never know what I was cooking, I went around and pilfered food from the vendors and whipped something up on the spot! It was great fun for everyone and even earned us a spot on Carroll County's local television station. For the fruit Salsa I used Cinnamon Crisp Apples, Shiro Plums and white peaches, spearmint, a banana pepper and a glass of lemonade. It tasted so good I used it at the restaurant over grilled grouper that night. The recipe follows:

For the Fruit Salsa:

- One each apple, plum and peach – cut into bite size pieces
- One sweet banana pepper
- One cup lemonade
- Extra virgin olive oil (in a spray bottle – just enough to lightly coat your pan and ingredients)
- One teaspoon Montreal Steak seasoning
- Two sprigs of spearmint (one chiffonade or cigar cut and the other for garnish)
 - Spray your 12" sauté pan with EVOO and heat to medium
 - Place apples in pan and cook until half soft and then add the peach and



plum

- Sprinkle with Montreal Steak seasoning and continue cooking
- Add enough lemonade to cover the bottom of the pan
- Simmer until semi-soft and add the chiffonade spearmint

For the fish

- Choose any fish you like, we used Grouper for its meaty yet delicate texture
- Spray with cooking spray and place top side down on the grill, set to medium high at a 45 degree angle
- Ladle with vegetable stock so that fish does not dry out (you will do this several times while cooking)
- Cook for approximately 4 minutes and turn the fish to the opposite angle, creating grill marks, for another 4 minutes, again ladling with vegetable stock
- Using a long spatula flip fish and ladle once again with vegetable stock
- Sprinkle with dried Italian seasoning and continue cooking until the fish reaches an internal temperature

To serve – place fish on plate, top with salsa and garnish with remaining spearmint sprig

LOVE also comes in the form of wraps for one of my bartenders, Curtis. Curtis is a very health conscious young man and as a matter of fact was the first person I hired.....long before I even knew for sure I was going to have my own place. He has been to basic training and back and is currently in the reserves and going to school full time. One of Curtis' favorite wraps is my Spinach Salad Wrap with Chicken. There is not really a recipe so I will just let you know how it comes to be.

It all starts with the wrap – it has to be a big one, 12" – that

way you can fill it to your heart's content! First, I warm the wrap on the grill to make it slightly more pliable. I use baby spinach and lightly toss it in Hot Bacon Dressing and spread it across the lower center of the wrap. Then top with thinly sliced grilled chicken. Add thinly sliced red onion, sundried tomatoes, sliced mushrooms and bleu cheese crumbles. Gently fold the bottom of the wrap over the "salad" and fold in both sides then finish rolling to the top. Slice on an angle and serve. Trust me; this is one great and healthy wrap!

I would be remiss if I did not write of my true love, my son, Zachary. He is now 21 years old but I still remember the "good old days" when he would beg me for his favorite dinner; Grilled Salmon with Lemon Caper Rice and Honey Glazed Carrots – all of which are on my menu in his honor. Thank you Zachary for every day you have given me!

Grilled Salmon

- 2 - 6 ounce salmon filet – skin on and lightly seasoned with lemon pepper
 - Place salmon skin side down on medium high grill for approximately 4-5 minutes
 - Flip salmon and using tongs peel off the skin
 - Cook for 2 minutes and turn salmon to create grille marks
 - Remove salmon and allow to rest for 1 – 2 minutes before serving

Lemon Caper Rice

- 1 cup Jasmine or Basmati Rice
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon vegetable base
- ¼ cup drained and strained capers
- ½ lemon
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper
 - Thoroughly rinse rice in a strainer with

cold running water (this will reduce the starch content)

- Place rice, water and veg base (whisked in) in medium size sauce pan and with a medium high flame, bring to a slow rolling boil.
- Reduce heat, squeeze in lemon juice and micro zest the peel
- Add capers and lemon pepper, gently folding them into the rice
- Place a lid on the sauce pan and allow to simmer for approximately 5 minutes
- Remove lid and fluff rice

Honey Glazed Carrots

- ½ pound baby carrots
- 1 teaspoon vegetable base
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons local honey
- Lemon pepper
- Bring water to a fast rolling boil with vegetable base whisked in
- Add carrots and cook for 3-5 minutes, depending on your desired crispness
- Remove from water, meanwhile have a sauté pan ready to go
- Spray sauté pan with EVOO and gently heat
- Add carrots and toss with lemon pepper and honey for one minute

To present your meal – put rice in the middle of the plate and on an angle place the salmon with the carrots at the base of the salmon. Garnish with fresh Italian parsley.

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IN MY OWN WORDS

Welcome to the real world

Nick Pane

Earlier this year, starting probably around March, it became undeniably clear that things were changing. The Class of 2012 began receiving emails from the school about preparation for Commencement, and all of the activities leading up to it. The workload had intensified slightly, but I felt far less stressed about it than semesters prior to this one. Many of my fellow classmates seemed to share a similar mindset, in that we had no desire whatsoever to embrace this new unfamiliarity that we were facing; in short, I was graduating college.

I had mixed emotions about the end of four unforgettable years, but the scariest thing about the process was how quickly it was moving along. In what felt like a seamless transition, I went from attempting to answer complex questions about what it meant to be human, to suddenly attempting to explain my post-graduate plans. Professors, coworkers, family members, and friends, all of which play four vastly different but crucial roles in shaping you right down to your most meticulous personality trait, were bombarding me with the same question: So what's next? After four years of studying subjects involving one's purpose in the universe, languages that read right to left, and theory-based debates regarding Gerbner's Cultivation Theory and Mill's Utilitarianism, the time had come for me to focus on a different set of goals.

