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## Lions Club hosts 30<sup>th</sup> Community Day

In spite of a heat advisory that predicted temperatures in the upper 90s to low 100s, crowds turned out to enjoy the festivities at the 30<sup>th</sup> Emmitsburg Lions Club Community Day. The increased turnout was due in part to a severe thunderstorm that roared through the area Friday night, bringing with it "cooler" temperatures.

This year's event marked the first time that an array of other sponsors became involved and supported the event, including the Town of Emmitsburg, the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

The event was officially kicked-off with breakfast served at the Vigilant Hose Company firehouse, followed by a variety of events and activities beginning at 10 a.m. and stretching into the evening hours.

While the heat drove many to the community pool, which was opened for free during the event, the traditional games such as tug-of-war, egg tossing, three-leg races, balloon tossing, water melon eating, and fishing rod casting competitions were packed with participants, each eager to earn the trophy that awaited the winner.

But as any true Emmitsburgian knows, it wasn't until the action began in the horseshoe tossing pits that the day's events really got going. With the retirement of long time champion Richard Valentine, the title of "Best Shoe Thrower" was up for grabs for the first time in everyone's memory. The action in the pits was hot all day long, with every ringer bringing cheers from the crowd and wild howls of laughter.

All the while, the lines at the Lions Club tent for the club's barbecue chicken dinners never seemed to end. By 3 p.m. all the dinners were sold out, bringing a broad smile to face of Lions Club President Cliff Sweeney.

Entertainment was provided throughout the day by a number of performers.

The Fire & Rescue Museum volunteers manned an old hand-pumped cart and demonstrated how fires were put out in the 1800s.

The Seton Shrine set up information tents on their grounds to showcase the history of the Daughters of Charity's Civil War heritage. County deputies hosted a seven-mile bicycle ride, while



Dave Wivell made pitching horseshoes look easy at the Lions Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Community Day. The winners were Tony Bentz and Dick Glass.

the town sponsored a Civil War encampment and demonstration.

Early evening residents were treated to a parade down Main Street, the centerpiece of which was the display of the Vigilant Hose Company's equipment, which was polished like a mirror and glistened in the sunlight.

Winner of the Dr. Harry Prongas Scholarship was Meghan

Stouter, the Dr. George L. Morningstar Scholarship was Katie Davis, and the Robert Gauss Sr. Scholarship was Rosalyn Smal-done.

The day was capped by a grand fireworks display, which brought a standing ovation for the Lions Club's members in recognition of all their efforts from the gathered crowd.

## Taneytown reopens for business

A major roadway improvement project, dubbed the TaneyScape Project, in Taneytown has been completed and a sense of normalcy has returned to the semi-rural Carroll County community. Taneytown has been in Carroll County since the Carroll county broke off from Frederick in the 1830s

Roads that underwent major overhaul include partial reconstruction of MD 140 between Harney Road and MD 832, as well as sidewalk and traffic light repairs and replacement, storm drain and waterline replacements along MD 140, and pedestrian lighting installation from Church Road to Trevanion Road.

Nancy McCormick, Taneytown Economic Development Director, said that although the overall project, which was initiated in 2008, was wrapped up in December 2011, the impact of closed roads was layered on the recession of 2008. To help businesses through the convergence of economic duress, the town was able to convince commercial landlords to reduce their store rents for the duration of the TaneyScape Project, although, McCormick said, "We did lose two small businesses downtown."

Since the completion of the improvements, business has picked up in the town. "We've had more viability now, with more new businesses coming in than I would say we have had in years."

The town's economic development director stated that the community is also beginning to bring new events to the town to attract visitors and business. As part of this expansion of local attractions to be offered was the town's first wine and arts-related event held last month.

The first annual Taneytown Wine & Arts Festival was held June 16 adjacent to the police station on Baltimore Street.

The event, sponsored by Taneytown Main Street, opened at 11 a.m. and concluded at 4 p.m. under partially cloudy skies and mild June temperatures—near perfect weather for an out-of-doors event.

Featured were area wineries, including Detour Wines, Frederick Cellars, and Boordy, artists and artisans, sculptures, wine-themed accessories, face painting, and entertainment.

McCormick said, "We're trying this to see what kind of play we can get out of it. You want to



Wine tasters gather at the Detour Winery tent during the first annual Taneytown Wine & Arts Festival.

see people spending money in your town. Wine festivals and art festivals draw these types.

Scheduled for July 21, the town will be hosting a "BBQ Fest" from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Memorial Park.

The event will feature an evening of great music performed by the Nautical Wheelers, Maryland's number one

"beach party band," and lots of food offered by popular vendors.

A town-wide sidewalk sale has also been planned for August 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For a list of scheduled events, visit the Taneytown web site at [taneytown.org](http://taneytown.org) and click on "Find an Event."

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# NEWS

## Letters to the Editor

Your coverage of Staff Sergeant John Reaves, US Army, pays this American Hero of our own beloved Emmitsburg a most worthy tribute. I am thrilled that John and Betty's story, as well as his comrades in arms, has been told with such depth and accuracy. John and Betty's life of love and devotion to one another is as much a story of heroism as it is of a most beautiful love they have shared and continue to give to one another. May we all pause to marvel and give thanks for John and Betty and those who are our neigh-

bors near and far who have lived, loved, and sacrificed on our behalf.

Thank you for sharing this moving and informative story.

Rev Jon R. Greenstone

I'd like to tell you how much my landlords, John and Betty Reaves appreciated the article that you wrote about him in the News-Journal. After John read the article, he was holding back tears and said "that's just how it was"...he was amazed at the accuracy and the "picture that you painted" in describing the situation that the sol-

diers faced during their time on that island.

As John has said many times..."it was hell on earth". I really want you to know how much your article meant to John. To this day, he gets flashbacks, cries and can only think about it so much before he needs to think about something else because it's too painful to remember. You help people not to forget what our veterans have done for this country and it is truly appreciated. Thank you!

Denise Sauvageau

## \$3 million budget approved

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners approved a \$3,145,069 budget package for 2013 at their June 4 meeting, culminating their struggle to make ends meet without necessitating a local tax increase. Specifically, the package consists of \$1,591,938 for the general fund budget, \$210,000 for the capital improvements (CIP) budget, \$545,800 for the water enterprise fund budget, and \$797,336 for the sewer enterprise fund budget. The commissioners previously adopted the 2013 real estate tax rate at their May 21 meeting, electing to maintain the current rate of 0.36 cents per \$100 worth of real estate. The board and town staff came into the budgetary process knowing that the municipality faced a reduction in property tax revenue in 2013 due to the reduced value of real estate within the community as the result of a recent reassessment.

The state recommended that the town adopt a tax rate of 0.4265 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate value to maintain the existing level of revenue generated by property tax collection. However, in the end, the board elected

to avert a tax rate increase and instead voted to implement administrative cuts to address the money shortage.

No direct cuts to any public services or staff cuts were approved or implemented in the budget adoption process. Town staff also found an additional \$29,000 at the "eleventh hour" which was dispersed at the June 4 meeting in such a manner that allowed some of the previously approved cuts to be negated. The \$29,000 gained for budget use was the result of a miscalculation of pension costs. Approximately \$10,000 of this was redistributed to the water and sewer enterprise funds, and the remainder to replace previously proposed cuts to park and recreation funds, Town Square improvement funding, travel expenses for training, and conference expenses applicable to promoting the town. The board also voted at their meeting to divert \$2,000 of the \$29,000 towards athletic fields and town garden improvements.

Breakdown of general fund expenditures as anticipated for 2013 include:

- \$101,413 for legislative and executive expenses (up slightly from

- \$99,653 allocated last year);
- \$150,127 for planning and zoning (a slight increase over \$146,511 allocated last year)
- \$124,765 for financial administration (a decrease over the \$146,511 allocated last year);
- \$127,276 for buildings (a slight increase over last year's \$123,097);
- \$242,548 for public safety, police (a decrease over the amount of \$298,878 for 2012);
- \$6,000 for fire and rescue (unchanged);
- \$6,899 for other public safety uses (down from \$11,483 allocated in 2012);
- \$294,224 for streets (up from \$269,196 in 2012);
- \$171,096 for refuse (up slightly from the \$169,888 allocated last year);
- \$172,393 for parks and recreation (down from last year's allocated amount of \$178,524);
- \$47,197 for debt services (slightly down from last year's \$48,727; and
- \$148,000 for interfund transfers (up from \$58,642).

## Emmitsburg Area News Briefs . . .

**Dog park could honor "Doc" Carr**  
Co-owners of an Emmitsburg veterinarian clinic have proposed naming a dog park after the late-William "Doc" H. Carr, who died May 22.

Hugh Matthews, co-owner of Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital along with his wife, Nell, told the town Board of Commissioners at their June 4 meeting that he would like to create a dog park at the animal clinic, and is considering naming it in honor of Doc Carr, who founded the hospital in 1955.

The possibility that a request could be in the making to allow a dog park in the town Business Zone was noted during the administrative business portion of the commissioners' May 21 meeting, no formal action was taken.

The Mathews provided the commissioners at the June 4 meeting with an overview of their proposal, but the board took no action on the informal presentation.

### Bids to be re-solicited

Emmitsburg town staff will be re-bidding a proposed contract

involved in progressing the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant.

Haller said bid had been received for management and inspection of the facility during construction, but that concerns had been expressed that the 24-month

construction period placed too great a constraint of the companies that had submitted the bids.

Haller said the time constraint may have elevated the bids as the result of companies envisioning having to pay overtime to workers to meet the 24-month deadline.

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Interfund transfers represent money being transferred from general fund to the CIP for CIP projects. The CIP budget of \$210,000 entails proposed 2013 projects involving street paving and resurfacing, storm water system mapping, pool improvements, and vehicle and equipment replacement and repairs, as well as an \$11,000 contribution to the county toward the county-wide communications system. The water enterprise fund was increased by about \$9,000 over 2012,

while the sewer enterprise fund jumped approximately \$37,000. Subsequent to the meeting, Board President Christopher V. Stagier said, "Government spending has a tendency to grow and fill any vacuum. After requesting a budget proposal from the mayor and staff based on the higher tax rate recommended by the state, the board was able to trim the excess, avoid the tax rate increase, and still expand our allocations toward infrastructure improvement."

The town manager suggested the bid specifications be amended to allow a 28-month construction

period and the contracted by re-bid. The re-bid should be completed within 30 days, he said.

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## Hamiltonban Township updates nuisance laws

The Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at their June 5 meeting to advertise a nuisance ordinance for possible adoption in July.

The proposed ordinance was drafted to update a 1987 ordinance to additionally address a number of issues that exist or could exist in the township relating to the quality of life of its residents which were not precisely addressed in the older version.

Nuisance-type offenses specifically addressed in the pending regulations include those relating to vehicles, vegetative growth, accumu-

lation of "junk," maintenance of property, the generation of smoke, dust, or noise, and the storage of hazardous materials.

Vehicle-related laws proposed would prohibit any vehicle located on private property within sight of public lands which is inoperable, or has no valid inspection stick or registration, "or is wrecked, or dismantled, or is partially dismantled, or abandoned, or in a state of disrepair...."

Any vehicles which would constitute a nuisance may be retained if the vehicle is stored in a garage or shielded from public view by a six-

foot fence. Fuel and oil must also be removed from any nuisance vehicles.

Under the proposed rules, garbage, rubbish and "junk" must also be stored in a manner in which it may not be observed from public lands or waterways, "unless such items are held for resale."

Petroleum products in excess of 1,500 gallons would not be permitted to be stored without a state or federal license.

The pending ordinance also prohibits the generation of flames, smoke, odors, fumes, noise or dust emanating from private proper-

ty which could adversely impact neighboring tracts. Farming, "other allied occupations," and preexisting businesses would be exempt.

The ordinance would also govern the height of non-ornamental or desirable vegetative growth on a lot containing a residential unit within 200 feet of another residential unit to a maximum of ten inches, except where such growth may occur intermingled with agricultural crops.

Failure to comply with township findings regarding an existing ordinance could result in the township taking action to address

the issue, plus a ten percent surcharge over the township's cost to remedy the situation.

That could escalate to an additional \$200 fine and court-ordered compliance.

Board Chairman Robert Gordon stated subsequent to the meeting that the supervisors decided to work on an amended version of the 1987 ordinance to address outstanding issues. Refined sections address "points of clarification" regarding junk cars, debris on the public roadways and vegetative growth.

"The old ordinance just didn't cover every detail (of potential offenses)," he said. "We were having all kinds of complications enforcing the old ordinance."

## Thousands attend Taneytown fire company carnival

Volunteer fire companies around the country are heavily dependent on fund-raising as a means to supplement the often surprisingly low return on donation solicitation campaigns.

Among a variety of fund raising efforts held by emergency responders, three of the most popular include carnivals, bingo games and "feeds," otherwise known as "all-you-can-eat" meals.

The most heavily attended and generally most successful fire company-sponsored events are the "firemen's carnivals," almost certainly dating back to the turn-of-the Century.

The firemen's carnivals do more than just raise funds for local volunteer fire departments. They offer an escape for the evening from the day's tribulations, and serve as a social gathering place for young and old.

The downside is weather, which can ruin the best of planning and the hopes of raising a significant portion of many local fire companies' budgets for the coming year.

Inclement weather proved to be no threat to this year's Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company's annual carnival.

The carnival opened daily beginning at 5 p.m. from June 11

through June 16 at the carnival grounds on Taneytown Pike, with rides and entertainment continuing well into the evening each night.

The event featured nightly entertainment offered by a number of performance groups, including Tall In The Saddle, Rivers Bend Band, Roll The Dice, Sticktime, Bob Plankert & Real Country, and Iron Ridge Bluegrass.

The following is a list of upcoming carnivals in the area (list subject to change):

If you missed the Taneytown carnival you can make amends July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Harney Fire



Company Carnival, 5130 Harney Road. The carnival runs from 6 to 11 pm and features rides, food, games and great entertainment!

## Two area bridges to be replaced

A bridge located near the Rock Ridge Fire Company on Maryland State Route 76 (Motters Station Road) has been closed to traffic for replacement and a Route 140 bridge is facing a similar fate.

According to the SHA, the North Frederick County bridge, which spans Motters Run, shows "signs of significant deterioration" and, along with the Route 140 bridge, has "reached the end of... useful life span."

The Route 140 (Taneytown Pike) bridge spans the Monocacy River.

In addition to completely replacing the bridge on Route 76, the SHA will also be increasing its width "to match that of the approach roadway, reconstruct the bridge approach itself, and raise the profile of the road to improve sight distance and safety."

Plans call for construction to



Motters Run Bridge on Motters Station Road is closed while the State Highway Administration constructs a replacement.

have begun in June "once school has ended." The SHA stated that the bridge should be re-opened by August before area schools reopen, weather permitting.

"As an incentive for rapid construction, a monetary reward will be provided the contractor for each day ahead of

schedule that the project is complete, with a penalty for each day it is not complete beyond the allotted time," the SHA stated.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company Chief Alan Hurley said he did not expect the closure to affect fire fighting operations.

"We have two routes to go (to access different areas of their coverage responsibilities)," he said. One route involves taking Old Mills Road to Old Frederick Road, while the other route involves taking Bollinger Road to Four Points Road.

He said he did not expect the bridge to be complete by the dates for the firemen's carnival, but that "they (SHA) put pretty good detour signs up for us. It shouldn't affect attendance too much."

The Route 140 bridge will also be completely replaced, with the new bridge being located 30 to 40 feet south of its present location "to reduce sharp road curvature on the Frederick County side of the bridge, increase sight distance, and improve safety."

The bridge will also be widened to make it bicycle compatible.

"Traffic will be maintained on the existing roadway until the new bridge and approach roadway is near completion," the SHA reported.

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## 149th Annual Gettysburg Reenactment

Richard D. L. Fulton

Hundreds of Civil War re-enactors will likely be descending on Gettysburg once again to recreate the 1863 battle the South had hoped would be the last major battle of the war.

The 149th Annual Gettysburg Reenactment, organized by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee, will be held July 6, 7, and 8 along Table Rock Road at the Redding Farm, 1085 Table Rock, in Cumberland Township.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's event will be donated by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee to the Adams County Historical Society, Main Street Gettysburg, Hope For The Warrior, the Land Conservancy of Adams County, and the Gettysburg Bat-

tlefield Preservation Association.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Event organizers may consist of a body formed specifically for that purpose, or by a sponsoring reenactment unit, and generally hold only a single event a year out of the hundreds that take place, or a cluster of events within a given regions (such as the 149th reenactments in the Mid-Atlantic).

American Civil War re-enactments occur from coast-to-coast, and from the Deep South to the Canadian border, and even overseas, wherever there might be enough history buffs to support them and "troops" available to fight them.

Preparing the field for a reenactment is no easy task. First and foremost, one has to find public or private property that will allow it.

Then, following the legal aspects, such as acquiring event insurance, the logistics have to be worked out and ultimately executed. This can include everything from how many portable bathrooms are to be provided to arranging for water for the troops, hay for the horses, wood for the campfires, and site security.

Along with the planning process, event sponsors also have to plan the layout of the camps, the area where sutlers (period vendors) will be located, and how the battle will unfold. A battle can be based on an actual event, or be a fictional intended for educational purposes. And when it's over, it can take days to clear the fields of debris and leftover supplies.

So where do the troops come from? Re-enactment groups (comprised of the troops and civilians) exist in al-

most every state in this country, and generally are organized in a manner that they represent an actual military unit that existed during the war.

Units usually will vote on what events they will attend as a unit during the upcoming year, but individuals are not prohibited from attending others on their own.

No, participants are not paid to attend. In fact, almost all re-enactments charge participants to be in the event, in the case of the annual Gettysburg re-enactment, this can be as much as \$25 per individual.

In addition to paying to attend, each "fighting" re-enactor will generally bring about \$1,000 or more worth of his or her own equipment to the field, including weapons, tents, uniforms and other supplies needed

to recreate the battle and camp. On top of this basic expense, cavalry have horse needs to provide for, and artillery can be notoriously expensive to even fire because of the amount of gun powder expended by each and every shot fired.

The individual Civil War re-enactor is a true volunteer whose love for history supersedes any interest he or she might entertain at some point to engage in a less expensive hobby.