Even in today's world, when jobs are tough to come by, I'm now supposed to exchange my dorm room for an apartment, my course load for an occupation, and my GPA for a salary. I'm also competing with tens of thousands of unemployed people and other recent grads to boot, so I'm tasked with setting myself apart in a way that makes my application look as appealing as possible. Of course, this all goes without saying that I graduated from a private school with an annual tuition around \$50,000 during a time of economic disparity. Welcome to the life of the recent college graduate.

A friend of mine that is still in school asked me back in August what, if anything, was different about not returning to school. In the only comparable situation I could think of, I told him that sending out job applications felt a lot like meeting a girl's parents for the first time. You put in all of this effort to get her to like you and go out with you, things seem to be going well after a number of dates, and before you know it, you're sitting at her dining room table as her father transforms into a CIA operative, chewing you up and spitting you out with countless questions about what you have been/plan on doing with your life. He'll look for any reason not to like you and when he finds one, he'll urge his daughter to find someone better. Both scenarios can basically leave you feeling as if you didn't do enough to garner more interest or respect from the people that you desperately want to impress. The

difference, however, is the current economic situation. Many qualified college grads remain unemployed or underemployed because the opportunities that would be available in a more copious economy simply aren't there.

Recently, the overall unemployment rate has hovered just above 8%. The economy is on the upswing, but the outlook remains especially grim for people looking for work that are under the age of 25. In many instances, employees are either taking pay cuts or returning to jobs where their roles are reduced, just to stay employed. These are the members of the work force that have experience and familiarity on their side, so the logical assumption is that employers are comfortable hiring them because they can pay less money to someone that already knows how to do the job. The result is an unemployment rate of 16% for people 25 years of age or younger, which means that recent college grads are stuck with an exorbitant amount of loans to pay off without the resources sufficient enough to do so. This leads to people seeking jobs that have little to nothing to do with their field(s) of study or career interests, contributing to high levels of underemployment.

For anyone that may be unfamiliar with the term underemployment, it basically indicates that an employee is overqualified for a position they are holding. The problem with underemployment is that it means more people are settling for temporary positions that they might only accept because they need the money. That's not to say that there is anything wrong with this approach, but when underemployment levels have been consistently close to 19%, it means that a lot of people are accepting positions that don't fit their education background. As long as you are careful not to stray far from your career goals, there is nothing wrong with picking up a job that pays minimum wage and puts a little extra cash in your wallet, but as the newest additions to the labor force, recent college grads must do their best to look for positions close to their field of study. If you can get that "foot in the door" position that may pay less than a job as a waiter, take the former every time, because there simply aren't any guarantees when that opportunity will come again.

The beauty of an entry level position involving something that you want to do down the road is that you can sacrifice short-term income for potential long-term success. Entry level positions don't pay much in the form of money, however they can set you up quite nicely to enjoy a fulfilling career doing something that you genuinely believe that you want to do. Again, some of these positions might not exist because of experienced employees taking lower-end jobs to maintain a salary. Bad economical times and high underemployment rates don't exactly bode well for workers trying to break in to a business. The only thing that recent



Might as well get in line. Due to the economy and a lot of competition, members of the Class of 2012 are struggling to find jobs.

grads can do, is simply be persistent and not pass anything up.

As recent graduates, our best move would be to take a job because we want to take it, not because we feel like we need to take it. During my free time, it's not uncommon for me to go to a job board, search media or journalism positions, and apply to each job that I feel I have a realistic chance of landing. If the position does not prefer/require multiple years of experience, it's likely that I will send in an application. I've repeated this process more times than I can re-

member, and I'm a little more than four months removed from cleaning out my dorm. That should tell you all you need to know about the job market as it stands right now: apply to a lot of places, and the odds of you hearing back from someone can only go up. In the event that I do not hear back from anyone, which has been the case for most of my applications, I move on to the next company looking to hire. It's a frustrating process, but that's what happens when you are a member of a graduating class during the latter parts of a

recession. The opportunities are going to be few and far between, which basically means that you have to be your own best spokesperson. If your resume is strong and you can present a legitimate case for yourself in a cover letter, you'll have a fighting chance, but you have to stay on top of your job search. An employer only needs to see one application that they like, and in this economy, that's probably all they want to see anyway.

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COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

The heart of it all

Renee Lehman

The human heart feels things the eyes cannot see, and knows what the mind cannot understand.

—(Robert Valett)

Part 2

In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), the HEART is the "Supreme Controller." In China 3,000 years ago, there was an Emperor who governed his kingdom. The Heart is your Emperor/Empress who controls and co-ordinates all of the Officials (your other organs) within the body and at the same time relies on them for guidance in "running the kingdom." The heart is not viewed as just a physical organ. On a physical level, the Heart is responsible for circulating blood to all parts of the body. When this is done well, then we feel nourished and strong. On an emotional and mental level, the Heart is responsible for clear thinking, insight, cognition, perception, consciousness, and self-awareness that gives life meaning. On a spirit level, the Heart is respon-

sible for your capacity to feel compassion and demonstrate warmth, joy, and love. When in balance on a body/mind/spirit level, the Heart will allow you to feel calm, serene, and to "just be." You will be in harmony, balance, and peace.

The Chinese were not the only ancient culture that believed that the heart was responsible for influencing our emotions, decision making, and principles. The Egyptian and Greek cultures, and the Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, and Christian traditions all had similar viewpoints. For example, in Proverbs 23:7, "For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

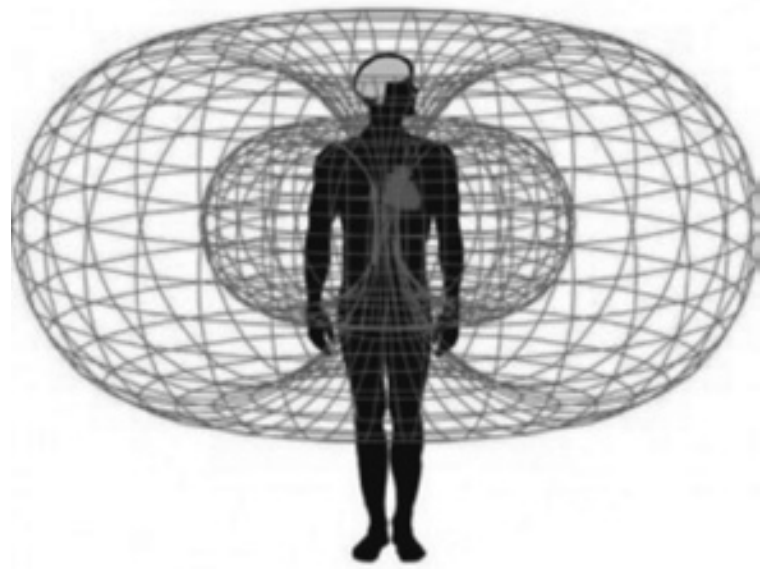
Heart Research (Review)

The source of the heartbeat is within the heart itself (the heart rate is thought to be controlled by the brain). For example, when someone has a heart transplant, the nerves from the brain to the heart are cut, and are not reconnected (surgeons don't know yet how to reconnect them). However, this does not stop the heart from beating. After the surgeons have transplanted the heart and reestab-

lished the heart beat in the new person's chest, the heart keeps beating (even though there is no longer a nervous connection between the brain and the heart).

The heart has its own nervous system, with a network of 40,000 neurons (Armour and Ardell, editors, Neurocardiology, 1984). It releases hormones that enable it to not only regulate itself, but also to send messages via nerve pathways to the brain. It is also through these nerve pathways that pain and other feeling sensations are sent to the brain. These nervous signals then regulate the many nervous signals that flow out of the brain to the heart, blood vessels, and other glands and organs of the body. Thus, the heart's nervous system has an effect on the entire body. These nervous signals also cascade up into the higher centers of the brain, where they may influence perception, decision making and other cognitive processes. So, you can think of this system as "the brain in the heart," and the heart has "intelligence."

"HeartMath research (The Institute of HeartMath Research Center, www.heartmath.org) has shown that the heart responds to stress first, and sends that information to the brain with a judgment attached before mental cognition ever occurs. If the heart perceives a situation as a threat, the brain then sets off the alarm signals to produce stress hormones, which initiate the inflammatory cascade. So, under certain circumstances, the heart can "think for itself." The references for the following information are: The Institute of HeartMath Research Center and from the book entitled:



The HeartMath Solution by Doc Childre and Howard Martin, 1999.

Health Implications

How can emotions contribute to heart related problems and other ailments? People have long been aware of the connection between stress, mental and emotional attitudes, physiological health and overall well-being.

Scientific research now tells us plainly that anger, anxiety and worry significantly increase the risk of heart disease, including sudden cardiac death. Ground-breaking, long-term studies conducted by Dr. Hans Eysenck and colleagues at the University of London have shown that chronic unmanaged emotional stress is as much as six times more predictive of cancer and heart disease than cigarette smoking, cholesterol level or blood pressure, and much more responsive to intervention.

Rollin McCraty and colleagues observed that when individuals experienced negative emotions, the nervous system became unbalanced, and created irregular heart rhythms (American Journal of Cardiology, 1995); whereas, positive emotions were found to improve the

nervous system's balance, thus creating regular heart rhythms. The regular heart rhythms not only reduced the stress level within the individual, they also enhanced the person's mental clarity and intuition (The HeartMath Solution).

A Harvard Medical School Study of 1,623 heart attack survivors found that when subjects became angry during emotional conflicts, their risk of subsequent heart attacks was more than double that of those that remained calm (Mittleman et al. Circulation, 1995).

Men who complain of high anxiety are up to six times more likely than calmer men to suffer sudden cardiac death (Kawachi et al. Circulation, 1994).

According to a Mayo Clinic study of individuals with heart disease, psychological stress was the strongest predictor of future cardiac events, such as cardiac death, cardiac arrest and heart attacks (Allison et al. Mayo Clinic Proceedings, 1995).

An international study of 2,829 people between the ages of 55 and 85 found that individuals who reported the highest levels of personal "mastery" (feelings of control over life events) had a nearly 60% lower risk of death compared with those who felt relatively helpless in the face of life's challenges (Penninx et al. American Journal of Epidemiology, 1997).

So what can we do to reduce our risk for illness? Listen to our heart's intelligence! Emotions such as love, appreciation, caring, compassion, and true happiness not only calm the nervous system; they also decrease the production of the stress hormone, cortisol (think of adrenaline), improve your immune system's responses, and lower blood pressure. This is the path to well-being... listen to your HEART!

"You change your life by changing your heart."
—(Max Lucado)

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Keep Moving Keep those joints and muscles moving

Linda Stultz

Fall and Winter are approaching quickly. Don't let the cold weather stop you from getting the exercise your body needs to stay strong and healthy. There are many activities that will keep our bodies in great shape all through the winter months. Walking, biking, hiking, and rollerblading can be continued till the snow flies. Being out in the brisk, fall air gives you a clear head and a feeling of freedom. Fall is also a beautiful time to be outside to see the brilliant colors of

the leaves, the sky at sunset and the early morning dawn.

Soon the leaves will be falling and raking is a great aerobic and strength building activity and you have to get the leaves picked up anyway. Activity with friends makes the work go faster and you have fun at the same time. Cleaning up the garden and the flower beds will also give you great exercise. Go for a walk and enjoy the beautiful fall weather and scenery. Ride your bike on the battlefield or a bike trail and you will discover the beauty of the outdoors.