All of this, the sponsors, the re-enactors, the horses, ultimately converge at a desired location to teach and demonstrate what it was like to fight and survive in a war that claimed more American lives than the casualties dealt out to America by all of its foreign enemies added together.

For a schedule of the July 6, 7, and 8 Gettysburg Re-enactment, visit the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee at [gettysburgreenactment.com](http://gettysburgreenactment.com).

## Gettysburg hospital improvements continue

Gettysburg Hospital recently completed its \$18 million emergency room expansion and upgrade, while ongoing renovation of the "old" emergency room facility continues.

The hospital is located at 147 Gettys Street within Gettysburg Borough.

The expanded 19,000-square foot facility extends out from the hospital's former emergency entrance at the rear of the hospital, while full completion of planned improvements, primarily the completion of administrative offices and storage in the old ER, is slated to wrap-up in August.

Jane Hyde, president, Gettysburg Hospital and senior vice president, WellSpan Health, said,

"Our new emergency department showcases Gettysburg Hospital's continual efforts to transform the patient care experience."

"The care that is provided by our emergency services clinicians plays a vital role in helping to achieve the hospital's over-arching goal of ensuring that all patients receive high quality care that is safe, efficient and effective," Hyde stated.

Key emergency room improvements and upgrades include 18 private patient rooms, comprised of 13 stretcher rooms, five fast care treatment rooms, two triage care areas, treatment areas dedicated exclusively to minor injuries and illnesses, a dedicated trauma resuscitation room, separate ac-



Hospital staff members watch over ER patients from within a newly constructed command center flanked by treatment rooms.

cess ways to patient care areas for family members and clinical staff, new staff work stations, a bereavement and consultation room, and a decontamination room.

Other improvements include staff support facilities, registration and checkout area, vending area along with café seating, increased patient/visitor restrooms,

and a patient lockers to secure belongings in each treatment room.

Leslie Brown, nurse manager, hospital Emergency Services Department, stated that the expansion is part of the process of upgrading the emergency room.

She noted that emphasis has also been placed on patient "through put," meaning the efficiency with which patients are processed and treated in the emergency room.

Although, hospital-wide, staff are constantly looking for ways to improve upon efficiency, the emergency room expansion provided a "clean canvass" to implement built-in efficiency from Day One.

Bill Steniour, medical director, Emergency Medicine, said, during the early May opening of the new emergency room facility, "We're extremely proud of what our new facility will offer residents and visitors of the Gettysburg area."

"The people we serve will experience a new environment designed around meeting their needs combined with our staff's continual dedication to providing high quality care that's safe, timely and effective," Steniour stated.

The expansion builder was Alexander Building Construction, Harrisburg, while the architect was Wilmot Sanz, Gaithersburg.

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# One hundred years ago this month

## July 5

### Eradication of the Tramp Evil

This season of the year has, for many years past, been marked in Emmitsburg by a great invasion of "Knights of the Road," the gentlemen who prefer to take things easy what others are earning a living, and who are, to say the least, a nuisance to any community. The season of this year has been most pleasantly free from this evil; tramps no longer have an easy time in the community. The news has spread throughout "the brotherhood" and as a rule Emmitsburg is usually avoided when these gentlemen plan an itinerary.

This exceedingly pleasant and commendable state of affairs is due to two things; in the first place to the ordinances passed by the town authorities, and in the second place to the efficient and businesslike way in which these ordinances are enforced. With a hearty cooperation of the people of the community this evil, for it is an evil, may be stamped out, not only temporarily, but also finally.

### Preparations Being Made for Celebration Commemorating the Battle of 1863

The towns in southern Pennsylvania that lie close to Gettysburg are awakening to the urgent need of early preparations for the immense crowds which are expected to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on the first three days of July, 1913.

It has been estimated that this reunion of Civil War veterans, which will include a gathering of no fewer than 40,000 former Union and Confederate soldiers on the scene of one of the greatest conflicts the world has witnessed, will have an immense sentimental drawing power and will attract during the celebration over 250,000 visitors.

The United States Army will supply tents for 40,000 or more old soldiers on the battlefield. These tents will be arranged in camps to be known as Camp No. 1 and Camp No. 2 and will be admirably located.

## July 12

### Balloon Explodes During Emmitsburg's Fourth

With old glory waving from every house in the clearest of sunshine, and with everyone in the best of humor, the fourth of July celebration open auspiciously. The street parade at nine o'clock was easily the best ever held. Headed by the Emmit Cornet Band. The fire company's equipment was polished like a mirror and the new lanterns glistened in the sunlight. The beautifully decorated automobiles and carriages added a great deal towards making the parade the success it was.

Soon after the parade, Firemen's Park was filled with a gaily dressed and good humored crowd that was out for a holiday and intended to enjoy itself. Festivities were open by a baseball game. A permanent covered pavilion has been erected by the firemen, under which many booths containing games of all kinds together with many appetizing delights. Throughout the whole day, the Emmit Cornet Band rendered lively music, which made the large crowds overflow with good humor.

In the latter part of the afternoon the crowds expectantly watched the big balloon fill up for the ascension. Mr. Jacobs, who was to make the flight, was wise enough to test the balloon before entering. In this test the balloon suddenly exploded, resulting in a complete loss. Mr. Jacobs intends to return to Emmitsburg to make the ascension some Saturday evening in the future.

### Important Notice

It is illegal to bury or otherwise dispose of the body of a deceased person without obtaining a burial permit. Burial permits may be obtained from the Corporation upon the presentation of correct certificate of death there is a \$20 penalty for burying an individual without a permit.

All births must be reported by the physician or midwife in attendance or in the absence of a phy-

sician or midwife by the parents, within four days succeeding the birth. The penalty for failing to report a birth is a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than \$50.

### Moving Picture Show

The Mascot Moving Picture show will present moving pictures at Emerald Hall every night this week. Each show will consist of three reels, with new reels every night. Admission is 5 cents per show.

## July 19

### Death of Edward Wenschhoff

Edward Wenschhoff, age 76, died at his home near Fairplay, Adams County, Pa., on July 12. His death followed a cerebral hemorrhage. He served in Cole's Cavalry during the Civil War and was held prisoner for 17 months at Andersonville prison. The latter part of his life was spent retired on his farm. The deceased is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Milton Spangler and Mrs. William Panebaker, and a son, Franklin. The funeral was held Sunday at Elise Lutheran Church. The interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

### Death of Charles Kretzer

Charles Kretzer died yesterday as a result of cancer, with which he has suffered since last April. Mr. Kretzer was born December 11, 1853, and for 28 years was engaged in the barbering business in Emmitsburg. Some time ago, on account of his failing health, he disengaged himself from active business. He is survived by his wife and a daughter: Mrs. Cyril Rotering. Interment will be made in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

## July 26

### Improvements

A cement pavement has been laid in front of the residence of Mr. John Tyson. The property occupied by Mr. John Harner on East Main St. has been approved by a concrete pavement. The Rowe



Emmit Cornet Band

Store on West Main St. was recently purchased by C. J. Schiff and Co. and has undergone extensive improvements. The front of the residence of Mr. Jacob Houck has been repaired.

The crossing between Mr. Joseph E. Hoke's store and the Paterson residence, which was recently damaged by a tractor engine, has been repaired. Bishop Murray has oiled the road in front of his property, 'Stonehurst' near town. A new full-length porch has been installed on the home of Mr. Clarence McCarran, replacing the old one. Mr. Michael Hoke has erected a very substantial hitching rack in the front of his property on Main Street. Mr. Zimmerman has erected a beautiful ornamental fence in front of his property.

### New Jail Cells

Cells have been placed in the town jail and are now ready for occupancy. One was christened almost before the paint was dry. A trustee of the French Creek Church swore out a warrant against a young man for disturbing the services of the church. At the trial held before Squire Shuff, the case was decided against the defendant, who was fined and required to pay the cost. This case, and one involving an alley scrap, swelled the coffers of the Corporation's treasury several dollars this week.

### Frightened horse causes death

An accident, which resulted in fatal injuries, was caused by a horse taking fright on Monday last. Misses Carey and Thomas, two young ladies spending the summer at Monterey, were driving on the Friends Creek Road leading from the Waynesboro Pike to Sabillasville. A defect in the harness caused Miss. Carey to fall from the buggy, the horse took fright and dragged her for some distance over rocks and into the creek. Messrs. Howard and Jacob Turner who were driving to Emmitsburg, found Miss. Carey and took her to the home of Mr. Lute Topper. She was then taken to Emmitsburg and treated by Dr. Jamison and Stone. Medical assistance was summoned from Baltimore but proved useless, the injuries resulting in her death.

### Good Moving Pictures in Town

The show given last Tuesday in the Emerald Hall was a complete success. The subject of the motion pictures were excellent and the reel shown were highly satisfactory from every standpoint. The few defects that first presented themselves had been eliminated and the show came off without a hitch. An expert from Baltimore has carefully gone over the machine and pronounced it in perfect order; everything points to good shows in the future.

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## GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

# From the Desk of Town Council President Chris Staiger

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy 'Community Day' this year! A lot of hometown organizations have worked hard to provide many different activities for our enjoyment. I'm sure most of the details are covered elsewhere in the paper – I'd just like to say, "Thanks for your hard work and dedication to our town!"

State Senator David Brinkley and State Delegate Kelly Schultz attended the June 4 town meeting. They both provided an update on the state government's May budget battles. It was interesting to hear these state legislators' perspectives. They patiently addressed your elected officials' comments and questions as well.

As part of 'Public Comment' at the June 4 meeting, the owners of the Emmitsburg Veterinary Clinic requested a change to possible uses allowed on their business zoned (B2) property on the west side of town. They have requested

the opportunity to establish a dog park at the front of their lot parallel to their driveway. The Board of Commissioners tentatively plans to further discuss the nature and implications of this proposal at the July 16 meeting. Please attend if you would like to learn more or provide input.

In late May, the Board of Commissioners made a large number of changes to the proposed budget. We retained (and in some cases increased) funding for public services and equipment repair and replacement as well as necessary capital improvements such as road and other infrastructure repairs – all while also maintaining the existing tax rate. On June 4, the General Fund Budget which pays for most administrative and public services, the Capital Improvements Plan which funds our infrastructure improvements and repairs, and the Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds

which manage our sewer and water related revenues and expenses were all approved for the fiscal year 2013 which began on July 1.

Due to the recent drop in property assessments I would expect the July property tax bill for most Emmitsburg property owners to drop as much as *twenty percent* versus last year. Many neighboring municipalities have increased their tax rates to counteract this drop in property tax assessments. Residents of those towns will not see their municipal tax bills decrease as we will in Emmitsburg.

At the June 18 meeting, the Community Deputies requested the consideration and possible adoption of a new ordinance to regulate moped and scooter users who live in town. These methods of transportation have become much more common over the last few years – undoubtedly because they offer a cheaper alternative to cars.

The deputies are concerned that not all drivers of scooters and mopeds in town are properly licensed and insured as required by state law. If they are not licensed and insured, the deputies believe they represent both a threat and a potential liability to the remaining residents of town – unlicensed drivers may not have the skills to avoid trouble while uninsured drivers may not be able to compensate property owners for any damage they cause.

Therefore, the deputies have requested that town staff and the Board of Commissioners consider a new ordinance requiring that all mopeds and scooters owned by town residents be registered and provided with a municipal tag/sticker. I believe this proposal will be further discussed as an agenda item on July 16. Please plan to attend if you have questions or comments.

Also on June 18, Commissioner

O'Donnell reviewed a proposal from the Trail Conservancy to partner with the town in an effort to allocate their existing grant funding to the ongoing Multi User Trail project in the vicinity of Rainbow Lake. Up to \$25,000 could be available to complete construction of the Beginner Trail as well as start construction of a longer and more challenging Intermediate Trail. The required 20% town funds match could be accomplished using 'sweat equity' – volunteer hours dedicated by Emmitsburg residents to advancing the project. The Board agreed with the concept and has asked staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding better defining each party's rights and responsibilities for further consideration at a later date.

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

# From the Desk of County Commissioner Blaine Young

It is that time of the year again. The first of July means that it is time for all Frederick County property owners to get their property tax bills.

This year when you get your real estate tax and fee bill, from the Frederick Treasurer's office the bill will have a new look at the direction the Board of Commissioners.

The new format includes a breakdown of the expenditures that are funded by the county property taxes so that you can see exactly how your tax dollars

are spent.

As in past years, a breakdown of income tax revenue is not included since that distribution comes from the State of Maryland.

Now, why the change you ask? Simple. This Board of County Commissioners has the goal of better communicating to you how and where your tax dollars are allocated by category and how your tax dollars are spent.

The new tax bill is a work in progress and the Board of County Commis-

sioners welcomes feedback to further the transparency of how the county uses your tax dollars.

When property owners receive their tax bills it will cover the period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

A 1% percent discount for the county tax portion is available to those who pay their tax bill during July. After July 31st, property owners still have time to receive one half of a percent discount for the county real estate tax portion for payments made by August 31.

The Board and I want to reiterate that the real property tax rate is set at \$.936 per \$100 of assessed value. If the county wanted to produce the same real property tax revenues as last year, the tax rate would have to have been increased to \$.9663. This is called the constant yield rate.

The commissioners made a pledge to the voters and taxpayers of Frederick County that we would not raise taxes. So, the tax rate was kept the same, which is \$.0303 less than the constant yield tax and is in essence a tax decrease.

The majority of the Board of Commissioners has looked into every opportunity to reduce recurring expenditures and reduce the structural deficit.

Unlike most counties who are facing deficits and being forced to raise taxes, Frederick County is fortunate to have a 29 million dollar surplus as a result of the difficult budgetary decisions that have been made by this Board since taking office on December 1, 2010. Because we were not able to lower the tax rate do to uncertainty at the federal and state government compiled with struc-

tural issues we inherited, the majority of the Board agreed that the taxpayers should share in the surplus.

After all it is your money.

Under state law our only choices was to either provide you with a home owner occupied tax credit on your bill or a home owner occupied tax rebate.

The Board chose a rebate of \$100 dollars versus the tax credit because most property owners have a mortgage and the taxes are escrowed. The Board wanted this rebate to be in the hands of the taxpayers so that you can determine how it is saved or spent.

Once again, it is your money.

You have the right to do with it as you please. This concept is hard for some people to grasp because every special interest group always believes that they know best how to spend your money.

Whether you agree or disagree with the actions of the current Board of County of Commissioners you can not say that the majority of the Commissioners have not kept their word as promised to those who voted for us.

I have been quoted as saying that I believe government should make no contributions whatsoever to non-profit organizations. That is not entirely accurate. Let me set the record straight.

I do not believe that government should be making cash donations to select non-profit organizations which provide specific services or otherwise spend the money they collect. Many of the non-profit organizations that support certain causes or provide services to specific segments of the community are very worthwhile. I support many of

them personally with my own and my family's resources. But if it is just a donation, I believe the donations should come from private individuals and companies, through individual choice, not forced donations from the taxpayers.

However, if a non-profit organization provides a service that otherwise would be part of the traditional range of services provided by government (such as fire and rescue), then I believe an appropriate level of government funding is appropriate. County government has long contributed to these organizations.

I have a personal and deeply held belief that it is not the role of government to extract money from its citizens by coercion (i.e. taxation) and redistribute that money to select organizations which happen to be in the favor of the people currently sitting in office. Government should support these worthwhile organizations in other primarily non-monetary ways, and in Frederick County we do that in a very big way.

Did you know that many non-profit organizations in Frederick County collectively receive a tax break of over \$10 million per year? That's right, these organizations, if required to pay county property tax like everyone else, would be paying over \$10 million into the county coffers. I do not – and have never – supported revoking this select tax status for these organizations, but most people do not realize how much of a break the taxpayers are giving these organizations by allowing them to exist and support their organizations free of county taxes.

Also, I'll bet many people didn't realize that even with the proposed cuts in funding to non-profits there is still over \$26 million of direct support in the FY2013 county budget for the poor, the needy and those who need a hand up. I call this community support, and no one is talking about eliminating this aspect of the budget.

Also, apparently the idea that elected officials would actually keep their word is also a concept that some people are having trouble grasping.

For more information on your property tax bill, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/treasury](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/treasury) or contact the Treasurer's Office at 301-600-1111.

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# GOVERNMENT—SOUTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## From the Desk of County Commissioner Kirby Delauter

You may have recently read about the infamous Swinging Bridge project in Frederick City last week. The Frederick News Post claims that I “slammed” the City for their decision to have in house staff rebuild the historic bridge. My intent was not to “slam” anyone, just bring to light the comparison between the public and private sector when comparing what appears to be apples and oranges in a case such as this.

I have several issues with the City DPW doing the renovation of the bridge, the following are some quotes from the article in the FNP; I will explain why I raise an eyebrow when I read this nonsense.

1. Marc Stachowski, deputy director of public works, said the city cut costs by asking city employees to work on the project when they weren't busy with something else.
2. “It's not taking an amenity really out of service,” Stachowski said Tuesday. “I think there are some people who will criticize us for doing the work in-house, but I think the fact of the matter is it maximizes not only our equipment by putting it to use so it doesn't sit on the yard and rust from

not being used, but it maximizes our employees' skills and their time.”

3. Stachowski said city employees and officials learned a lot about the bridge by tearing it down and rebuilding it, which he said will be helpful when making repairs.

### Quote number 1

It states that the City workers could work on the project when they weren't busy with something else. It took them over a year to complete this project. No company in the private sector could operate this way, just let employees hang out and do work at their leisure. My biggest issue with this is that a private company would have had a time line to complete the project, complete with liquidated damages if the timeline were not met. Not our beloved city workers, they get to do the work at their leisure. This is absolute nonsense.

### Quote number 2

States that the City DPW maximizes the equipment by putting it to use so it doesn't rust from not being used. Does anyone else see the complete lack of leadership in this state-

ment? I could never see anyone in the private sector making this statement. If you have equipment in the private sector that is rusting from non-use, you sell it, you don't find some feel good project to use it on so you can justify its existence. In my business, as well as many other local business owners I've spoken to, we have sold assets, laid off employees and done whatever necessary to survive in today's business world. The stark contrast of the City of Frederick's make work at any cost attitude vs the private sector's survive at any cost attitude tells the tale of where we are today as a nation.

### Quote number 3

In quote number 2 Mr. Stachowski states that renovating this bridge “maximizes” the City DPW worker's skills, yet in quote #3, he states that the city employees learned a lot while tearing he bridge down to rebuild it? You can't have it both ways Marc, either you maximize your employees “expertise” or they “learn a lot” while performing a project.

The whole point I wanted to make on this issue is that the private sector is under a totally separate set of rules and regulations than the public sector. The public sector

was set up for “core services”, not feel good projects that keep equipment they shouldn't even own from rusting due to non - use.

As you saw in the photo from the FNP, the City workers have no time-line to complete a project, and they have no inspection from the very department that makes a private company's life a living hell while doing work in their jurisdiction. A private company's price is higher because we're held to a higher standard.

I stated before that I spoke to Mayor Randy McClement about the City starting a bagel shop. (The Mayor used to own Market Street bagel and Deli). I asked him if he would have an issue with the City opening up shop, paying \$20/ hr, giving a defined benefit retirement plan, paid holidays, paid health insurance, 4 weeks vacation, sick days, comp days, fair day, and city taxpayer funded cars for deliveries all for a City taxpayer funded bagel shop? They could sell their bagels for half the cost of his because it's taxpayer subsidized, (kind of like Frederick County Transit). How could Mr. McClement compete with that? Truth is.....he couldn't. The sad thing is, I don't think he

understood my point that day several years ago, and today, he still doesn't understand it. Pretty sad, for an intelligent man that actually ran a business.

In a closing note.....It is much easier to go along to get along, could I have ignored the article and acted as though the bridge project was a mere dream come true for the taxpayer? Yes I could, but I was elected by people that wanted a fiscal change, they asked for responsible government. Responsible government comes with a price, a price of leftist ideologues that come after your character and your livelihood, they use whatever means necessary to break your spirit. The one thing they didn't count on was a majority on this board of County Commissioners that will not tell our kids, the next generation, that we gave up, that we became part of the problem. I refuse to negotiate when it comes to upholding the principles that will guarantee my kids a better opportunity at life, and it starts with pointing out the inefficiencies of City staff performing this project. It's just the tip of the iceberg in showing the fifty year incremental growth of government.

## From the Desk of Emmitsburg Mayor Don Briggs

Community Day on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> ushers in our nation's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Together the events form a wonderful midsummer respite to kick back, cook out, catch some fireworks and relax with friends and family.

But, not to be lost in all of it is that it's a time to remember our flag and especially those words of the pledge of allegiance to it, “For which it stands”. First, for those who have sacrificed their lives, “For which it stands”. For those who put their lives daily on the

line as military, emergency personnel, fire fighters and police, “For which it stands”. Then for those in our community who “just do it” for the community without batting an eye, again, “For which it stands”. The common thread is the “want to” do something for others, servant leadership by example. So many people going out of their way to do something for others are the quiet heroes who daily grace our lives. Visiting the sick, caring for the elderly, coaching youth and all of the town service groups are but a few of the ar-

reas of their spell.

To all thank you. To all of you I promise to annually give a “shout out” to the community efforts I know about.

On Community Day this year I recognized a few special people on your behalf.

Thank you to Dave McCarthy, Sarah Palmer, Dwight Baumgartner, Tim O'Donnell and Mick Bailey for launching and managing indoor youth basketball at the Community Center gym. Over the winter more than 220 youth 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade used the

gym and this summer over 140 youth 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will have the opportunity to play organized basketball.

Thank you Dee Connelly, our ambassador at large and owner of Antiques Folly on East Main. Dee on her own initiative takes and distributes EBPA “Welcome to Emmitsburg” brochures at the antique shows up and down the east coast. Under the small world category, six months ago a friend while having lunch at a restaurant in Baltimore noticed a person at the next table perusing an EBPA brochure.

More recently Dee has taken on planting and sprucing up the tree boxes up and down Main Street.

Thank you Frank Schmersal for not only serving as a volunteer curator at the Frederick County Fire Museum on South Seton Avenue, but for also being the principal organizer of the antique fire equipment muster to be held at the museum on Community Day.

Jobs well done and there are many, many more out there. Thank you.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, for it is indeed very special.



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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## From the Desk of County Commissioner Randy Phiel

As County Commissioner there are many issues to deal with on a daily basis. Since the new board of Adams County Commissioners took office on January 1<sup>st</sup>, one constant concern has been speculation regarding the Governor's Human Services budget cuts and Human Services Block Grant Disbursements to counties. Because a large portion of Pennsylvania County Government responsibility is geared to Human Services, with Adams County being no exception, these two interwoven issues have gained the attention of this board of commissioners and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

The Governor's FY 2012-2013

proposed fiscal year budget ostensibly aims to fundamentally transform the relationship between the state and local governments for the delivery of certain critical human services programs. The process began with the Governor and Department of Public Welfare promoting the Human Services Block Grant as a mechanism that would provide counties with more flexibility to prioritize funds where each locality needs them most. That was quickly followed by a proposal for a 20% cut that is still pending. The Corbett Administration then interfaced the Human Services Block Grant proposal, with the proposed 20% budget cut, implying the use of the block grants would



community service providers.

State officials have been working with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania over the proposed human services block grant proposal. When Governor Corbett initially introduced his budget it called for a 20% reduction in Human Services and lumped seven programs – mental health services, intellectual disabilities, county child welfare special grants, behavioral health services, homeless assistance programs, the human service development fund and outpatient drug and alcohol programs – into a single block grant. These are not only some of our most vulnerable and needy residents; but to under serve and not effectively serve their needs will result in greater human and monetary costs. The agreement with the Pennsylvania County Commissioners Association includes a phased in approach to block grants, streamlined reporting and an annual county plan instead of one for each category. There will also be public hearings regarding how the money is spent.

Last week the fiscally conservative and controlled Republican Senate approved a budget that would reduce those line items by 10% instead of 20%. Part of that reduction was due to greater than anticipated state revenues. I have spoken to Adams County Senator Rich Alloway regarding this matter and he anticipates the cut to be 10% or less. Unfortunately, the county budget is not in a position to provide for the loss in funding to these vital services. Given the importance and impact to our residents these issues entail - we anxiously await final State Budget and Human Services Block Grant implementation details. We are hopeful to have some answers in the next several weeks as the practical impact of these issues take effect on July 1.

There is no doubt that there is a need to run government at all levels more efficiently and control costs. Over the years government has been operating on borrowed time and money. Those actions have had a significant local and global economic impact. We must also realize that for every action there is a reaction. In many cases the same residents who want cuts do not want any reduced services to affect them. The reality is that they may receive human services; or have a family member or friend who receives the service. Although this Board of Commissioners will do our best and adjust to maintain services at a the most practical level possible, let there be no mistake that cutting services to our mentally impaired and child welfare programs will be a tough assignment.

I will close this month by reminding you that July is a great month in Adams County. The fruit stands are open, outdoor activities abound and we welcome visitors from around the country and the world. Get out there and take advantage of all the historical, recreational, cultural and natural opportunities that our beautiful county has to offer!

minimize the impact of budget cuts.

Not surprisingly, the governor and state legislators have heard numerous concerns from counties, providers and family groups who are apprehensive about the block grant proposal as a remedy or partial remedy to the proposed cuts. The topic came up at a York County forum several weeks ago. Steve Warren., Director of York/Adams Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol, told the crowd he had concerns about the block grant system saying that it could be a way of shifting funding responsibilities and “essentially passing the funding problem onto the county.” Many of the programs are mandated. Michele Hovis, Executive Director of York County Human Services, is quoted as saying that “any benefit from increased flexibility would be overruled by a 20% or 10% reduction in funding..... and at this point there are many unknowns about it.” Al-

though there is no doubt that significant budget cuts will be detrimental to some programs, increased budget flexibility, at the county level, will potentially help direct funds where there is evident need. Residents should be aware that the Adams County & York County Commissioners meet regularly as a group with Director Warren to discuss Human Resources issues, programs and funding due to the partnership of York & Adams County in this program. In those meetings the effect of 10% and 20% cuts has been discussed, projected and evaluated. The cuts would have significant impact on residential group homes for the mentally challenged as well as some impact on child welfare programs. It is the position of the Adams County Commissioners that this would result in a negative residual effect that would adversely impact these vulnerable clients, our residents and our

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# GOVERNMENT—NORTH OF THE MASON-DIXON LINE

## From the Desk of Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

When July comes around, my thoughts go to July 4<sup>th</sup>. As mentioned in the June issue, I hope you are planning to attend Carroll Valley's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. It is being held on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you want to browse the schedule of events, click on [www.cvjuly4th.com](http://www.cvjuly4th.com) to see all that is going on. Dave Hazlett, our July 4<sup>th</sup> webmaster, has done an outstanding job in designing the website and making it very intuitive to get to the information. Check out the children's rides. Kids can slide through the rainforest or take a ride on our very own 72 foot long aircraft carrier. The two gigantic inflatable rides will be available when the celebration opens at 2:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. And the rides are free. Back again this year is the Carroll Valley Railroad. See the festival from the comfort of your seat traveling through the park. It is also free and ride as much as you want. There will be three live bands entertaining you throughout the day and they are: Niel & Shannon, Static Trees, Sprinkler Heads, and the Dyin' Eyer Brothers. Once again, thanks to our sponsors Liberty Mountain Resort and Conference, Adams Electric Cooperative and the Borough of Carroll Valley, a twenty minute fireworks display will be performed on the top of Ski Liberty Mountain. If you have never been, it is the place to be. Visit the website.

Did you celebrate July 2<sup>nd</sup>? It was "I Forgot" day. Don't know the history of how it came into being. So if you didn't celebrate it, don't give it a second thought. You always could say you forgot about it. I would not forget about celebrating July 7<sup>th</sup> which is Chocolate Day. It is definitely an excuse, if you need one, to indulge yourself with "Oh Yea!" chocolate. However, I recently found out that chocolate is a vegetable. So now I am faced with a problem, I don't like vegetables but I love chocolate. I guess I will just

forget I don't like vegetables and eat chocolate. I can always say "I am celebrating Forgot day" There are so many things to remember. Here is another holiday I am sure you will like. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan by presidential proclamation set aside the third Sunday in July (July 15<sup>th</sup>) as National Ice Cream Day. President Bill Clinton proclaimed the fourth Sunday in July (July 22<sup>nd</sup>) as National Parents Day. It is a day set aside not for giving gifts but rather a day to be used to spend some quality time with your parents. One of the things I have learned over time about my parents was the older I got the smarter they became.

The phone rings. You answer it and hear, "Hi grandma, it's your favorite grandson". You respond, "Is that you, Bobby?". Bobby answers, "Yes, my wallet has been stolen and I lost all my money." He continues "Would it be possible for you to wire me some money so that I can get through the month?" "I really don't want to tell mom and dad". "Please grandma". Well grandma don't send any money. It is a scam. The unsuspecting victim wires the money. But the real Bobby doesn't know anything about it. The phone rings again. This time the individual says "I am from the Medicare Health Insurance Senior Service Center and we are in the process of sending out your new updated identification card. I need to verify some information before I process the ID card for delivery. Is your name so-and-so? Do you live at? Is your phone number? To verify what you are who you say you are, please tell me what bank you use to pay your medical bills not covered by Medicare? What is your account number? Don't give the caller anything. It is a scam. Even though they have your name, address, and telephone number does not mean that they are legit. You should never give personal infor-

mation such as social security and/or bank account numbers over the phone. If you are suspicious, call your local or state police and report the call. Usually, these scammers target the elderly. However, anyone can receive a call.

Summer has started which means those heat alerts are being broadcast. There are three types of messages that are sent out to the populace and they are: Excessive Heat Outlook, Excessive Heat Watch and an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory. An Excessive Heat Outlook is used to indicate that a heat event may develop and the emergency management and public health officials should be prepared. An Excessive Heat Watch means an excessive heat event may occur in the next 12 to 48 hours. Finally, an Excessive Heat Warning/Advisory is issued within 12 hours of the onset of the following criteria: heat index of at least 105° F for more than 3 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, or heat index more than 115° F for any period of time. Why pay attention? According to the NOAA National Weather Service, the statistical data shows that heat causes more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined. What to do? Here are a few tips. Slow down and do not perform any strenuous activities. Drink plenty of water or other non-alcohol fluids even though you may not feel thirsty. If you have problems retaining fluids, consult your physician before increasing your fluid intake. Eat light meals to decrease your metabolic heat production. Wear lightweight light-colored clothing. And naturally, try to spent time in an air-conditioned place.

Summer is also a time to relax and enjoy our natural environment. We are surrounded by the aesthetics and natural beauty of Carroll Valley's country scenery and wildlife. But we need to



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be aware that the summer months represent a time period when the cases of Lyme disease increase. Why? The reason is that we spend more time outdoors enjoying where we live. Lyme disease is an infection caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is carried to people from a bite from a black-legged or deer tick. The disease affects different body systems, such as the nervous system, joints, skin, and heart. Early symptoms may include headache, fever, fatigue and a characteristic circular skin rash. It is treatable. Some of things you should consider when you are out and about are: stay out of tall grass and un-cleared areas of the forest floor; don't roll in a

pile of leaves, check daily for ticks; and if you plan to use insect repellent, be sure to review the safety information on the label. There are many websites that provide information on Lyme disease. One site you may want to visit [www.lymemd.org](http://www.lymemd.org).

Borough meetings to be held in July are: Planning Commission (July 2<sup>nd</sup>); Finance Committee (July 9th); Borough Council (July 10th) and Parks & Recreation (July 25<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to mark your calendar for our July 4th Celebration. If you have any questions, call me at (301) 606-2021 or email at [mayor@carrollvalley.org](mailto:mayor@carrollvalley.org). Please slow down when driving in the Valley.

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## COMMENTARY

# Words From Winterbilt

## Taxes: more, less, flat, round, maybe...

Part II  
Shannon Bohrer

Last month we discussed our taxes and how much we pay, and at the executive board meeting of the PEA party (People for Ethical America) we concluded that a few of our members are paying more than their share. However, after a lengthy meeting of the PEA party executive committee, the members agreed they would actually pay more in taxes, providing certain conditions could be met. We did not finish the conditions so we will continue in that direction. We also examined the current U.S. debt and we ended on the light hearted note that each tax payer would only be responsible for an estimated \$200,000. Since then, I have been informed that our calculations were incorrect and that each tax payer really owes a little more than \$100,000. Of course it really does not matter if the figure is \$100,000 or \$200,000. I will go out on a limb and say that probably 90 percent of the taxpayers in this country are incapable of paying either amount. Of course that is the point of the discussion and why certain conditions should/need to be met before the government requests more in taxes.

Think of our financial problems like a bucket of water with multiple holes in the bucket. The bucket is our country and the water represents the revenues. The problem is there are so many holes in the bucket that more water is going out than coming in. If we just add more water, the outflow would not be reduced, and collecting \$100,000 from each tax payer is not a realistic option. The reality is that the debt problem needs to be addressed from both directions: what goes in and what goes out. With a national debt of over \$15 trillion, we really don't have a choice but to work in both directions. The question is not whether or not taxes will go up, but when, by how much, and who will pay?

Before we examine the PEA party's recommended reductions of spending, we need to finish discussing a few additional tax issues. What started this discussion was the fact that my individual tax rate is higher than Mitt Romney's and Warren Buffets – Why? The simple reason is a tax law that allows individuals to only pay 15 percent in taxes if the income is from capital gains— one's income that is derived from investing in stocks, bonds and other financial instru-

ments. In general terms, there are individuals that earn their income from capital gains. The argument is that they should not pay taxes on the money they invest, since it is already taxed. However, if an individual puts money into a bank and they earn interest (just pretend that could happen) they pay taxes on the interest earned, at their federal tax rate, and their money they deposited in the bank is not taxed. The difference is so obvious that even I can see it. Maybe capital gains is a mythical term that wealthy individuals created to have a law passed that allows them to pay a lower rate in income tax. It is the PEA party's recommendation that the capital gains tax be eliminated, period. Any gains, capital or otherwise, should be paid at the individual's income tax bracket rate, which is fair.

The reduction side of the issue is very simple. Everything, every program, needs to be reduced. That of course would include congress salaries, staffing and benefits. Currently there is much consternation in congress because if they do nothing the military will take an automatic cut. The U.S. military's budget is 20 percent of the government—but the military budget does not include atomic weapons, none of

the intelligence outside of the military and none of homeland security. Why do we need over 700 military bases around the world when there are only 196 countries? If you added up the top 15 military spenders in the world, our budget is greater than all of them combined. The PEA party and myself are not anti-military, but you must be realistic when your national debt is over \$15 trillion, everyone needs to take a hit.

The next condition that is related to the military is that if congress and/or the president believe we need to go to war – they must pay for the war. Congress cannot borrow money to go to war, period. If the United States of America goes to war then a war tax should be levied. Additionally if we declare war, then a draft should be instituted. It is neither fair nor equitable for a small percentage of our population to defend the entire country.

Does the PEA party believe that any of these suggestions either in this article or part 1 will occur? No, we do not and for good reason. Sir Alex Fraser Tytler (1742-1813) once said:

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largess of the public treasury. From that time on the

majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the results that a democracy always collapse over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence; from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; and from dependency back to bondage.

Are our politicians the problem because they have offered so much; lower taxes and at the same time telling us we can have it all? Are the financial and banking industries the problem because they influenced the regulations and tax laws in their favor? Or maybe – it is the voters that have gone from abundance to selfishness to complacency. We have been borrowing money and living in debt for well over 30 years, and yet both parties continue to promise a better tomorrow. If we continue to look back at the good times, maybe we should consider they were good at least partly because we were living on borrowed money!

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# View from the Track

## When is enough enough?

Kip Hamilton

This column was started over a year ago with the intention of generating some thought about our Constitution and the role it played in the founding of this Republic. We have talked about how the 13 original nation states came together for their mutual protection. We've talked about the limited role the founders envisioned the federal government's playing in the lives of its citizens. We've talked about the importance of the concept of Liberty and what that means to us as citizens of this Republic, not this Democracy. We have tried to raise the reader's awareness and understanding of how "things" are supposed to be.