When the snow does fly and the ice covers the ground, a great inside exercise is roller skating with friends or mall walking. If you have a treadmill or stationary bike, use it to keep those joints in motion. Pick a favorite TV show and jump on the treadmill or bike. Before you know it, the show is over and you put in 30 minutes of aerobic activity. You feel great, both physically and mentally because you know you are doing something good for your health. There are so many DVD's, games and TV shows that will lead you in an exercise if you don't want to be outdoors or if the weather is bad that day. Don't let a few days of dreary weather get you out of your exercise routine. Prepare ahead and you will continue on and feel great about yourself for sticking to your schedule.



Strength training combined with aerobic activity is the ideal plan for total health and fitness. Strong muscles burn fat and increase your metabolism to keep you at your peak fitness level. Many strengthening exercises can be done right in your own home with

simple everyday materials. While it is beneficial to consult a personal trainer for instruction on the proper form, you can add an extra workout each week at home. Call me if you have any questions or would like help getting started.

Fitness Matters Expert answers to your health and wellness questions

Inga Olsen
Anytime Fitness
Personal Trainer

Question: I keep hearing good things about the Paleo diet. Is this really a sound nutritional plan?

Answer: There's no doubt that the Paleo diet is getting a lot of traction in the media these days. Fans of this diet claim that we should eat more of what our Stone Age hunter-gatherer ancestors ate, and that we should avoid grains, dairy, and legumes because we simply haven't evolved to consume them. They also argue that the typical Western diet is largely responsible for many of the ills of today, including obesity, heart disease, and diabetes, amongst others. This is certainly hard to dispute! The Paleo plan is made up of meat, fish, shell-

fish, eggs, tree nuts, roots, fruits, vegetables, and berries. Sounds pretty healthy on the surface, but the restrictions mentioned earlier seem a bit impractical. There is an overwhelming body of research touting the healthful aspects of whole grains, low-fat dairy, and legumes. Many Paleo diet fans are quick to point out that it's the healthiest diet out there, however I would argue that we simply don't know how it stacks up against a traditional Asian diet, a Mediterranean diet, or any of the various vegetarian plans. And let's not forget the fact that following a true Paleo diet is almost impossible in our current environment. Wild game is not widely available and most plant foods are not grown in the wild either. Even those of us wanting to avoid as many processed foods as possible can find it to be quite a challenge. In the end, the goal of consuming more of your food directly from nature is great, and it

certainly beats the traditional Western diet. However, some of the claims about Paleo are a bit far-fetched with little science to back them up, and you may find it to be needlessly restrictive. Give it a shot though, and see what you think!

Question: I'm an avid runner and I've had sore knees recently. I was told that running on a treadmill or on grass might help with the pain. Is this true?

Answer: This is the prevailing theory, but unfortunately, this is not the case. Many people think that running on a slightly softer surface will help with knee pain, and that seems to make sense. But it's the force of your overall body mass on your joints that is causing the problem, so running on a treadmill vs. pavement really doesn't matter. Your best bet would be to change up your modes of exercise and incorporate a little more biking, elliptical, or rowing into your training. This will give your knees some much-needed rest, and then hopefully you can continue to run with little to no pain. Remember, if the pain gets too severe, you may want to take some time off and/ or go see a sports

physician to see if the pain is stemming from a more serious injury.

Question: I've been having a tough time with my energy levels for my 6am workouts. I was thinking coffee might help with this, but it seems like it's always getting mixed reviews. Any cause for concern before a workout?

Answer: First things first. If you're experiencing low energy levels, and you're not necessarily focused on fat loss, try having a small breakfast, or even a bar or a shake, before you go workout. This will definitely provide the much-needed energy you're looking for. However, if you're trying to drop body fat and you'd like to avoid calories that early in the morning, coffee is an excellent alternative. The caffeine in coffee is considered a central nervous system stimulant and will provide a boost of energy, though the effect varies greatly among individ-

uals. Caffeine is actually considered an ergogenic aid, meaning it enhances physical performance. In the right amounts, caffeine has been shown to reduce the perception of effort during a workout, which means your workout will seem easier than it actually is. Not bad for a little cup o' joe, huh? Keep in mind, coffee does increase heart rate, respiratory rate, and blood pressure, and it can make you a bit jittery if you're a newbie. Luckily, these effects are relatively mild, especially for healthy folks. In fact, much of the research these days is focused on the potential health benefits of coffee, rather than any health risks.

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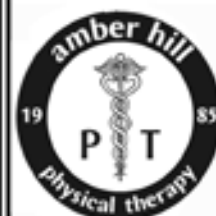


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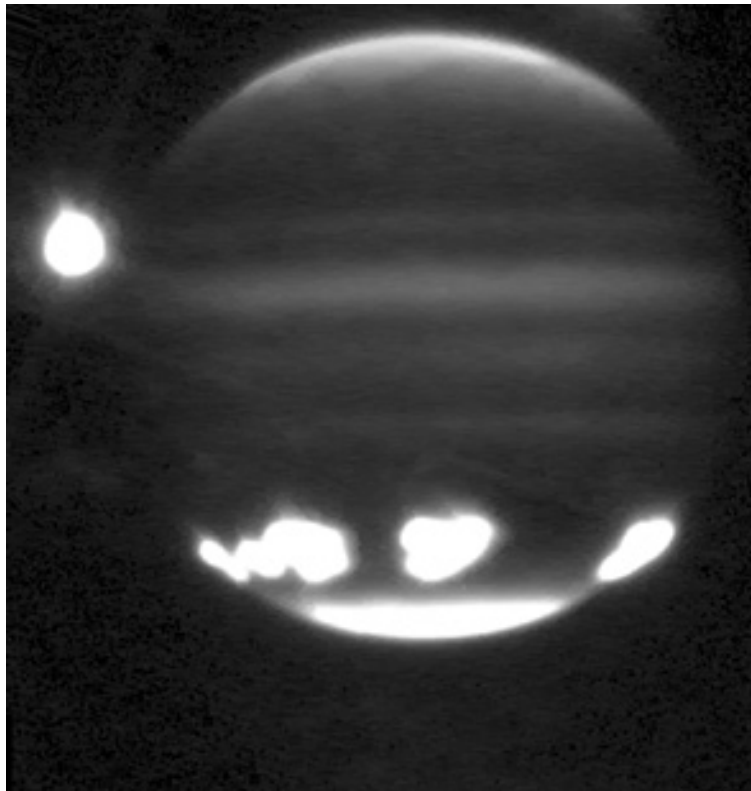
The night sky of October

Professor Wayne Wooten

For October 2012, the moon was full on September 30th. The waning gibbous moon, just past full, passes one degree south of Jupiter on October 5th. The last quarter moon rises at midnight on October 8th. The waning crescent moon passes six degrees below Venus on the morning of October 12th. The New Moon is on October 15th, and the slender crescent moon lies just east of Mercury in the SW twilight on October 17th. The waxing crescent moon passes 2 degrees above red Mars on October 18th. The first quarter moon is on October 22, and will not be a problem for observing the peak of the Orionid Meteor Shower on the morning of October 21st. The Full Moon, the Hunter's Moon, is on October 29th. Halloween will see a waning gibbous moon rising in the SE in evening twilight, a big orange pumpkin moon rising locally about 7:30 PM, and bright Jupiter rising just below it at 8 PM. Get out the telescope and give the youngsters in the neighborhood a cosmic treat.

Mercury puts on a nice show in the SW evening sky in October. On October 1st, it lies 1.6 degrees north of Spica in the SW, then on the 5th, it passes 3 degrees below Saturn. This is our last view of Saturn for several weeks, as it will lie behind the Sun for the rest of October, returning to the morning sky in late November. Mercury's greatest elongation is on October 26th, so it lies low in the evening sky for the whole month, with the crescent moon just below it on October 17th. Mars races the sun eastward in October, moving through Scorpius, and making a neat pair with similarly red Antares on October 21st. Jupiter dominates the eastern sky and sits in the horns of Taurus the Bull, rising about 7 PM by month's end.

Any small scope will reveal



Comet SL-9 impacted on Jupiter, July 1994

what Galileo marveled at 400 years ago; four large moons, all bigger or similar to ours in size, orbit it in a line along Jupiter's equator. So get out the old scope, and focus on Jupiter for a constantly changing dance of the moons around the giant world. Bigger scopes reveal much detail in its clouds, which have now returned to their familiar two racing stripes. For over a year, the south equatorial belt faded, but has now returned to its normal prominence. Its famed Great Red Spot is still its most distinctive cloud mark. Astronomers got a neat surprise in early September when an asteroid hit Jupiter's cloud tops, with a bright flash captured by two amateur astronomers. Unlike the Comet SL-9 impacts in July 1994, this smaller impact left no dark smoke marks in Jupiter's atmosphere, however. Venus dominates the dawn, but is moving behind the Sun so appears smaller and fainter and closer to the sun each morning. At the beginning of October, it is rising about 3:30 AM, but by month's end, an hour later and much

lower in sky.

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. By contrast, the Little Dipper, while much fainter, is always above our northern horizon here along the Gulf Coast.

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.

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. In the sky myths, our dolphin saves the Greek poet Arion of Lesbos. He was a court musician at the palace of Perianther, ruler of Corinth. Arion had become famous and rich during his travels to Sicily and Italy. On his way home his wealth caused the crew of his ship to conspire against him. Threatened with death, Arion asked to sing a dirge. As he sang, he threw himself overboard. He was rescued by a dolphin which had been charmed by Arion's music. The dolphin carried Arion to the coast of Greece and left, to be celebrated by Arion and others in the sky. Many maritime people loved the dolphins, particularly the Minoans, who have leaping dolphins on many walls of the Knossos palace. Can you see him overhead under clear, dark skies in October?

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 a giant star the same temperature as our sun, but at least 100X more luminous. 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. Jupiter lies just east of Aldebaran, in the middle of the Bull's horns this month, but retrogrades back westward toward Aldebaran by the end of the month.

Farmers' Almanac

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Showers from the west (1) turning fair and cooler (2,3,4,5,6). Windy in the northern part of the region with showers in the south (7,8). Fair and mild (9,10,11,12,13,14) with tropical storm from the Atlantic (15,16,17). Fair and mild (18,19,20,21) with winds in the north and showers in the south (22,23). Fair and cooler (24,25,26,27) turning cloudy and not so cool (28,29,30,31).

Full Moon: The Full Moon in October will occur on October 29th and is the Hunter's Moon for 2012. It has also been known as Yellow Leaf Moon because of all of

the leaves turning bright colors at this time of year. The Cree Indian Tribe called it the Moon of Falling Leaves because so many trees lose the last of their leaves in October.

Holidays: Columbus Day falls on Monday, October 8th and United Nations Day is celebrated on Wednesday, October 24th. The children's favorite holiday next to Christmas is Halloween which falls on Wednesday, October 31st. Don't be "tricked" into taking safety for granted so "treat" yourself and the young ones to safe and early-evening activities that will end by dusk. Be sure to have older children carry flashlights and wear

reflective clothing (or costumes!) after dark. Be sure to check all treats when the children return.

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. Cut back perennial foliage and shrubs to discourage winter pests. Leave flowers with seeds for the birds. Shredded or mulched leaves, along with lawn clippings and dead plant stalks from the vegetable garden make a fine addition to the compost heap. Remove all dead or dying plants and add those to the compost pile as well. Now is the time to plant those spring bulbs. Remember to add just a pinch of bone meal to the hole.