With the current administration there have seemed to be regular assaults on our freedoms... almost to the level that these attacks appear to be orchestrated to wear us down to the point that we are so tired of hearing about them that we just tune them out, from exhaustion if nothing else. But with the President's declaration this week that his government would be granting work visas to a certain segment of the illegal alien population in direct opposition to the will of We the People

as demonstrated in the December 2010 defeat of the DREAM Act which contained this provision, we have reached an extremely dangerous place. Our sitting president has made the personal decision to negate a portion of the United States' Criminal Code because he disagrees with it...again

This is wrong on so many levels... Our government was established with three separate, but co-equal branches: the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial. Each of them is intended to have the same weight as the others and this was designed so that each branch could provide a check on the others to prevent exactly what we are seeing today; one of the branches (in this case the Executive) usurping power and dominating the others.

As inconvenient as it must be to this administration, our Constitution stipulates how our government is supposed to function. It calls for the president to function as the chief executive of the government and the administrative head of the Executive branch and spells out the duties of the office. Article II, Section 3 mandates that the president "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." Meaning, of course, ALL laws are followed, not just the ones he

likes. He tried to get the DREAM Act passed through Congress, but they rejected it. Not satisfied with that result, he essentially decreed this new immigration dictate by executive fiat. His explanation? It was the "right" thing to do. Some might think that may very well be the case, but what he did is demonstratively illegal. And this is certainly not the first time that he has violated his oath of office.

The Presidential oath is pretty clear: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Instead of living up to that oath, President Obama has actively attempted to subvert, ignore, and completely destroy large parts of the Constitution. It seems the President of the United States is well aware of what he is doing, and it is absolutely intentional. In addition to disregarding the Constitution, he has now begun to perform executive "end runs" around Congress, the duly-elected representatives of the People. The president is an administrator, not a legislator; he cannot make laws. That is the duty of the Congress. By directing that immigration law be ignored, he is essentially creating a new law. He does NOT have

the authority to do this.

This is a very disturbing development because just as recently as September 28, 2011, Mr. Obama explained that he must follow the laws at a White House meeting: "...I just have to continue to say this notion that somehow I can just change the laws unilaterally is just not true. We are doing everything we can administratively. But the fact of the matter is there are laws on the books that I have to enforce."

So, by his own words, he realized nine months ago that there were Constitutional limitations on his power. What has changed between then and now? I think then he felt secure of his re-election. Obviously now, with his political support crumbling around him, he feels it necessary to pander to the Latino vote by this blatantly politically motivated decision.

When you add this to the extra-Constitutional czars, the health-care debacle, the Justice department's attack on the sovereign state of Arizona, the committing of US troops to a war in Libya based on UN approval rather than Congressional approval, his unilateral rejection of the Defense of Marriage Act, his illegal non-recess recess appointments, his list of impeachable offenses becomes longer and longer.

Some contend that among these high crimes and misdemeanors is the intentional violation of the oath of office admin-

istered to the President and all other federal officials. In fact, federal law at 5 U.S.C. 7311 specifically provides that violation of the oath of office includes advocating the overthrowing of our constitutional form of government. This is specifically declared a criminal offense in 18 U.S.C. 1918 and is punishable by both a fine and imprisonment. President Obama, Eric Holder, and numerous other members of his administration have gone beyond just advocating the overthrow of our constitutional form of government. They are actually engaged in making it happen, and as a result should be impeached and convicted.

Will there be an impeachment and conviction in the current Congress? Probably not, since it takes a two thirds vote in the House of Representatives to impeach, and a two thirds vote in the Senate to convict. With Harry Reid and the progressives still in control of the Senate, and many of them guilty of some of the same impeachable offenses, they will resist it and it is unlikely that anything will happen at all.

Does that mean it should not happen? Of course not. We still live in a Constitutional Republic (or what's left of it) and as citizens we still have a voice in how our government is run...don't we?

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# Pure OnSense

## Summer reading

Scott Zuke

**I**t's Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the Politics of Extremism, by Thomas E. Mann, Norman J. Ornstein

Two highly respected scholars of the US Congress make the case that, far from being business as usual, the recent stalling and failures of the US government are due to new phenomena that have seriously damaged its functionality and reputation. Beginning with a case study of last summer's debt ceiling crisis, they lay out a case that, while partisan brinkmanship and party polarization are certainly not new, they have reached a new height since President Obama was elected.

Often news organizations attempt to prove their lack of bias by reminding their viewers that responsibility for partisan politics rests equally on both sides of the aisle. Mann and Ornstein, however, see things differently. "However awkward it may be for the traditional press and nonpartisan analysts to acknowledge," they write, "one of the two major parties, the Republican Party, has become an insurgent outlier—ideologically extreme; contemptuous of the inherited social

and economic policy regime; scornful of compromise; unpersuaded by conventional understanding of facts, evidence, and science; and dismissive of the legitimacy of its political opposition. When one party moves this far from the center of American politics, it is extremely difficult to enact policies responsive to the country's most pressing challenges."

Where the book becomes more intriguing is in its recommendations, which begin with a fascinating debunking of the most popular recommendations for solutions—from seeking salvation in a third party to backing a Constitutional balanced budget amendment. Their argument against the merits of tightening Congressional term limits has me rethinking my own position on the subject. The positive recommendations are thoughtful, provocative, and fresh, but also challenging. There are neither simple solutions nor any magical Big Ideas that can save Washington, but there may be practical steps to nudge it toward a better course.

If you love to hate Congress, this book will certainly help you to separate the real explanations of its hurdles and the best ways to clear them from the dumb, partisan political chatter filling airtime on cable news.

Confront and Conceal: Obama's Secret Wars and Surprising Use of American Power, by David E. Sanger

Sanger, the senior Washington correspondent for the New York Times, takes the baton from Bob Woodward's "Obama's Wars" and adds a wealth of new information into the public record on President Obama's national security policy. The book has been making waves in D.C. lately as members of Congress have been in an uproar over the highly sensitive leaked information it publishes, particularly with regards to drone policy and the use of sophisticated cyber weapons to sabotage Iran's nuclear facilities. While any leaked top secret information pertaining to security is bound to stir up anger, Sanger's reporting is a perfect example of how investigative journalism can responsibly inform public discourse on such sensitive topics, and hopefully drive a much-needed debate on these controversial policies.

His highly readable book is a timely and comprehensive account of Obama's foreign policy, which, due to being the one area where he has had the most leeway to act unilaterally, is also the best window into the President's leadership style (hands-on and pragmatic, which seems to be the consensus among presidential scholars and journalists). The book is arranged by topic, and includes sections on Afghanistan/Pakistan, including the Bin Laden raid, Iran, the Arab Spring, China and North Korea, and a dedicated section on drones and cy-

ber warfare. It's highly recommended for anyone who wants to step into the upcoming election season and be able to see through the empty rhetoric (on both sides) on foreign policy and national security. These are highly complex situations that don't fit well into stump speeches, so this is likely our best shot to let actions speak louder than words.

The Dictator's Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy, by William J. Dobson

A nice change of pace from US politics and policy, this book is an engrossing collection of stories of people who weren't born activists, but transformed into them almost accidentally by simply following their consciences and refusing to stay quiet within some of the world's most repressive modern dictatorships. Dobson's thesis is that totalitarianism essentially died out in the 20th century, but that it has been replaced by a new form of autocratic regime that has situated itself between authoritarianism and democracy.

"Today's dictators and authoritarians are far more sophisticated, savvy, and nimble than they once were," he writes. "Faced with growing pressures, the smartest among them neither hardened their regimes into police states nor closed themselves off from the world; instead, they learned and adapted. For dozens of authoritarian regimes, the challenge posed by democracy's advance led to experimentation, creativity, and cunning,

Modern authoritarians have successfully honed new techniques, methods, and formulas for preserving power, refashioning dictatorship for the modern age."

The book is filled with anecdotes and the testimonies from courageous activists in countries including Russia, China, Egypt, and Venezuela, among others, and range from terrifying to almost humorous in a twisted way. In a section on Venezuela's Hugo Chávez, for example, we learn that Chávez, who came into the presidency with plans to drastically overhaul the country's charter, spontaneously inserted the words "on this dying constitution" as he gave the oath of office.

Coming back around to Mann and Ornstein's argument about the GOP's shift to the extreme right, it's hard to avoid noticing the sharp increase in the routine use of words like tyranny, socialism, and authoritarianism to describe America's government. Dobson's book, engaging in its own right, also serves as a catharsis—a refreshing reminder that those words actually do still mean something to a large portion of the world's population living and dying under true dictatorships. It's a great way to learn something new, appreciate what you have, and gain some global perspective this Fourth of July.

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# Down Under

## Friends and enemies

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*"Injustice, poverty, slavery, ignorance - these may be cured by reform or revolution. But men do not live only by fighting evils. They live by positive goals, individual and collective, a vast variety of them, seldom predictable, at times incompatible."*

—Isaiah Berlin; four essays on Liberty (1969)

**D**uring the American Civil War, Abraham Lincoln made a speech in which he referred sympathetically to the Southern rebels. An elderly lady, a staunch unionist, upbraided him for speaking kindly of his enemies when he ought to be thinking of destroying them. His response was classic: "Why, madam," Lincoln answered, "do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

This statement is probably the most profound ever made about war and enemies, for it is undeniably true. What a pity this was the opposite of the plans the allies had for Germany and Japan at the end of the Second World War. Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin were determined to reduce both countries to unarmed, agricultural states, vassals to the victorious leaders. But it did not work out that way, for many reasons, and today both Germany and Japan are necessary partners, if not outright friends.

It shows just how little politicians

and military leaders, for all their supposed superiority, are able to foresee the results of their actions, policies, and alliances. Yes, they had a goal, but such a blinkered one that the real outcome was the opposite of the one expected. But they couldn't be wrong could they? No, of course not - so wearing the same blinkers they proceeded to boost military spending, made the manufacture of armaments top priority, and rubbed their hands in satisfaction. Well, as a result they won some things, not wars as such, but the defeat of folk like Saddam Hussein, once staunch ally but latterly tyrant, and the death of Osama Bin Laden. And these were hailed as 'Victories'!

And to achieve this civilian casualties of around 70% occurred (called 'collateral damage' by those doing the inflicting) and took and still takes trillions upon trillions of dollars - money which, in any humane society would have been used for the betterment of the population.

For instance the new aircraft carrier, the Gerald R Ford already has a price tag of \$12.3 BILLION, according to defense department data, and will not be ready for at least five more years. What, pray, is its intended purpose? Sink the Chinese navy? Make war on Costa Rica? Anything is possible, but it has stopped unemployment figures reaching new and impossible levels. That, I believe is a cost too far.

The greatest cost, however, is the alienation of people who otherwise would not have cared, even though their beliefs and ways of life were vastly different, but who were led to believe that the only answer was to kill Americans, and their supporters, in any way possible. And when the power of Al-Qaeda was smashed many young men began to put love of country, love of family, and love of friends above continued personal existence. Jihad lost its central control and split, like the broom of the sorcerer's apprentice, into a million tiny fragments all working to meet war with war, terror with terror.

For war has become the mainstay of commerce. Armaments are the American way of life. The most powerful armed forces in the world are there, we are told, to keep the peace - but the result has been to keep the war. A war that cannot be won, call it by any name you like. The war on terror was begun by terrorists calling themselves patriots who believed that holding the biggest club would deter any and all opposition, that if you were not for them then you had to be against them. Once that club began hammering the skulls and lives of those who were thought to be against them, reaction of a terrible kind set in.

And it was not just those of a different country, religion or way of government, but also Americans who disagreed. The idea of freedom of speech, of belief, of life was taken away, and that can only happen in a dictatorship, not a democracy. And here's the irony of it all: Those who profess to uphold such freedoms, who cherish independence, who love their way of life are the ones who,

most of all, believe in the repression of dissidents.

The further to the right of politics you are, the more it seems you want to preserve your way of live at the expense of those who disagree with you. That is nothing more than old fashioned dictatorship and intolerance. The problem is that such outlook breeds more and more unrest and rebellion. Prisons are built, detention centres that inflict torture of the most horrible kind are permitted, all in order to keep the peace. Whose peace would that be?

Most jihadis today are young, male, not very well educated, not very religious, but mates, part of small groups, widely spread, lovers of soccer, and so normal they are invisible. They are the ones who need the Lincoln approach, who will respond to understanding, persuasion, and discourse. And the way to do that is to exhibit a mindset of tolerance, hope, and acceptance.

There is no quick fix to combat terrorism. It cannot be stopped by bombs, drones, or technology. Those who commit acts of self-destruction are zealots in their own way. It is their choice to die, but to deny them the right to live is to prolong their mission. The answer is to give them something worthwhile to live for.

To many outsiders, America is a nation bent on war, not on peace. It's time to change that, for there can be no return for anyone on earth if it continues. Lack of foresight has also propelled China onto the world stage, a nation that is catching up in technology, one with a population so large that if they were mobilized by their rulers they would, literally, be

unstoppable. Will the hawks take them on? They'll need bigger blinkers if they think they can. I know many will say that Russia will regroup and implant communism again. Baloney. That all manner of unknown things will happen if they are not stopped by power. That they will be humiliated, their way of life destroyed. Would that be such a bad thing?

Ultimately, if America wants its way of life to be the way of life for the world, they have to show the world that it's a life worth having. That is not the picture at present. At one time the world looked up to America and envied your ability to lead, create marvels and live in peace. Neil Armstrong was a hero, a symbol of all that could be achieved for the future. Now the dream is a nightmare; the space program has been handed to China on a plate. They have launched their own space station, and will no doubt ask if there are any Americans volunteering for a place on the next. Now that's humiliation. The Afghan war costs, in three days, the price of a new space shuttle. What might have been achieved if the war had not been started? Men on Mars, no terrorist attacks, the economy in the black, employment high on productive things, not destructive ones. And world respect and admiration. There is absolutely no profit, ever, in war.

Surely must be time - it is actually long past time- to make peace, not war, to talk to the enemy, to give up dreams of hegemony and embrace reality tempered by a little humility.

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## PASTOR'S DESK

# Here's a teaching that is so right

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The Teaching is: "love motivated decision making" and it introduces a self-solving way of life. That is to say, if you wish to be right all the time: Just work on your life in such a way that your actions and speech and thoughts and intentions are all love motivated. This is what we might consider a modern life philosophy to live by. Live out your life by allowing love to govern the way you treat others, the way you conduct your business, the way you think of yourself and the way you live for God.

In fact, the idea about allowing love to be our "primary directive" is a very Jesus centered approach to life and by today's text we know that we desire for Christ to abide in us and affect every life action and attitude. Jesus wants us to "abide" in his love. This means to live in love and

know that the risen Christ is alive and at work inside each one of us, to will, and to do God's good pleasure.

Jesus tells us, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love." Of course, keeping Jesus commandment to love at all times should indeed be the life goal of every Christian. But love is such an overused word, so we will do well to define it a bit further. Here are some biblical thoughts about love in no particular order, because the Bible has volumes to teach us about love.

From Song of Solomon 8:6 we hear that true love "is as strong as death!" Though it sounds kind of raw, this is a powerful statement about love. Godly love is stronger than death. Therefore, love in the life of a Christian allows him or her to overcome the most devastating human experience, which is death. When a human life ends, there is no return in the natural cycle of

a life. But love that is embraced in the powerful love of God that raised Jesus from the dead transforms death into something hopeful, Jesus is risen from the dead and we shall be like him as his love abides in us.

1 John 4:18 says: "Perfect love casts out all fear!" Does this resonate with your life? Most of us have fear as our central motivating factor. We even watch TV shows that emphasize that real living is overcoming our fear or something like that. I don't think it is necessarily a good idea to be fearless much of the time, because a healthy dose of fear once in a while will save your life! However, to be fearful of everything and everyone, this will shut down your life and you will be as good as dead. Instead, allow the love of God through Christ to be working powerfully in you and you will be on your way to living life to the fullest in a healthy sustainable way.

The Apostle Paul exhorts us: "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up!" What a practical concept. Use your like skills—not to boast about how great you are, but to go and encourage someone else. Or better yet, if you are a PhD in medicine or an engineer or a mathematician, use your gift of learning to go and teach someone who needs the information that you can provide. This is using your gift in the way of love. Allow love to be the ruling force in your life, and all the other gifts you have to share are going to shine to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 Paul reminds us of love's many attributes and the bottom line is: "If I have not love, I am nothing!" Any one of us could be the most successful or influential person in the universe, but if we don't live our life in love toward others and love of God, all our accomplishments are worthless. It's always good when we're humble.

In St John 15:9-17 Jesus tells us that one of the greatest demonstrations of love is: "When one lays down his/her life for their friends." This is a very



powerful verse and one that we want to live by. It does not mean that we all have to become soldiers and police, but more that we can be there to stand by a brother or sister or a boy or girl who are in danger or being picked on—such as when a bully starts to poke at someone at school. Enact Jesus rule of love and go and support the innocent one who is being pushed around or intimidated by strong opponents. You and I can be a love hero or heroine when we have Christ's love abiding in us.

What is most important from all these texts is that Jesus instructs us to abide in his love! To abide in the love of Jesus, means that we live in his love. Like being part of a great household the love of god in Jesus is a place we want to be! It is a state of being and a place to reside. In fact, it is a place you will want to remain in forever.

All this talk about love can wax sentimental, but we want to keep love as a vital idea. Realistic thinking and acting on love's demands must remain relevant to the signs of the times in which we live. The classic Lutheran Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr said: "When we talk about love we have to become mature or we will become sentimental. Basically love means being responsible.

Niebuhr's definition of abiding in love is of concrete seriousness. If we do not have a tangible grasp on the Meaning of "a love motivated life" then any one of us is capable of becoming a person who, by the mere pushing of a

few buttons, could destroy all of life, as we know it. Let alone, that we can hurt or destroy our own family members, friends, or our church household.

What Jesus calls us to is to live in the household of love. This requires moment-by-moment consciousness that our actions have an affect on other people around us. Love's highest order is to preserve and save human life. If we hate, if we are self-centered, if we are not recognizing the rights or dignity of those around us, then we are not abiding in the love household of Christ.