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COMPUTER Q&A

Mobile devices: not a PC replacement

Aysë Stenabaugh

With mobile devices like tablets and smart phones becoming more and more popular and integrated it may seem as though computers are being replaced. In truth you can't (and shouldn't) consider a mobile device to be able to handle everything your PC does. With built-in wifi, camera, and microphone it may appear as though your mobile device can handle everything short of a CD or DVD. We all know that computers (and mobile device) rely on both hardware and software. The software includes your applications such as Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office, and computer games you may have installed. While many mobile devices include software that may be compatible with your existing software, it may not have all the same features. You may even have to pay for the software again for each device that runs on a differing operating system (OS). If you have very specific needs and require specific features or software in order for the mobile device to be useful to you, do your research!

Many electronics and mobile devices including; digital cameras, printers, scanners, gps, etc. rely on computers to be used or in order to update software. You won't be able to plug your gps into your tablet to update the maps, it just wont work that way. Try as you might you will still have a need to use your computer if you want to make full use of all your devices.

Games

If you're a gamer then a computer is going to be a necessity to you no matter what. This will give you the ability to upgrade your system and have access to more games and platforms. Games that are designed for mobile devices can vary in graphics due to the range of devices it is being designed for. This is another great opportunity to do your research by reading reviews about games and watching trailers, demos, or you tube videos showing the game if possible.

Tip: If you are using an Android device you can get a free app every day using the Amazon App Market app. To download this app you will need to visit google from your mobile device and search for Amazon App Market and visit Amazons link for downloading instructions. You will not be able to locate this app through the market place and you will have to enable the use

of third party apps to install this application.

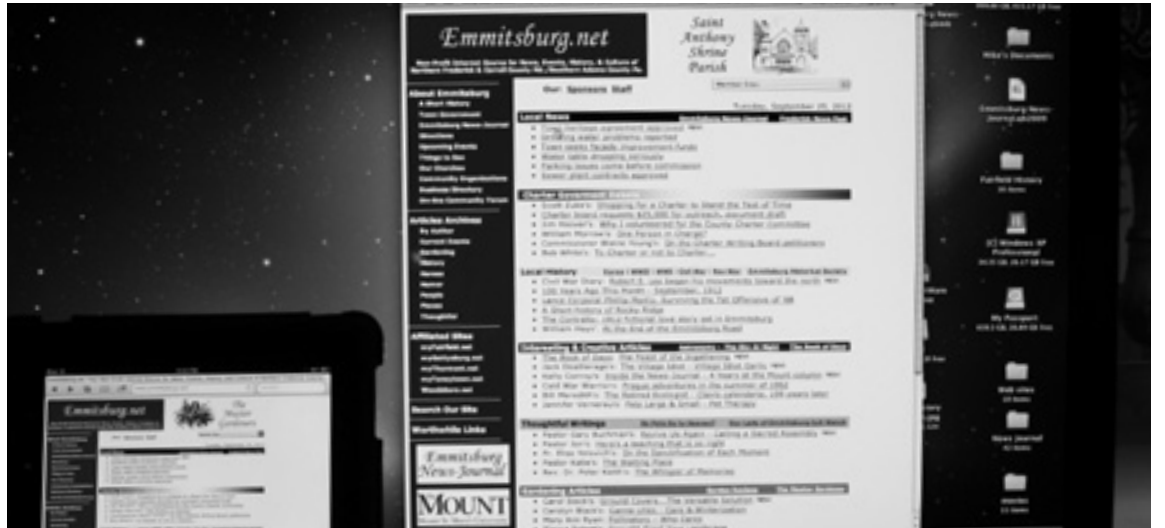
Tip: If you are using an Iphone or Ipad visit the App Store once a week for a free featured application found right on the home screen of the app store.

Updates

If you are using a mobile device then keeping it up to date with software can make a huge difference. In September Apple released IOS 6 giving a new experience to existing users. To make the most of your device check to make sure your device is fully updated on a regular basis. You can also check your manufacturers website for update information. When your system is fully updated you have access to new features, more security, and sometimes new applications.

More questions?

For help with your android or



While the Ipad is a handy little device, it's designed more for 'consuming; then 'producing' content, like it's big brother the IMac

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Handyman Joe

Brian Wells
MSM Class of 2015

One of the nice things about going to the Mount is they encourage students to become involved in the community. So when the opportunity to write for the Emmitsburg-News Journal came up in my journalism class, I jumped at the chance. Little did I know that my first assignment would be to write a review of someone held in the highest esteem by the paper's editor - to say that the pressure was on would be an understatement. However, after interviewing local contractor Joe Wivell, I fully understood why Joe was chosen to be my first assignment.