But when we abide in love, we live without fear, we live with patience and mercy with our brothers and sisters. As we abide with Christ and carry out ministry together we want to live "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3). In living this way we will know we are fulfilling the law of Christ!

This is the promise we have: Not that we have loved God first, but that, while we were yet sinners, by God's grace and love, Christ came to die for us—proving God's love for us. Herein is the love of God revealed that God sent his one and only Son to be our Savior. How much more ought we to love and give thanks to the Lord our God who has loved us with so great a love. Let us abide in His grace and mercy today and invite others to join us!



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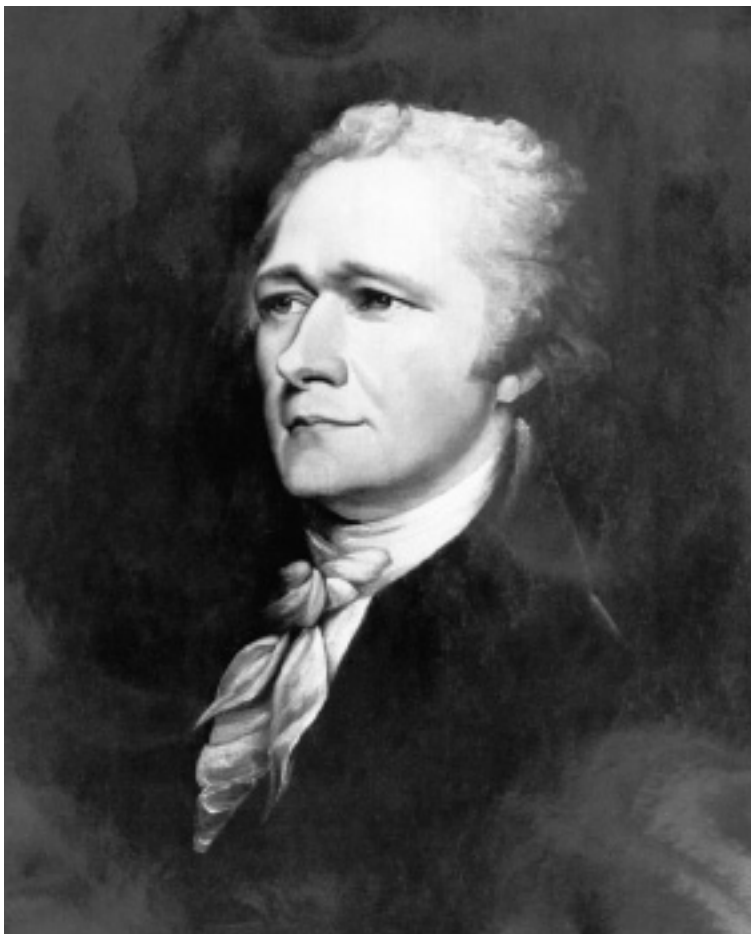
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THE BOOK OF DAYS

# Alexander Hamilton



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hamilton's father was a Scotsman, and his mother a member of a Huguenot family, banished from France. He was born in 1757, on the island of Nevis; and whilst a youth serving as clerk in a merchant's office, a hurricane of more than ordinary violence occurred, and Hamilton drew up an account of its ravages, which was inserted in a West Indian newspaper. The narrative was so well written, and excited so much attention, that the writer was deemed born for something better than mercantile drudgery, and was sent to New York to prosecute his education. The dispute between Great Britain and the colonies had begun to grow very warm, and Hamilton soon distinguished himself by eloquent speeches in advocacy of resistance.

With the ardour of youth he commenced the study of military tactics, and turned his learning to good account in the first action between the British and Americans at Lexington in 1775. In the course of the unhappy war which followed, Hamilton was Washington's most trusted and confidential aid. At the conclusion of hostilities he commenced practice at the bar, became secretary of the treasury under President Washington, and a leading actor in all those intricate, delicate, and per-

plexing discussions, which attended the consolidation of the thirteen independent colonies into one nation.

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

Hamilton was a man under middle height, spare, erect, and of a most dignified presence. His writings in *The Federalist* are read by political philosophers with admiration to this day. He wrote rapidly, but with precision and method. His habit was to think well over his subject, and then, at whatever time of night, to go to bed and sleep for six or seven hours. On awaking, he drank a cup of strong coffee, sat down at his desk, and for five, six, seven, or even eight hours continued writing, until he had cleared the whole matter off his mind.

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## Wild life

Bill Meredith

“From ghoulies, and ghosties, and long-leggity beasties, and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord deliver us.” ...old Scottish prayer.

At my age, when you get up in the morning and look out of the window it isn't often that you see something you've never seen before; but the laws of probability predict that it should happen once in a while, and it did. About a month ago, I got up, wandered into the kitchen, and stopped in front of the window as I always do. It is not unusual for me to be a little disoriented at that time of day, so I always assume my wife will be sitting in the chair by her desk and will tell me where I am, what day it is, and other useful information, like “If you'd go to bed earlier, you wouldn't be so stupid in the morning.” That day, though, she wasn't there. I could hear her rummaging around in the pantry, so I decided I should remain calm, stay where I was, and not make any rash decisions until she came back. That was when the bear appeared.

It was a young black bear; I assumed it was a male, because they are more likely to be wandering about this time of the year. He



walked casually around behind our car, as calmly as if he owned the place. His manner suggested a big black dog as he walked with his nose low to the ground, sniffing systematically back and forth, but his size, bow-legged posture and arrogant swagger were definitely not dog-like. There was an old, rusty suet feeder hanging on the pear tree; I hadn't used it this year, so it couldn't have much odor left on it, but he stood on his hind legs and inspected it. My mind seemed to be stuck in low gear, so I didn't think to go and get my camera, but I did call for my wife to come quick

and see. She assumed from long experience that I had spotted an odd bird of some kind, so she wasn't in a hurry to respond, but when she got there she did seem to be impressed. Meanwhile, the bear was looking suspiciously at the birdbath when he heard a car coming up the road, and he ran off with surprising speed and disappeared into the Great Forest behind the house. The entire episode couldn't have lasted more than two minutes.

In hindsight, I shouldn't have been surprised. Two days earlier, our garbage can was upset; I had assumed it had been visited by the raccoon that had been leaving his tracks in the mud by the garage. Then, on the following day there had been a lock-down at the Senior Citizens room while my wife was playing bridge there, because

a bear had been spotted wandering around the playground nearby. Being who I am, I started counting on my fingers and realized that we have a surprising variety of creatures wandering through the premises. In addition to the bear, the raccoon, and the squirrels I frequently write about, a rabbit has nested in the patch of ferns by the porch and produced a litter of young ones that can usually be seen hopping about in the front yard and eating clover and plantain leaves. The chipmunk that used to live under the front porch steps has come back. The groundhog that I thought we had persuaded to leave last fall has returned, and dug a new hole under the foundation. I regularly see deer lurking in the woods behind the house, waiting for the chance to munch on our hosta plants. About six weeks ago we heard a gray fox barking by the back door one night. And within the past year I have seen possums, skunks, shrews, at least two kinds of field mice, and something that looked suspiciously like a coyote nosing about in the neighbor's garbage can. Add to that list several feral cats and an occasional stray dog... and that's just the mammals. I ran out of fingers and used up most of the toes on one foot, without even counting the various species of birds, snakes, toads, and frogs. It's a jungle out there.

There was a thunderstorm that evening and the power went off around nine o'clock. We sat in the dark for a while, but it didn't come back on, so my wife decided to go to bed. She usually has a scented candle burning in the kitchen to chase away other odors and any evil spirits that




happen to wander by after supper, so I took the candle and sat down with it in my office. It didn't take long for the flickering light and the shadows it created to lead my mind off into the past, when I used to spend an occasional night at my grandmother's house.

It was an old house, and the electricity went off fairly often, sometimes because of a storm but also at random times when a fuse blew out. My aunt and her daughter lived with Grandma, but Grandpa had died the year before I was born, so there was no man available to “fix things.” The fuse box was in the cellar crawl space, and it was wet there; it wasn't safe to go poking about in the dark to deal with electrical problems, so we would sit with candles or a kerosene lantern and tell stories. That seems to have been a tradition handed down from ancient times before there was any electricity, and many of the stories were about hunting or being chased by wild animals, or ghosts. The old house contributed a variety of sound effects; in the summer, the tin roof would crack and squeak as it cooled off, or in winter the coal in the fireplace would suddenly shift, crackle, and send up a flare of sparks. If the wind was blowing, the rafters would creak, the windows would rattle, and the curtains would reach out and grab at you. You could always hear mice prowling about, and there was a variety of beetles, moths and other insects going about their private lives in the woodwork; the house was full of ghoulies and ghosties, and something was always going bump. And that was just on the inside; we were in the country, and all manner of beasties were out there. No one had seen a bear or mountain lion in over 50 years, but they were in all of the stories, and we did have bobcats. You could hear them screaming now and then, especially in the mating season, and they sounded like the last words of a forlorn maiden who was being swallowed by a goblin.

The light came back on after an hour or so, and I had to leave Grandma's house and come back to Emmitsburg. The house was quiet, almost dull; there were no ghoulies or ghosties, and the only thing going bump was the sound of traffic out on Main Street as trucks geared down coming around the corner. There was still an occasional rumble of thunder off in the distance, but no sign of bears, long-leggity beasties or maidens in distress. Life is tamer than it used to be. Maybe that's why people don't pray as much any more.

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*Kristina and Scott Springirth*

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# Remembering “Doc” Carr

Jim Rada

It was standing room only in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church on June 2 as friends and family gathered to remember William “Doc” Carr who passed away on May 22. They endured the heat of the overcrowded room to share their stories and memories of a former mayor, talented veterinarian and great friend.

When Bill Meredith first moved to Emmitsburg in 1957, one of the first people he came to know was Doc Carr. They met at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church and were casual acquaintances for years until that acquaintanceship deepened to friendship in the late 1960’s.

“He was a natural leader, and I was more of a sounding board for ideas, but I believe we both thought alike and had similar basic values,” Meredith said.

That leadership ability led Carr to become mayor of Emmitsburg in 1992 and hold that position for 10 years until he decided not to seek re-election. As mayor, Carr helped clear the way for some of Emmitsburg’s annexations: Pembroke, Brookfield, North and South Gate, and Silo Hill.

“The town of Emmitsburg would not be where it is today without Bill Carr,” said former town councilman Patrick Boyle.

Besides the annexations, Boyle said that Carr helped the town get a new water plant and repair its old and leaking sewer lines.

Carr also fought hard to ensure that the town kept its remaining schools, particular after the controversial loss of Emmitsburg High School. The town had also lost its Catholic high schools and St. Joseph College. Boyle said that Carr worked to make sure that Emmitsburg’s last public school, Emmitsburg Elementary, remained open.

Boyle has another fond memory of Carr coming into the Boyle family store and buy a candy bar as he walked through town. It’s not a story, just a fond memory of Carr relaxed and at ease living the small-town life he enjoyed.

Town Manager Dave Haller said that Emmitsburg’s finances were in a “mess” when Carr came into office. The town couldn’t even make payroll at one point so finding a way out of debt became a priority of Carr’s first term as mayor.

“We didn’t have any money,” Haller said. “Doc got us a credit line of \$40,000 and got things moving on the water plant.”

Haller said much of Carr’s success as mayor was probably because he was a better politician than manager and could get things done.

“He ran the town meetings more as a czar than mayor,” Haller said. “He would work the commissioners individually so he would know what the vote would be or it wouldn’t be on the agenda. And he always did what he thought was

best for the town.”

However, that passion for the town caused Carr to speak his mind on subjects that came before the town commissioners.

“Doc was a good guy,” Haller said. “Either he liked you or he didn’t and he was a wrong guy to have down on you.”

He said it could be a problem occasionally with people making presentations or petitions to the town. Haller said he had to keep reminding Carr that he needed to treat everyone the same way so that the town would have a defensible position if a town decision was challenged.

Clark Mitchell described it as, “Whether he was getting ready to smile or pontificate, the expression was the same and you never knew which one was coming.”

While Carr was successful as mayor, his chosen profession was the town’s veterinarian. He founded the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital in 1955. He was known for his quick response to calls racing through town and flying up farm driveways with a dust cloud billowing up around his car and rock flying backwards. His car would skid to a stop and Carr would jump out ready to work.

“He would leave early and by nine o’clock, he would probably have been to three or four farms and had breakfast at all of them,” Meredith said.

Carr’s oldest friend was Vernon Keilholtz of Emmitsburg. Keilholtz tells a story of Carr’s talent as a veterinarian. The Keilholtzes had a collie that didn’t come home one night. When they found the dog the next day, it had been shot in a hind leg which seemed to barely be attached. Keilholtz thought the leg might have to be amputated, but Carr took the dog and started working on it and managed to save the leg, though the shattered joint couldn’t be replaced.

“Eventually that dog was running around as if nothing had ever happened to his leg, even though it couldn’t bend that ruined joint,” Keilholtz said.

Meredith said that Carr had lots of funny and weird stories about his veterinarian adventures. “We knew all of the weird cases where he delivered twin calves in the midst of a freak hurricane when it was snowing six feet deep and the temperature was 30 below zero.... Over the years we probably heard all of them more than once, but they were still funny,” Meredith said.

Keilholtz and his wife met the Carrs only a few days after the Carrs moved to town in 1955. They played cards regularly until a year ago. Their families purchased land together on the Potomac and built a vacation cabin there. They spent many pleasant weekends at the cabin over the years. They would also take other vacations together.

Another good friend of the Carrs was Rev. Ben Jones and his wife.

Jones always marveled at how easily Carr would make friends wherever they vacationed.

“He would talk to everyone and they had his full attention,” Jones said.

Everyone felt that he was their best friend. It was a talent of Carr’s that came from him truly caring to know the people he met.

“He was the one I could go to when I needed to talk in confidence about a problem, or simply to unwind after a stressful time,” Meredith said. “He showed up, unasked, to sit with me during my wife’s surgery, as, I’m sure, he did for many other people. His death leaves a big hole in my life; it will heal in time, but will never be replaced.”

Jones said that on one trip the Joneses and Carrs drove 500 miles and took a ferry another 26 miles just to eat clam chowder on Nantucket Island. Jones said they were eating their chowder when Carr looked up and said, “It’s good.”

When Jones asked, “The chowder,” Carr shook his head and said, “No, the chowder’s OK. Being here’s good.”

For Carr it was all about the journey and being with people rather than the destination.

Beyond his work, Carr loved his family. During the memorial service, his granddaughters recalled the doll houses that Carr had made for them with great love.

Meredith told a story of how Carr acted the day his first granddaughter was born. It was in 1977 and the Carrs and Merediths were having a late dinner at a local bar. As they waited for a table, Carr got a little tipsy at the bar. Then the call came in about the birth of his granddaughter and Carr was so excited that he made an announcement to the entire restaurant. However, his earlier drinks made him a bit confused.

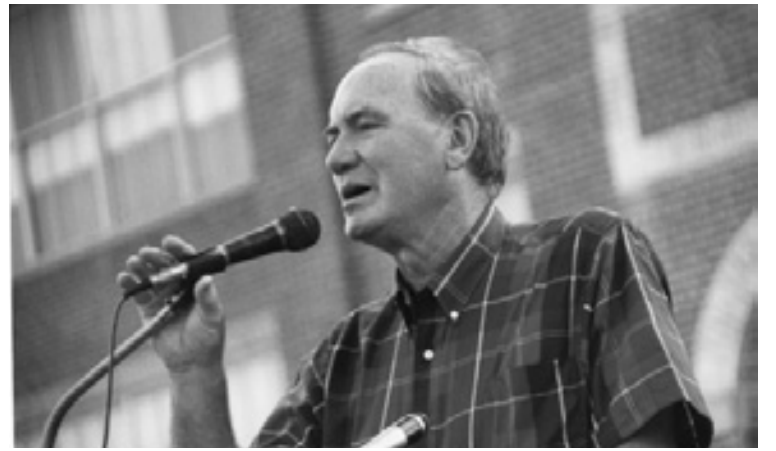
“He announced the birth of his grandchild and said, it was named something with a J or K and was six inches long and weighed 21 pounds,” Meredith said.

Golf was a passion of Carr’s. He, Meredith, Wayne McCleaf and Paul Harner formed a golf foursome after Carr retired. They bet a quarter on each hole and since all four of them were close in ability, no one dominated their games.

“Sometimes on a hard course none of us would break 100, and the rare occasions when someone broke 90 were causes for celebration,” Meredith said. “Bill was the most competitive, and also the most macho; he refused to play from the senior tees for several years, and relented only after all of us were past 70.”

Carr played golf up until last year when he was 83 years old. “But he never gave up hoping for one more round,” Meredith said.

During the weekly golf outings, Carr would make a lunch of hard-boiled eggs. One week, he didn’t eat his eggs and left them out until the following week. When the rest



of the golf foursome picked Carr up, they smelled something strange when he got in the van.

“The rest of us all knew that smell hadn’t been there before Bill got in,” Meredith said. They tried to ignore it. For his part, Carr thought someone else was causing the smell and he chose not to say anything. They all rode to the golf course pretending nothing was wrong, all the while enduring the horrible smell of spoiled eggs.

Another hobby that Carr enjoyed seemed out of line with his sociable nature was his love of woodworking.

“His interests were in projects like making grandfather clocks and Windsor chairs, but he also could design his own patterns,” Meredith said. “He was a very good craftsman.”

He would create his works in his workshop alone and away from other people for the most part, though occasionally one of his children or grandchildren would come into the shop to watch him work.

As Carr’s health failed, he found himself stuck in a hospital. Keilholtz saw Carr two days before he died. The once-vibrant man could speak anymore.

Carr once told his friend, “I don’t want to have to live a life in a nursing home, that’s not really living.”

Keilholtz spent the time talking with his friend and watched him respond to the one-sided conversation. At the end of the visit, Keilholtz leaned over and kissed his best friend goodbye and two days later, the rest of the town said goodbye as well.

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## IN THE COUNTRY

# The barn birds

**Rusty Ryan**  
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The Mason Dixon area supports two barn birds, the Barn Swallow and the Barn Owl. The Barn Swallow is considered abundant and the Barn Owl is uncommon. Both species are the most widely distributed of their kind (swallows and owls) in the world.

### The Barn Swallow

Have you ever heard the saying: Were you born in a barn? This question is often asked when someone feels a draft due to somebody forgetting to close a door behind them. Well in the case of both of these birds, leaving the barn doors open leads to the success of these unique predators and beneficial friend to humans.

The Barn Swallow is the most widespread and numerous swallow species in the world. It is a neo-tropical migrant which means this bird winters in the southern hemisphere but migrates north each spring to breed in North America. The Barn Swallow usually arrives to the Mason-Dixon area by April, breeds and leaves the area by August.

The Barn Swallow is easily recognized from the other swallow species by having a deeply forked tail. This swallow is about the size of a slim bluebird and has a habit of flying very low over fields in search of flying insects. These aerial feeders are the swallow specie most likely to be foraging for food by following the farmer or property owner when mowing.

As the name implies, this swallow is fond of nesting in



Less than two weeks after hatching, the nest is already getting crowded for this brood of barn swallows.

barns. I suppose that this species has adapted over time to prefer barns due to these structures having flight access into and out of barns. The nest is usually cup shaped and attached directly to the beams and eaves. The necessary nesting materials needed to construct the nest can be found nearby. The necessary nesting materials consist of mud and straw (horsehair is often used). The Barn Swallow produces saliva which is mixed with the mud to make pellets which the bird will fly back and use to make nest. The Barn Swallow like the Purple Martin does return to the same nesting site each year.

The Mason Dixon area supports 5 other species of swallows. They are the Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow and Cliff Swallow.

Besides the Barn Swallow, the Purple Martin and Tree Swallow use artificial nesting provide by humans. The Tree Swallow readily accepts the standard bluebird box if placed in the appropriate location and the Purple Martin almost exclusively relies on artificial nesting. Note: In the March 2010 edi-

tion of the Emmetsburg Journal, I wrote an article on becoming a landlord for Purple Martins, the Mason-Dixon area largest swallow species.

So if you live in the country and have outbuildings that are accessible than you have a good chance of attracting this swallow. So don't forget to leave the doors open in the spring and summer in hopes of coaxing this swallow to raise young. Who knows, you may just have the right property to entice the Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow and Purple Martin. Your neighbors should be envious of the lack of nuisance insects during those afternoon picnics when there swallows are busy devouring insects.

### The Barn Owl (the monkey-faced owl, ghost owl)

The Barn Owl is a long legged owl a bit larger than a crow. It has a distinct white heart shaped facial disk and vocally sounds nothing like the hoot owls such as the locally common Great Horned Owl and Barred Owl.

The preferred habitat is open grassy fields. They are nocturnal and the unique facial disk allows this owl to hunt in com-

plete darkness by relying on just sound.

If you're a farmer and mice are causing you problems than having the Barn Owl around is just the ticket for controlling these rodents. It has been said that the Barn Owl is the world's best mouse catcher. According to literature from the Maryland Cooperative Extension (FACT Sheet 795), the value of the Barn Owl to a farmer is unrivaled. During the average lifespan of 10 years, it is estimated that one owl will consume 11,000 mice. These 11,000 mice could consume/contaminate an average of 13 tons of grain, seed and growing crops in their lifetime. Sounds like a no brainer for the farmer. The typical barn cat cannot rival the barn owl when it comes to being the better "mouser".

Besides barns, hollow trees, bridges and other structures, the Barn Owl will utilize artificial nesting structures. Some property owners are not too keen on having Barn Owls have free reign to their barn due to the messy excrement left behind on their farm implements. In order for both man and bird to co-exist, nest boxes can be constructed and attached to the barn with its own private entrance.

True story: Twenty years ago a friend approached me about placing an artificial barn owl box in his silo. The silo had no top so we suspended the box on the interior of the silo and within days a pair of Barn Owls took residence. For the past twenty years, Barn Owls have raised young in the man made box. Humans can make a difference.

So if you're a fortunate property owner who resides in rural areas surrounded by grassy acreage you should be able to attract both barn birds who will keep those pesky insects and rodents under control the organic way.

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# VILLAGE IDIOT

## Jack and the bean stalk

Jack Deatherage, Jr.

While working in the garden recently, DW asked what was sprouting in a 100-foot row I'd planted earlier in the week. She was looking down the row with an odd expression I couldn't quite read.

"Empress bush green beans." I allowed.

"I thought we were only planting 50 feet of beans this year? Remember how much trouble we both had picking that many feet last year? Did you forget saying you'd never plant that many again?"

I think about those questions for a bit and don't come up with answers I think she'll enjoy.

She looks down the row. "You planted a double row of beans? What were you thinking?"

Crap, she noticed. What to do now? Hell. "Actually, I planted that 50 foot row over there in Empress beans too. Double rows."

"Three hundred feet of beans?" She gives me her one eyed squint. "What are you going to do with so many beans, after you pick them?"

"Ummm, you forgot the 50 feet of Tenderette over by the potatoes."

"What are you going to do with three hundred fifty feet of beans?" Now the squint is a glare. Balor, of the Evil Eye, comes to mind. DW says she has an Irish great great grandfather. Maybe she's channeling Balor? If she is, she isn't doing it well. I haven't burst into flames, yet.

I start a long, detailed explanation involving canning, freezing and drying. Then I mention seed saving.

"And who is going to pick all these beans?"

I get the distinct impression she thinks it won't be her. I on the other hand think she won't be able to help herself, but I keep that thought to myself. The beans are little things easily wiped out with the stirrup hoe she's holding as she glares at me. (I suspect she knows she'll pick the bulk of the beans when the time comes. I notice some of her hair seems to have gotten lighter as we've talked. Must be my imagination.)

The kids moved out of the upstairs apartment and took off for Florida. DW took their leaving hard, as mothers seem to do. As we took a tour of the vacated apartment and considered what renovations I'd like to make and what they'd cost, I noticed her hair seemed to lighten in color the more I talked. Must have been the upstairs lighting. We'll have to fix that too.

The garlic harvest begins the first week of July. DW will go up to Marda's and help wash 29,000 bulbs. She'll get to sit in a shady glen and chat with the other washers and the diggers while she sips cold drinks and gets paid for her leisurely vacation ritual.

I will go to our garlic beds (after delivering her to the garlic farm) and begin digging the 1,300 bulbs she planted last November. If this July is

like last year, I'll stab the garden fork into the first row as the air temperature hits 100F. By the time I've lifted, sorted and labeled a 33 foot row of garlic I'll be staggering from the heat and effort. I'll barely manage to get the boxes of garlic to the van and make it home. After stacking the boxes on the living room floor, I'll collapse for a couple hours to recoup a bit of energy so I can start washing the day's harvest. That usually takes me a bit past noon when I have to go up the hill to fetch DW home.

"What happened to the kitchen?" is likely what I'll hear when she gets home.

I'll start a long, detailed explanation of our not having Marda's commercial garlic washing set up and this is the best I can do. I just know her hair will lose a bit more color.

Actually, the garlic harvest started today, Thursday, June 21, 2012. DW has been grumbling that we need to weed the garlic beds and I keep putting it off as I'm tired and other things need done first. Today I left work early and stopped to check the garlic.

GA! The weeds are taller than the garlic stalks! NOT a good thing! The scapes had mostly straightened out, also not a good thing, so I started cutting the scapes off. While doing that, I had stalks pull loose from the soil and realized the bulbs had rotted after the most recent rain. But how? The garlic shouldn't be ready for a couple weeks yet!

Duh. The mild winter of course!

I rushed home to get a garden fork (which was already in the van) and the garlic map. Back at the garden, I identified the cultivar with the rot as Zemo and started lifting bulbs. Overall, they looked nice. I only lost a few to rot. Trouble was, the cultivar next to the Zemo also had some dead stalks, which I lifted. This was the Bavarian Purple cultivar I absolutely love! Crap! Bulb mites! If I took off my glasses and held the rotting bulbs close, I could make out the nasty little eaters. So I lifted the remainder of the 59 bulbs DW had planted.

DW walked into the living room a few hours later and discovered a table set up with two piles of garlic stalks, dirt and all. "What's this?" Her hair was getting lighter in color even as she spoke.

She suggested I wash the garlic outside this year. I told her I had thought of that, but needed to mow the yard first. As mowing the yard has been a point of contention since we moved in together (1987), her hair didn't change at all.

Walking into the kitchen, she spied the 2-gallon fermentation bucket on the island. Crap. I thought she wouldn't notice it among the three 6-gallon carboys, the two 1-gallon jugs of mead and the gallon of honey.

"What's this?"

"A ginger mead I'm experimenting with."

She sighs.



While it's been interesting watching DW's hair change shades, I don't understand what her problem is. Not only has my hair turned grey since we started sharing a life, I've also begun growing a bald spot. Honestly, I'd sooner have grey hair than a spot on top of my head that burns under the sun.

At least she understands my need for a hat. Sadly, she doesn't understand my need for so many hats.

If asked, DW will say her hair started turning grey about the time our son started talking. She'll likely go on about how living with two Deatherages (both of them Jacks) is enough to turn anyone's hair grey. I don't buy that of course. Mom D lived with seven Deatherages (two of them also named Jack) for 15 years and her hair didn't turn grey. White, but not grey. Women are such a puzzle.



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## PETS LARGE AND SMALL

# Sometimes it does take a village

Jennifer Vanderau  
Cumberland Valley  
Animal Shelter

Does anyone out there remember the immortal words of Wilton Knight during the final tag of the first few episodes of Knight Rider? Michael's driving KITT out a lonely stretch of desert road and the voiceover says, "One man can make a difference."

And it's all echoey and booming, kind of like a Transformer. Aaahh, nostalgia. Where would I be without it?

And good old Wilton's words were true, as far as it goes – one man can make a difference. It takes a heck of a lot of perseverance, patience and time, but it can happen.

However more often than not, thank you Hillary, it actually takes a village.

Sorry, I know that's become unbelievably trite and cliché, but it illustrates my point, so I'm using it.

It does, sometimes, take a village. And truer words were never spoken in relation to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. And our village has been overwhelmingly generous.

We've had a number of events for CVAS recently that brought in not only crowds of people, but

also money to help us with our cause. We had a 5K Run, a Hike for the Homeless, a Howl to Heal Memorial Dog Walk, a Rabies Clinic and a Pooch Party.

Combined, these shindigs raised more than \$7,500 for the shelter. I have to say, there are many moments when I get overwhelmed with my job and realizing the support we have is definitely one of them.

And once again, our village needs to be thanked.

When it all comes down to it, the bottom line is that the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter wouldn't be in business if it weren't for the donations from the community.

I occasionally fear that the folks who truly help us with yearly donations don't know how appreciated they really are. It's quite similar to when I last saw my grandmother. I felt as though I couldn't tell her that I loved her enough. I wanted her to understand how much she meant to me because I recognized with that innate sense you don't question, that I wouldn't see her again. I still to this day feel I didn't adequately express myself.

The same is true in the case of the people in the community – sometimes nameless, faceless, "anonymous" donors – who continually help the shelter out. I feel as though I can't possibly

say thank you enough. In fact, it seems at times, that a simple thank you really doesn't cut it.

Look, it's no real surprise that I'm a pretty sizable cynic. My parents are reading this and with mocking gasps, clutching their chests, they sarcastically quip, "Nooooo." Yeah, I get no respect even from those who sired me. Sigh.

When approaching the daily grind with this type of cynicism, a true act of altruism can leave a person utterly speechless.

Have you ever had moments in your life like that? Where another person does something for you just out of the kindness of their heart and you feel as though "thank you" just doesn't suffice?

The cynic in me is rolling her eyes going, "Oh yeah, when in the world does \*that\* ever happen?" but the director of communications for CVAS who witnesses this type of benevolence gets a warm feeling in her midsection.

I think it's pretty obvious with these columns that the only sugar-coating I enjoy is on doughnuts. I try to tell it like it is. And working at an animal shelter is a really tough gig. Most people who do so have a deep love for animals and unfortunately, this kind of career allows you to see the horrors and atrocities committed by human beings against the very creatures you love so much.

Some days I leave here quite depressed and despondent about the nature of people.

That's why when our supporters step up to help us with our fundraisers, I'm so thrilled I approach delirium. When many of your days are surrounded by the dark aspects of life and humanity, a small spark of light can be as bright as a ray of sun.

Here's the deal: this shelter is in the business of saving lives. And while I'll always wish we could do more, we do what we can. We rescue animals from accidents, bad situations and tough living condi-



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tions and find them homes where they will be loved forever.

We have bulletin boards throughout the shelter that hold photos of our "happy endings." Canines and felines and sometimes even other critters who are clearly thrilled to be out of a cage and in a home. These are who we fight for every day and we can't do it alone. While the staff comes in when the alarm goes off and takes care of the animals and works for the shelter, it's honestly the people who give that make it all possible.

It's the school that gathers donations from our wish list; it's the community member that gets sponsors for our dog walk; it's the person who receives our Christmas Open House flier in the mail and sends in a donation; it's the local business that donates prizes for our fundraisers or supplies to the shelter; it's the member of CVAS who continually sends in money every year to renew that membership; it's the volunteer who spends countless hours walking our dogs and cuddling our cats; it's the person who recently lost their best furry friend and donates the remaining pet food and supplies to the shelter; it's the person who falls madly in love with

one of the furry souls in our kennels and comes in to adopt; it's the various media outlets who help us get the word out; it's those folks who keep this shelter going.

There are a ton of people on that list and that's why sometimes a simple "thank you" doesn't seem like enough, but from all of us at the shelter – both two-legged and four-legged – it's meant with the deepest sincerity.

Wilton Knight was right, one man can make a difference, but most times it takes an entire village.

To all of those who help Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter throughout the year and are a part of our little village: thank you so very much.

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PETS LARGE AND SMALL

# The husband horse

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I recently went on a couple of trail rides with Crystal, a friend and client. She was riding her husband's horse as while originally he had claimed to want to go riding with her regularly, his interest had faded shortly after the purchase of his horse. Finding a "husband horse" poses a challenge. The typical husband (and I know I am making generalizations) is what we horse people refer to as a "fair weather rider." If it is too hot, too rainy, too cloudy, too sunny, too anything other than perfect, the husband elects to not ride and so the end result is that he rides maybe a couple times a year. When some horses aren't worked regularly they tend to get a bit wild. When the horse acts up, the husband declares that riding is not fun and elects not to go very often, and hence the cycle continues. In this case, the wife was riding the horse and keeping him going. She admitted that the previous husband horse had, in her mind, been a more appropriate match.

The previous horse was a little paint gelding with a calm and kind temperament. His demeanor had allowed for the husband to take him out about once a month and still have a calm ride without the high spirited antics of a typical horse that hadn't been ridden in awhile. And while the horse was pleasant to ride the husband said he wanted a bigger horse with more presence. The paint was sold to another one of my clients who adores him, while Crystal and her husband went in search of another horse. They found a large black horse and the husband was instantly smitten. A person who is determined to buy a horse is like a person in love. He or she is frequently so enamored with the horse that he or she is unlikely to listen to good advice let alone pay any attention to it.

Nothing short of the vet, or in this case the wife, jumping up and down and shouting "You idiot! Don't even think of buying that horse," is going to possibly stop the infatuated buyer from writing a check. So as has hap-

pened time and time again, a rider ended up with a horse whose flashy good looks concealed a temperament that is overall too hot for the rider to handle. While the husband was overmounted, he did enjoy the compliments of the non-horse people he encountered on the rare times he did ride. And as her husband received compliments on the horse's good looks, Crystal watched from the sidelines, while thinking that these people were just further encouraging the acquisition of attractive horses that are unrideable by their owners, or that require medications to make them "rideable."

In the old days the problem of a hot horse was solved by having the groom ride or lunge the horse until it was exhausted and safe for the owner to ride. Now the issue is frequently addressed chemically through the use of sedatives (both herbal and prescription sedatives are available on the market). While sometimes this helps the situation, other times the horses become more dangerous in that the horse can lose his concentration and stumble, trip, fall and injure the rider.

The dangers of tripping and falling are not only present in a tranquilized horse but also lame ones. While a lame horse is unlikely to run off with a husband, the chance of injury is still present. You may remember "Trip-leader" from my article on camping. He has two attractive horses, a solidly built palomino and a tall and el-



egant grey. Unfortunately they are plagued with various unsoundnesses ranging from a bad knee to navicular to hock arthritis. While the plus side is that the horses won't run away, I am concerned that they are going to stumble and fall as their feet are sore. I have injected their joints, and they are always give a dose of pain medication before they are ridden. Corrective shoes have also been utilized but unfortunately the horses' conditions are too severe to be completely fixed. While vacationing in Florida, Trip-leader rode my horse Bart. Bart is perfect (I know I am biased as it goes without saying that the perfect horse doesn't exist but I stand by my statement that he is perfect). Bart is easy and cooperative and gives the right combination of go and whoa to make for a pleasant ride. Trip-leader even commented on the ease with which he could get the horse to move to a trot or canter. My response was "that's because he's not lame." And

while Bart was declared to be a great ride, he is a plain bay horse who lacks presence and flash and so once back in Maryland, the attractive but lame horses were ridden again.

Now I should mention that there are levels of lameness. I have repeatedly been told that I think all horses are lame and to some extent that is true. Even the ones that are currently sound have the potential to become lame and a look at their conformation and gait characteristics can frequently tell you where they are likely to develop lameness. While I declared Bart perfect he does have a touch of arthritis and while your typical horse person would think he was 100% sound, another vet would look and see a mild lameness.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) has a numeric method of scoring lameness. 0: Lameness not perceptible under any circumstances. 1: Lameness is difficult to observe and not

consistently apparent regardless of circumstances (ex. Trotted on hard surfaces, circles, etc). 2: Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line but consistently apparent under certain circumstances (ex. Circles, hard surfaces, weight carrying, etc). 3: Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances. 4: Lameness is obvious at a walk. 5: Lameness produces minimal weight bearing in motion and/ or at rest or results in a complete inability to move (this could be seen in a horse that has broken its leg or has a severe hoof abscess- obviously this horse should not be ridden). Bart would score a 1. Because of this score, I no longer compete Bart but I think that he is quite happy to go out on trail rides. Lameness comes in degrees and a trail horse doesn't need to be as sound as an Advanced level eventing horse. That is where the art of selecting an appropriate horse comes into play and matching the qualities of the horse to its intended use and seeing if it will fit.