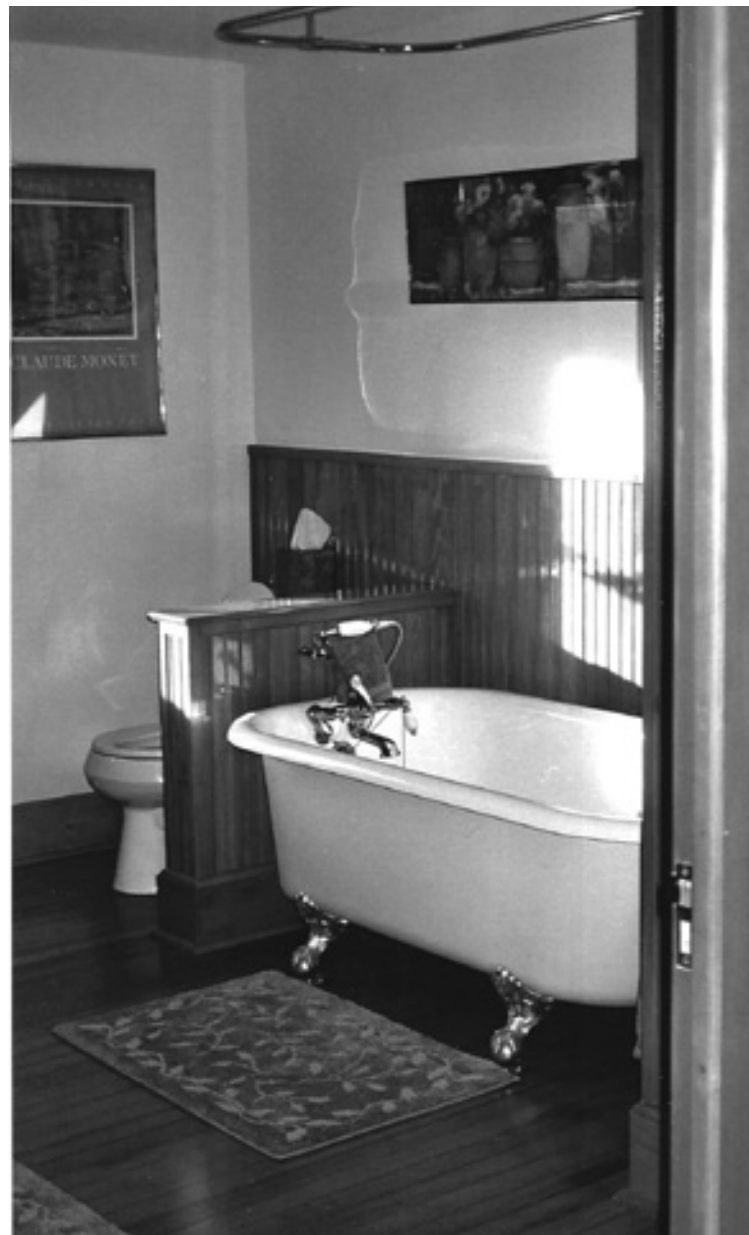
For thirty-one years Wivell has been putting together inexpensive but beautifully finished work. He takes his work very se-

riously and personally. All of the projects that Joe will be doing for you are his own personal works of art and he wants the best product possible. He performs high quality meticulous work. The quality will astound you, especially at a local rate. Joe has the ability to do it all, from replacing windows, installing storm windows, to roofing to woodworking on the interior. With winter coming up, many homeowners should begin thinking about sealing up the drafts around their windows and doors to save on air flow to keep the heat in. Joe Wivell can fix that for you. He can save you more money on a heating bills this winter than it would cost for the drafts to be sealed. Any issue you might have heading into the winter Joe Wivell can help you with, and if he can't than he knows someone local who can.

With the economy is down, no market has been hurt more by this recession than the real estate market. Some homeowners are having a hard time selling their houses and thus feel as though they are stuck in a house they no longer want. If you feel this way, you are not alone. However, it is much cheaper to have Joe help renovate your old house into your dream home than buying a new house. Interested in a new addition? Call Joe. Is there a room in your house that you feel is a little small and you want it to be opened up? Call Joe.

I visited the home of Mike Hillman and he showed me what Wivell has done with the additions to his home. The quality was astounding but the ability to envision what to do with the rooms was really what impressed me the most. A lot of the rooms had been opened up and restructured to make the flow better and the woodwork was pure perfection. Recently, Mike called Joe in to renovate a bathroom that had not changed since it was installed in the early 1950s. Mike and his wife outlined to Joe their desire to replace the shower stall with a claw footed tub, and all the linoleum with wood. Less then a week later, the job was done and done at a fraction of their expected cost. For the Hillman's, it's the prettiest room in a beautiful house. Replacing and expanding rooms is no easy task with a home built in the 1870s, which due to age, have "settled" in more way then one can count.

Instead of going to Lowes or Home Depot for his material, Joe



In less than two weeks, Joe Wivell turned a depilated 1950s style bathroom into this masterpiece - and at a fraction of the expected cost.

stays local. His reason for staying local is simple; "I like the local little guys because you're getting better quality materials," Wivell says. Having been born and raised in the Emmitsburg area, Joe understands the design of the homes in Emmitsburg and is very adept at knowing which materials should be used for which situation.

The key thing one should understand about Joe is that he provides inexpensive work that is done right and personally. Joe takes nothing for granted in his line of work and never cuts corners. He is very trustworthy and is not interested in taking your money and doing an insubstantial job. Joe Wivell takes his time with your home but does not take his time to get to your home. He is always a mere phone call away. He understands customer relations. Joe Wivell understands it's your home, and he understands that you want to live comfortably in it. He honestly wants to help you design the home that you want to live in with the unique vision to help you get to where you want with your interior design.

"High quality work at local, friendly rates," is Joe's trademark. No job is too large or too small. With winter approaching, there are a lot of things Joe can do to help you be energy efficient such as staying warm while saving money. He is great at interior design, knowing how to get you from point A to point B with ideas. Anything you need done with your home, Joe can take care of it. If he can't, there is someone he knows who is local who can take care of it for a minimal cost. Feeling stuck inside your home or just in the mood for something new? Call Emmitsburg's number one Handyman - Joe Wivell.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2
Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve hosts a public program on Medicinal and Edible Plants of the Eastern forests at the Adams County Agricultural Center at 670 Old Harrisburg Road in Gettysburg. For more information call 717-642-5840 or visit www.strawberryhill.org.

October 4 & 18
"Bike Night at Sanders Square, Fairfield. Come show off your ride or just come to look at all the styles, shapes and colors of the bikes that show up. Join us for good food, ice cream camaraderie and hopefully sunshine.

October 5
Sixth Annual Salsa on the Square in Gettysburg. Sponsored by Project Gettysburg-Le—n (PGL), the event will celebrate more than 25 years of Gettysburg's Sister City relationship with Le—n, Nicaragua, and a Fiesta observing the contribution of Hispanic people to Adams County. Food concessionaires will be open for business at 5:30 p.m. Dancing starts at 6:30 p.m.