All of that relates back to the quest for the perfect horse with the questions being perfect for whom and for what. And while Crystal and I agree that for us the perfect horse is sound, cooperative, sweet, and talented. For others attractive or good bloodlines may matter most. It seems people spend years buying the wrong horse before, if they are lucky, they stumble across the perfect horse.

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# THE MASTER GARDENER

## July pests in the garden

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Summer's here and so are the pests! What is your plant suffering from and how should you take care of it? Here are some common problems facing our gardens in July.

Aphids are seen on most plants, from herbaceous to hardwoods, and various times of the year. These little guys can really be pesky! Colors of green, black and red, these soft bodied insects will suck the juices right out of a plant! The good news is they are relatively easy to control. Spraying a hard stream of water will knock them down. Most oils and soaps will do the job too. Keep an eye out for these insects as well as the beneficial insects. Lady beetles are great feeders for the aphid, both the larval stage and the adult stage of the lady beetle. Get to know what they look like so if you see a larvae lady beetle, you'll know that the aphids are already being taken care of!

Blossom end rot on tomatoes and

peppers is a common problem and often thought of as a disease. Samples of this come into the office on a regular basis beginning at the end of June. The symptoms of this problem look like a leathery black end on the tomato. On peppers, it's often found on the side of the fruit. It's particularly exacerbating to find this problem because you typically don't see it until you are ready to harvest. The tops of the fruit look ripe and delicious, then, bam! the bottoms are black.

This problem is not a disease, virus, or insect problem, but rather a nutritional issue. Calcium is a nutrient provided by the soil. For the fruit, calcium helps the cell walls in the fruit to form. It moves through the plant by water. In the soil, it becomes even less accessible to the plant if the soil pH is less than 5.8. When the plant is young, it uses less calcium. As the fruit begins to grow, more calcium is needed for the fruit to develop into a ripe tomato. Since the calcium is moved by water, and the fruit of a tomato or pepper plant becomes mature during the heat of the summer,



The larva stage of the ladybug - a beneficial insect

more water is needed to allow more calcium to be available to the fruit. Hence, if you are not watering regularly during dryer times, blossom end rot occurs.

So what should you do? With the understanding of why tomatoes and peppers get blossom end rot, the solution is simple. Watering regularly during time of fruit development - approximately one inch per week - and adding calcitic lime to the soil if the pH is under 5.8 will help assure a healthy tomato or pepper. If the problem occurs, your best solution is to pick the fruit that is affected and begin watering regularly.

Powdery mildew is a disease often found on lilacs, bee balm, and garden phlox as well as other ornamentals. This disease begins to grow when temperatures are between 60 and 80 degrees and under high humidity. Typically, powdery mildew is not fatal to a plant, but it can cause deformity, yellowing of the leaves as well as early leaf drop. Good air circulation is critical in controlling or deterring the disease from developing. Planting where the plants are not against a wall or fence, and not crowded by other plants will help in the control of this disease. As leaves drop, good sanitation becomes very important for control of additional spore dispersal. Pick up the leaves and discard. Reduce as much as you can of the infected leaves and stems to help control the problem. If additional control is warranted, fungicides can be used as soon as the mildew is detected. Following the label on the fungicide for appropriate use and frequency will help control the problem.

Spider mite damage typically shows up in the heat of the summer. Did you ever see dwarf Alberta spruces

control this little pest. Good coverage is important when using these pesticides, but be sure to read the label for temperature needs of the pesticide and how to mix it. Also note that if you are having trouble with the spider mite on blue spruce, spraying with oil or soaps will take away the blue coloration, so not recommended for those types of plants.

By the end of July through August, we see a lot of tulip tree samples come in. Typical symptoms are blackening leaves, sticky substance on leaves and dripping onto cars, sidewalks and driveways. Upon closer inspection, clients may see bumps on the stems of the tree.

The blackening on the leaves is sooty mold, which grows as a result of the secretions of the growing scale which feeds on the tree. The insect may lead to quick decline of the tree. The insect sucks plant fluid from the tree, and the sooty mold reduces leaf surface, thus reducing photosynthesis, an important process for plant growth and health.

Control for this insect is best done in the early spring using a dormant oil spray. This will control the overwintering nymphs, thus reducing the amount of insects that will feed in late summer. However, control can be done with the oil in mid-August through mid-September. This will control the newly emerged crawlers that would have hatched from the adults. Once the insect enters the adult stage, they become more difficult to control due to the shield, or scale, it develops. When using pesticides, be sure to read the label for instruction.

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## The Small Town Gardener My early girl

Marianne Willburn

I picked my first tomato of the season today. Technically it was cheating because I thought it was a long-awaited orange 'Jubilee', when in fact it turned out to be an 'Early Girl' who hadn't finished getting her makeup on. Never mind. The wonderful thing about tomatoes is that they can finish ripening indoors – a fact long exploited by the supermarkets, the restaurants and anyone else trying to sell you a tomato in February.

This tomato is special. She is the first. She will be fawned over for the next couple of days while I wait for her to attain full perfection, and then she will be reverently sliced into a mozzarella basil sandwich... or diced into a small bowl of fresh salsa... or simply handed over to my daughter, who will bite into her like an apple, letting the juices run down her chin and onto my freshly mopped floor.

She has her own throne in my kitchen, this regal emissary. A little dish in the windowsill, where she will blush and bloom red and make me smile as I wash the evening dishes and think about what it took to get her here.

Seeds in February, sitting in a basket of "why haven't you done this yet" on my counter. Seed flats in March, balanced precariously on top of the washing machine, shuddering with the spin cycle. Seedling overload in April, as plugs were replanted and more space was constantly borrowed. And finally, seedling liberation – flinging the whole thing out the door to brave the rough and ready of a cool May morning. I have coddled her and her siblings out there; mulched with straw when it was dry, picked foliage off when it was yellow, gave her compost and a dose of fish emulsion for good measure. And here she is. The First.

I have to take a moment or two to savor this feeling, because it will not last. Within a few short weeks if I am lucky, or in a day or two if I am not, hordes of her relatives will stand expectantly on my doorstep asking for a place in my kitchen. I will point to eighty-two jars of preserves, thirty-six jars of honey, an award from Susi Homemakers

Anonymous, and ask for mercy. It will not be granted to me.

They will come, just like their relatives before them, and fill baskets and bowls and pots and cracked casserole dishes, waiting...waiting for us to eat them, to process them, to sauce them and seed them and squish them – in short, to fulfill their destinies as tomatoes.

We will be brave, my family and I. We will fry tomatoes with eggs in the morning, add them to a salad at lunch, give them to the dog for dinner. We will eat more fresh tomatoes than is considered safe by modern medical standards, and experiment with tomato facial peels and foot rubs.

But at the end of the day, I will not get out of my duty to can them.

It's not that canning a tomato is particularly difficult. In fact I consider it one of the easiest and most rewarding of all the vegetables to put in a jar. But we've just extracted honey, dear readers. We've just preserved innumerable cherries and black raspberries and strawberries – not to mention a batch or two of orange marmalade; and when I say "we" I mean "me and three spoon-lickers". I was hoping for a little rest, a little respite from the stove and the steam and the endless jar-washing; but obviously the steam affected my reasoning, for of course the tomatoes will be early this year, just as everything else has been during this crazy season.

But right now I am smiling. I am washing my dishes and looking at my little Early Girl and feeling happy that it is summer, that the sun is shining, the pellet stove is turned off, and that the season has given us our first little bundle of red joy.

It seems a shame to eat her.

start to see the spruce trees with cone-like growths. These are spruce galls. There are two kinds that you could see on your spruce tree: the Cooley spruce gall and Eastern spruce gall. Both have very specific life cycles, but are managed very similarly.

The Cooley Spruce Gall pest requires both the spruce and the Douglas fir as hosts. To complete this very complicated life cycle, the insect can begin on the spruce, but must have a Douglas fir to fly to complete the five stages. They feed on the new buds, lay eggs, the a very long life cycle of traveling to the Douglas fir and back, many stages take place, continuing for two years. The bottom line is the galls will often destroy the shape of the spruce, since it's the terminal buds that are affected. On the Douglas fir, the symptoms are not as evident. Yellow spots on the needles, which in heavy infestation can change the overall coloration of the tree, are the symptoms. Typically, you'll see these galls on the Colorado Blue Spruce, but can also be found on all spruce.

The Eastern spruce gall is not as complicated. Typically found on the Norway spruce, but it can be seen on white or red spruce as well. This gall looks similar; however, it does not

need a host plant to complete its life cycle, and only takes one year to complete its life cycle.

For both of these galls, the same control is recommended. Cutting the galls off when they are green will control the problem. If the trees are too large, or there are too many galls to cut, using imidicoprid in the fall of the year will help control the pest. Horticultural oil is also a recommended control, however, not on blue spruce or any other spruce that have a coloration.

Understanding pests: their life cycles and what they feed on, will help in your choice of controls and when that control should be applied. So be sure to have the problem identified correctly and make your decision from the facts. Gardening is full of challenges and rewards. Take the time and learn more about all aspects of the garden and enjoy. Whenever using pesticides, be sure to read the label.

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# 1862 Maryland campaign at home

While the people of the South rejoiced over the Confederate victory at Second Manassas in late August of 1862, the people in the North saw their morale sink even further as fear sat in. The Confederate army followed up on their victory with an attempt to cut off General John Pope's Army of Virginia at Chantilly, Virginia, and prevent his retreat to the fortifications of Washington. By September 2nd, the Confederate cavalry attacked Union cavalry at Leesburg, opening a clear route to the Potomac River. By September 3rd, the main body of the Confederate army was encamped near Leesburg. With permission from the Confederate government, Lee was now ready to march his army across the Potomac River into Maryland.

Up until now, the Army of Northern Virginia fought their battles in Virginia, taking a toll of the civilian population in the South. No major battles or campaigns had been waged north of the Potomac River and because of that, the

northern people had no idea of the devastation caused by the armies. By taking the war northward into Maryland it would provide Virginia farmers time to harvest their crops, and at the same time disrupt the daily lives of the northern population. If victory could be obtained, the Confederate government could get European recognition and additional manpower from Marylanders enlisting in the Confederate army. A victory on northern soil could turn the northern population against its leaders in Washington, demanding peace by putting an end to the war.

By September 4th, the Confederate army began fording the Potomac River. It was important for the Confederate army to be seen as liberators, and orders were issued to the Confederate soldiers respecting the people of Maryland. While the Confederate army was marching into Maryland, the alarm was sent out all along the countryside. Even in Pennsylvania, the civilian population began to panic. Many



boat keepers along the C&O Canal fled with their animals to Frederick upon seeing the Confederate army fording the Potomac River.

As the fleeing civilians entered Frederick city, they told the people about the men of Lee's army coming. Rumors spread all the way to Baltimore and Philadelphia about an invasion. In Philadelphia, a state of emergency was issued preparing people for the worst. Rumors have been rapidly here since June of 1862. But when farmers of the countryside ran into Frederick saying that a Confederate force would occupy the city in twenty-four hours, the rumors turned into a state of emergency. The people of Frederick that were Union loyalists began packing their belongings and fleeing the city, traveling north to Emmitsburg and Gettysburg. Several newspaper accounts stated that hundreds of fugitives were seen all along the Mason & Dixon Line. Other accounts stated that some ran in fear to Baltimore. Rumors of a Confederate invasion were old news to the people of Maryland.

By September 6th, Frederick city was occupied by Confederate cavalry, followed by infantry, and some artillery. Colonel Bradley Johnson was made Provost since he was a Frederick city resident before the war broke out. As the Confederate soldiers entered Frederick, many pro-southern citizens watched in disbelief that this ragtag army of men were the same soldiers who achieved the recent victories in Virginia. Many descriptions were written about how dirty these Confederate soldiers were. But none of accounts reflected the other regiments that were wearing good uniforms who did not see heavy combat since their arrival in Virginia during the mid summer. While the pro-southern civilians stood in disbelief, the pro-Union civilians who could not escape were upset by the fact that there was no Union army to rid Frederick from the threat of the Confederate invaders.

Speeches were made to the civilians, many of which listened, but turned their backs on the Confederate plea. The soldiers were

told to purchase items needed and not steal, but Confederate money was worthless in Maryland. As the Confederate soldiers ran door to door begging for food, many people kept their doors locked, including many of the pro-Southern people who upon seeing the dirty men, could not bear the smell and vermin that came with them.

The recruitment of men to serve in the Confederate army was less than one hundred and at that point. To Lee, it looked as though Frederick and Frederick County had already made its choice in favor of the Union. It wasn't that Marylanders didn't believe in the Confederate cause, the problem was that Maryland had already given up thousands of its sons and fathers, brothers and uncles to the Confederate cause. One example was the 500 men who left Maryland to fight in Charleston in December of 1860. Many Marylanders served in other areas of the Confederacy as well.

By September 9th, Lee issued Special Orders No. 191, moving his army into Washington County and sending more than half of his army to begin its part in besieging Harper's Ferry. This was done to keep communication and supply routes open with no fear of Union soldiers attacking the rear of the Confederate army while it was in Washington County. The Confederate cavalry was busy. Many of them took to the mountain passes on the Catocin Mountain, overlooking the country side toward Emmitsburg, Mechanicstown and Lewistown. Several Confederate cavalymen were spotted as far east as Carroll County.

By the 12th of September, the rear of the Confederate army was moving through the streets of Frederick when the advance units of the Army of the Potomac were marching into the city. Clashes in the streets occurred. The next day, McClellan was hailed by the Frederick residents and was seen as the liberator. General George McClellan received a copy of General Robert E. Lee's orders. But McClellan had to find out how accurate they were. McClellan ordered General Alfred Pleasanton to send out cavalry patrols. Many of those Union cavalry companies were spread across the country side. Upon their arrival in Emmitsburg, many civilians thought that these Union men were Confederate soldiers.

As the Confederate army marched into Washington County, many pro-Union civilians were afraid they would be turned into the Provost by their pro-southern neighbors because of their political views. Fear of being sent to a Confederate prison or being conscripted into the Confederate army as laborers, drove many of the pro-Union men to leave their families and flee to Pennsylvania taking valuables, livestock, and horses with them.

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VETERAN'S PROFILE

# Lance Corporal Phillip Mort, USMC

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."*

—Phillip Mort

My introduction to Phil Mort's military background came almost by accident. I was chatting with Phil's big brother, Bob, of Quality Tire fame, while Phil was helping Bob work on my car. "You know," said Bob, "if you're looking for some good veteran stories, you should talk to my brother here. He's been in all four branches of the military."

Phil looked up and smiled, and added, "Not at the same time, mind you."

Intrigued I asked where he had served.

"Vietnam," Phil said matter-of-factly, as if he really didn't want to pursue the subject.

Having grown up during the Vietnam era, I had followed many of the battles of the war, sure that once I graduated high school I would be drafted and join the Phils of the world in its jungles. "What part of the country were you in?" I asked.

"Up North," replied Phil.

"Quang Tri? Da Nang? Dong Ha?" I asked, ranking my brain for cities and towns that are now a distant memory, but for which thousands of Americans gave their life for in what some called a fruitless war.

"Them, as well as Con Thien, Camp Carroll, Rockpile and Khe Sanh," Phil said, standing up to look me in the eye. "I was a Marine."

With those words, all thoughts of trying to impress Phil with my knowledge on Vietnam left my mind. In front of me was a man who survived the bloodiest of battles in one of the one of the most horrific wars our country ever fought. There was nothing I was going to say that would impress this battle tested Marine.

Phil Mort was born Oct 28, 1948, the fifth of six boys. Raised in Emmitsburg, he knew he was going to be drafted once he graduated from high school. In April of 1966, at the age of 17, a month before graduation, he and fellow classmate Harold Naugle volunteered for the Marines. "If I was going to be asked to fight, I wanted to fight with people who knew how to take orders."

Phil reported in May to the Marine base at Paris Island for basic boot camp and initial training in his chosen specialty, transportation and machine gunner. Upon completion of training, he was flow to Camp Pendleton, California where underwent two final weeks of in-depth infantry training to ready him

for the jungles of Vietnam. As he was boarding the bus for the airport and the plane that would carry him "In Country," Phil felt a powerful set of hands on his shoulders. It was his drill instructor. Not you Phil. At the last minute it had come to everyone's attention that Phil was only 17. Only eighteen-year-olds and above were set to Vietnam. Phil would have to sit out the remainder of his 17<sup>th</sup> year at Pendleton. It would not be until April of 1967 that he finally ship over. By that time, the war was full swing and every Friday night Americans would gather around a TV set and listen to Walter Cronkite recount the latest weekly figures of American dead... "312 Americans died this week..."

Phil landed at the Marine base in Da Nang, the primary base of operations for American troops in the Northern part of Vietnam. From Da Nang, he was sent north, to his unit at Dong Ha, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division of the 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. He was less than 20 miles from the DNZ separating North and South Vietnam, and less than 30 miles from Laos and primary communists supply route south: the Ho Chi Minh. If Phil had wanted to be in the thick of the fight, the Marines couldn't have picked a worse place to put him.

The Marine Base at Khe Sanh was the northeastern most American base in Vietnam. Located just across the border from Laos, its principle purpose was to serve as a base of operations to stop the flow of supplies south. The America military hoped someday to get approval for a major drive into Laos to cut the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Needless to say, knocking it and its supporting bases out was a top priority of the North Vietnamese and their Viet Cong allies.

As a transportation specialist, it was Phil's responsibility to drive trucks loaded with supplies to the entire surrounding Marine outpost. If he wasn't driving, he was manning a machine gun on

the truck. Some days he would be part of a convoy of trucks; other days it would just be him and the lonely road, with an ambush that awaits around every turn.

The event of one particular run is still very vivid in Phil's mind. He was part of a convoy of five trucks that made a run to a remote Marine outpost.