Oct 6, 7, 13 & 14
48th Annual National Apple Harvest Festival Harvest time is celebrated in this old time festival held at the South Mountain Fairgrounds, 10 miles northwest of Gettysburg, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Route 234, Arendtsville, Pa. Don't miss the live entertainment, arts & crafts vendors, farm displays, antique farm equipment, classic cars, steam engines, antique cider press, pony rides, a petting

zoo and so much more! For more information see the article on page 16.

October 7
The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Annual Pilgrimage of Sea Services. Members of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine 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.

October 8
Emmitsburg Lions Club's chicken BBQ & yard sale. Corner of Rt 15 and South Seton Ave. BBQ starts at 11 am and runs until all chicken is sold out. Yard sale begins at 7 am. Just show up and set up. \$10 donation appreciated.

October 11
Dedication of Fairfield "Civil War Trails" Wayside Marker. The Borough of Fairfield and the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee will dedicate Fairfield's "Civil War Trails" wayside marker. The event will be held at the Fairfield Inn and will coincide with the commemoration of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's raid through south central Pennsylvania and the abduction of Fairfield Postmaster John B. Paxton and others.

Vigilant Hose Company's 58th Annual Fire and Life Safety Open House. Fire and Injury Prevention in Emmitsburg is a year-round effort but National Fire Prevention Week

provides a superb opportunity to underscore the importance of prevention and preparedness. For more information call 301-693-5413 or visit www.vigilanthose.org.

October 12
Elias Lutheran Church's Spaghetti Dinner. Funds raised will benefit Hope Alive Solar Project. Your generous donation or adults \$7.50 Children \$5. See you for Supper and stay for Elias Coffee House featuring Sould Out Band and Silver Lining.

October 13
Saint John's Lutheran Church in Creagerstown's Parish House Fall Fest Dinner. Country ham, chicken pot pie, ham pot pie, vegetables and dessert. Baked items and apple butter for sale. Proceeds benefit Creagerstown Lutheran Church. 8608 Black's Mill Road, Thurmont.

October 13 & 14
Rocky Ridge's Riddgefest at Mt. Tabor Park. 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 after 12 PM. Sponsored by the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Church. Directions to Mt. Tabor Park: follow Route 77 East to Rocky Ridge, turn onto Motter's Station Road, the park is just ahead on the left.

October 18
The Adams County Republican Committee's 27th Annual Eisenhower Dinner at the Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg. The Social Hour will be

gin at 5:30pm with dinner commencing at 7pm. Everyone is cordially invited to attend; however reservations are required. For more information and tickets, please contact Jennifer Railing at 717-334-1205.

October 27
New Oxford Harvest Day and Parade - Craft Show & Food, 5K Run, kid's activities, parade starts at 4:30pm and a Block Party after the parade which include the Parade Awards Ceremony. 27 Center Square, New Oxford. For more information call 717-624-2800 or visit www.newoxford.org

Catoctin Safe And Sane benefit gun raffle and dinner. Held at Vigilant Hose Company. Doors open at 5:30pm. For tickets call 240-285-8079 240-818-3163.

Emmitsburg Community Bible Church's Fall Party the Park, 3-5:30 PM. Moon Bounce, Giant Slide, Tots train ride, games, pumpkins, face

painting, prizes for the whole family. Providing a safe environment for families to enjoy the October celebrations. For more info. call 301-447-6565 or pastorgarybuchman@gmail.com.

October 28
Woodsboro Vol. Fire Co's Basket & Money Bingo, 10307 Coppermine Rd Woosboro. Extra packs, specials, raffles. Food available - Benefit Ladies Auxiliary Woodsboro Fire Co. For more info call Ruth 301-845-8406 or Mary 301-401-2824.

November 4
Incarnation UCC presents a concert of "Early Christmas Presents," featuring original Christmas compositions by John Martin. The concert will be held at Incarnation UCC at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the concert; a good will offering will be taken with donations presented to the Emmitsburg Council of Churches for its community work.



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Beer tasting (1-3 p.m.) will be provided by the Flying Dog Brewery from Frederick, MD at an additional cost.

\$25: ages 16 and over (\$30 day of event); \$10: children ages 5-15; free for children ages 4 and under.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FROM PAIN TO PEACE: A MOTHER'S JOURNEY AFTER HER DAUGHTER'S MURDER

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 12:30 p.m.

Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Join Vicki Schieber for a discussion of her experience losing a daughter to murder and the effects of the criminal justice system on a family's healing process.



FALL BREAK

No classes, Emmitsburg Campus, Oct. 8-12

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND EXECUTIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 12:30 p.m.

Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Join Kirk Bloodworth, the first DNA exonerated death row inmate, for a discussion of his experiences on Maryland's death row facing execution for a crime he did not commit in "Wrongful Convictions and Executions: The Risk of Convicting and Executing the Innocent."



LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Wednesday, Oct. 17, Noon
Knott Auditorium

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AMERICAN INDIAN MAFIA

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

O'Hara Dining Room

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ROHAN MURPHY—NO LEGS, NO PROBLEM

Thursday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m.

Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center

Rohan Murphy, who lost his legs at birth, started to wrestle his freshman year of high school. After a successful high school wrestling career he went on to wrestle at Penn State University. Rohan has been featured in



publications across the country, and even has his own Nike commercial. Rohan's life story is an inspiring tale of adversity, dedication, and living with purpose. In addition to giving motivational speeches, Rohan has impacted many lives through the development of his own social networking community called CatchSpark.com.

Join us in welcoming Rohan as he shares his inspirational story and we celebrate Disabilities Awareness Month! Seating is very limited. Call the Center for Student Diversity at 301-447-5474 to reserve your seat.

MIDTERM CONCERT

Friday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

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