"We were on a narrow road and had just passed an old French bunker, a relic of the French war with the Vietnamese in the 50's, when we were ambushed. We were being shot at in all directions. The led truck got hit and we all had to stop. I jumped out and ran for the tall weeds near the base of the hill the bunker was on. I was in the weeds for close to an hour before Marines form the base we were heading to managed to fight their way to us. As my truck was the only one not shot out of action, we all jumped in my truck and headed as fast as we could the two remaining miles to the outpost to regroup.

The fighting continued all night long. The next morning we headed back to the trucks we left behind, escorted by three tanks and two quad 50s. I was third in line. We stopped at a small bridge, about 15 feet long, which two solders with mine sweepers checked the bridge out. They no sooner walked on the bridge then it blew up. There was nothing left of those two guys. With the bridge out, we headed back to the outpost once again, hoping for better luck the next day."

To help bring an end to the fighting, the Marines called in F-4 Phantoms to drop Napalm on the well dug in Viet Cong. The following day, Phil and his company finally managed to reach the stricken trucks and retrieve them along with their much needed supplies. The fighting had been so fierce that the Viet



Phil Mort & Pat Topper in Dong Ha, Vietnam, 1967

Cong never had a chance to loot the trucks.

Upon returning to outpost, Phil was directed to once again return to the scene of the initial ambush, albeit this time in bull dozer with orders to dig a trench and bury the Viet Cong killed in the battle: over 135 of them. Fifty Americana lost their lives.

"I didn't want to hang around there long, so I dug a shallow trench and bulldozed the bodies of the VC into it, and then covered them with dirt. It wasn't a nice picture. As I drove away, I could see arms and legs sticking out of the ground. It was a shame that they had to die, but at the time they were the enemy and all you could think about was you won and they lost. You were still alive, at least for one more day.

Unlike the Civil War, World War I, or World War II, there was no mass battle or battle lines," reflected Phil. "Vietnam was a hide and seek war, a nasty war. You had to put your feeling aside and just accept that you were lucky that day. You didn't have time to reflect, all you could think about was 'Let's get on with this thing and finish it.'"

For the next few months, Phil made weekly supply runs to Khe Sanh. "If we were not hit on the supply run, we were being shelled at while on the base." One day, while

loading his truck, Phil looked over to see friend from home - Bobby Troxell. "We didn't have much time to talk as he was about to head out, but it was nice to see an old familiar face."

During the battle of Khe Sanh began on Jan 21, 1968 and lasted 77 days. Khe Sanh was under constant North Vietnamese ground, artillery, mortar, and rocket attacks. The "siege" of Khe Sanh saw American and South Vietnamese forces suffer 703 killed and 2,642 wounded. Communist losses were estimated at between 10,000-15,000 dead and wounded.

Following the lifting of the siege, American commanders ordered the base destroyed and abandoned. This decision earned the ire of the American press who questioned why Khe Sanh had to be defended in January but was no longer needed in July. The daily news coverage of trapped and dying Marines at the base brought the horrors of the war to Americans living rooms, and began to raise questions on the win ability of the war.

Unbeknownst to Phil, the battle of Khe Sanh marked the start of the Tet Offensive of 1968, a battle in which Phil would have a center row seat.

Next month, the Tet Offensive of 1968.

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## Keeping the home fires out A history of the Harney Volunteer Fire Company

James Rada, Jr.

Before there could be a fire company in Harney, the residents had to be willing to ask for help.

"It used to be that the most-embarrassing thing you could do was call for help," said Harney Fire Chief Donald Yingling Sr., a position he has held since for 32 years. He has also been a trustee for 15 years, company president for two years and vice president for two years.

It was not an easy thing to convince people to do. When a fire started in town, people tended to try and handle it on their own and many times they could, particularly if they caught it early enough.

"Even today, probably 95 percent of our calls can be handled by one person and a fire extinguisher," Yingling said. "But you don't know if the next call will be part of that 5 percent that really do need a fire truck."

### Forming a Fire Company

This was something that troubled some of the people in town in 1951. Once a fire had started, if it got out of control, help might not be able to respond in time to be any help since the nearest fire company was in Taneytown.

So Erman Chipley, Vaughn Peck, Norman Welty and Fred Spangler decided that the town might need its own volunteer fire company.

The men sent out cards to every resident of Harney and also residents of surrounding communities who would benefit from the presence of a fire company. The cards announced an informational meeting to be held at the end of March. The men explained that they wanted to form a volunteer



Burning of the mortgage for the fire company building in 1960.

fire company and why. Fire Chief Green from the Westminster Fire Department and Fire Chief Myers from the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company spoke at the meeting and explained the advantages of having a fire company in their community.

By the end of the meeting, 14 men were excited enough about the idea that they formed the Harney Volunteer Fire Company and the company's first officers -- Robert Strickhouser, president; George Claybaugh, vice president; Wesley Mummert, secretary; Nevin Ridinger, treasurer and Murray Fuss, chaplain -- were elected.

This core group started soliciting both financial support and other participants. The number of volunteers quickly grew to 65 men.

With no building or equipment, the company's early meetings were held at Luther Ridinger's building

on the Harney square. Ironically, the building was a smokehouse, according to Joanne Bowen in an article in Neighborhoods of West Carroll that she wrote in 2001.

### Proving Their Worth

The company's first goal was to prove its worth to the community and offer them some fire protection. A number of fire extinguishers were purchased and distributed to households throughout the communities the fire company served. Not only did this allow for the property owner to extinguish small fires that might start on their property, if the person responded to a fire call, he would bring his fire extinguisher.

With their immediate priority addressed, the company saved money to construct a 350,000-gallon reservoir that could be used for fighting fires and a building of their own. The Walter Crouse Company constructed the pond reservoir for \$150 so that tanker engines would have a place to quickly draw water if needed to fight a fire.

The company's community din-

ners began in October 1951 and evolved into its very popular turkey and oyster suppers. They became so popular that people came from as far away as Baltimore, according to Company Historian Lee Bowers.

Yingling said that there are older people in town who remember those dinners and "still swear that only the ladies in Harney know how to prepare and serve the best oysters around."

Card nights on Fridays, another popular fundraiser that was continued for year, began in March 1952 in the St. Paul's Church Parish Hall. Adult meals were \$1.25 and children's meals were 65 cents. The first supper's profit was \$406.50, an indication of how strongly the community was supporting its new fire company.

However, their biggest fundraiser each year is the summer carnival. The first one was held at Benner's Grove, a few miles north of Harney, just over the Pennsylvania state line. A popular fundraiser at the carnival was to raffle off a steer. As the area became less agrar-

ian, the raffle switched to a car in 1958. Parades were added the following year.

By the end of 1951, the Harney Volunteer Fire Company had a growing bank account and a growing membership with 63 members.

### A Place of Their Own

The company's next purchase took a few years to save for with fundraisers and raffles. A two-acre parcel was purchased in early 1954 and the company made plans to build its community center and fire hall. E. E. Stuller broke ground for the 87-foot by 40-foot building was in June 1954 with the dedication held June 11, 1955. This initial building included an engine room, boiler room, kitchen and recreation room for a cost of \$23,000.

Though Harney is a small community, around 350 people attended the dedication event including the special guest speaker, Maryland Governor Theodore McKeldin.

Continued growth of the fire company led to expansions of the building in 1965 and 1979. Both were paid for with dedicated fundraising efforts of members of the Harney Fire Company.

### The Ladies Auxiliary

The Harney Volunteer Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary was formed on March 3, 1954, with 35 members. Katherine Hall was the auxiliary's first president. She remained active in the company and continued to serve in other capacities. The auxiliary quickly became a strong source of support to the company with its suppers and other activities.

The Ladies Auxiliary saw a slower growth than the regular fire company, though, only adding two members to its total in its first 25 years.

### Early Firefighting

Even with the opening of the fire hall, firefighting was still far from what it is today. Modern firefighting training and equipment allows firefighters to penetrate into burning structures and efficiently extinguish many types of fires using water and chemicals. This was only



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beginning to be seen in the 1950s and 1960s.

When a fire was seen in Harney, the person who saw it could call one of a number of designated homes or the store in Harney with the information. The person who got the call would hurry to the station where he would push the siren button, which would sound the siren to alert any firemen in the vicinity. While that person was waiting for any fireman who could get away and respond to the fire, he would write the details of the fire on the chalkboard at the fire hall.

Booty Six was a firefighter with the company during this time. He joined in 1952 when he turned 16 years old.

"I wanted to join when they first formed the company, but I was too young," Six said. "I joined because I felt like it would be exciting to help. You never knew what to expect."

Yingling joined the fire company in 1963. He said that the siren might only sound a half dozen to 10 times a year, but those fire calls were generally serious fires.

"Unless somebody had a real problem, they didn't call us," Yingling said.

Forget fire-resistant turnout gear and expensive fire engines. Until 1957, these early firemen drove their own vehicles to the fire and their gear would be a helmet and a heavy coat. Yingling said they did very little firefighting where they entered a burning structure since their outfits weren't fire resistant and their equipment not powerful enough to penetrate into a burning structure.

"We have such better equipment nowadays," Yingling said.



Harney Fire Company's first new engine was purchased in 1957.

"Back then, we had to conserve water and use booster lines and portable pumps that might supply 200 gallons per minute. That wouldn't supply a 1/4-inch hand line nowadays."

Those early firemen also had little, if any, training. They saw a fire and usually dumped as much water as they could on it. Yingling remembered when he was a young boy helping out with his family's business, a piece of old machinery was brought in that ran off kerosene. The machinery caught fire and then caught the shop on fire.

"Someone brought the fire truck up from Harney and said, 'There it is if someone knows how to work it.'"

To try and avoid situations like this and keep firefighters safe, arrangements would be made to have a University of Maryland in-

structor come to Taneytown and conduct training for members of the Harney and Taneytown fire companies. In the years before the Harney Volunteer Fire Company purchased its first engine, Harney firemen had to train on the Taneytown fire engine.

### Engines and Trucks

It wasn't until January 1957 that the company was able to purchase its first piece of equipment, a GMC chassis equipped with Barton American Firefighting equipment. It cost the company \$15,500 and was purchased from Glenn L. Bream, Inc. in Gettysburg.

"You don't get much of anything today for \$15,000," Yingling said. "One set of turnout gear alone will cost you \$2,600 and an air pack is \$4,000 to \$5,000."

While the cost of that first engine was about two-thirds of the cost of the fire hall, it was a bargain compared to the cost of modern equipment. The company's most-current piece of equipment, a Pierce Dash with a 2,500-gallon water tank and a compressed air foam system had a \$410,000 price tag. Then before the truck was even put into service, the cost went up another \$18,000.

"Some of the members went up to Wisconsin to pick it up and bring the truck back and they hit a deer on the way back to Harney," Bowers said. "Luckily, the chief was driving so he couldn't yell at

any of us."

The damage to the truck was part of the front bumper and part of the front fender.

A Chevrolet tank truck was purchased in 1967 and a four-wheel GMC 3/4 ton Brush truck in 1969. The latter is still in service, showing how frugal Harney Fire Company is with the funds it raises.

A Mack pumper was purchased in 1972 replacing the original 1957 GMC truck, which was sold. An army surplus Jeep was converted into a utility truck for the company in 1979.

The company currently has Engine 111 Lady & Taylor 1974/2000 Mack CF600, Engine-Tanker 112 Pierce Mfg 2004 Dash, Brush 115 1969 GMC 4x4 pick-up truck, and Special Unit 11 KME 1999 550 Ford small rescue unit.

### Community Support

For Six, his most-memorable fire was one that occurred on Christmas Eve in the 1960s. The fire started at a location on Walnut Grove Road and Harney Fire Company and Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company responded to the call.

"Because it was Christmas Eve and we were going to be out quite late, Mr. Fisher, the fellow who ran the store in Harney opened it up," Six said. "He said, 'If those people can come out and fight a fire on Christmas Eve, then I can open the store and feed them.'"

Harney Fire Company has always had strong support from the community both financially and with people giving of their time.

"We've always had good community support," said long-time member Carroll Selby. "It really helped up when we needed to raise money."

Six said it is this support that has allowed the Harney Fire Company to remain "one of the backbones of the community."

That community support has helped the current members of the Harney Fire Company stay active and proud of the work they do. Six was active with the company for 27 years until he had a heart attack.

"I feel very good about my time with the company," he said. "I was happy to serve the community, and I would have served longer if I hadn't had a heart attack."

### Staying Volunteer

The company was officially recognized as a rural fire department on May 1, 1960. It involved the company being inspected and approved. The next big event for the company came on November 25 when the company held a banquet to burn the mortgage.

Harney Fire Company is the only company in Carroll County that doesn't use any paid fire personnel. However, staying that way will be a challenge. Harney and pretty much all volunteer fire companies are seeing their participation rate fall off at the same time the demand for service is increasing.

"One thing that helps is that if a family is involved with the fire department, then the kids will most likely be," Yingling said.

Harney Fire Company started its Junior Company in September 1984. This is an auxiliary for young adults age 13 to 16 to learn about the fire company, participate in company events and train to be a firefighter. Then once the Juniors turn 16, they are able to join Harney Fire Company as members.

"You've got to start at an early age," Six said. "If you get them early, you can keep them involved."

The hope is that this will help with company recruitment, but Selby suspects that at some point in the future Harney Fire Company will also have paid personnel in it.

Currently, Carroll County pays a larger portion of the company's annual operating costs, but if paid personnel are added, their salaries and benefits, along with those of other paid Carroll County fire and EMS personnel, put pressure on the county budget that can lead to tax increases.

For more information about the Harney Fire Company, visit their web site at [www.harneyfire11.org](http://www.harneyfire11.org).

To learn more about local history visit the Historical Society section of [Emmitsburg.net](http://Emmitsburg.net).



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# COLD WAR WARRIORS

## An amazing day

### The final naval battle of the Vietnam War

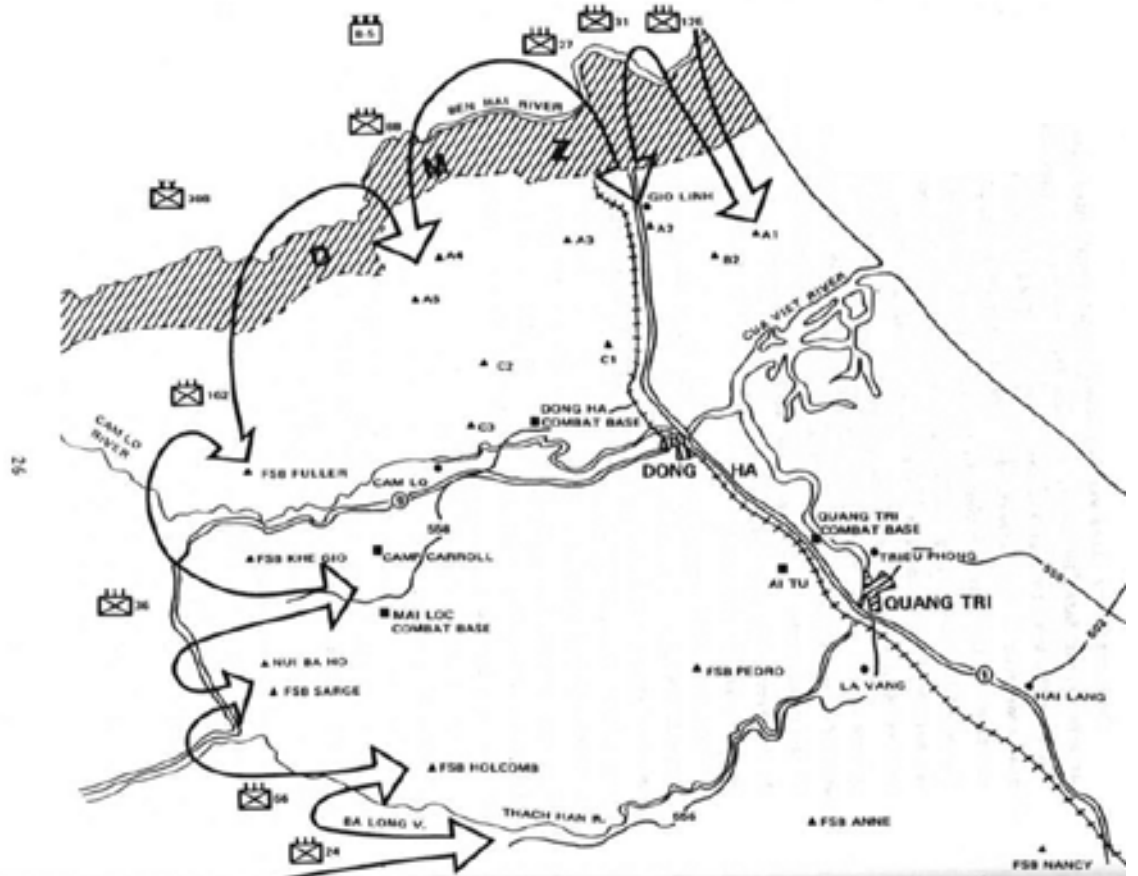
Commander Michael Cuseo, USN Ret.

The event I am about to describe to you occurred on 16 April 1972. It was one of several naval battles that occurred in the Tonkin Gulf towards the end of the Vietnam War. A bookend, if you will, to the Gulf of Tonkin Incident (USS Maddox attack by North Vietnamese patrol boats in August 1964) which led to a dramatic escalation of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war. To understand what I call "an amazing day" – you need some background. The North Vietnamese Army had just mounted what historians now call their "Easter Offensive." It began two weeks earlier - on 30 March, 1972. It was a major assault into South Vietnam led by Soviet-built tanks moving across the DMZ (demilitarized zone) into South Vietnam's Quang Tri province.

Their first major assault since

the "Tet Offensive" in January, 1968. The difference between the Tet '68 and Easter '72 offensives is that in 1968 the U.S. was escalating its operations. In 1972 we were phasing down and the North Vietnamese knew it. Most of our major ground forces had already left Vietnam by the time the NVN Army mounted its assault. President Nixon had just made his historic visit to Peking and Henry Kissinger was in Paris negotiating with the North Vietnamese for an end to the Vietnam War.

My ship - the USS Bausell (DD-845) had been operating along the coast from Quang Tri province northward. From the mouth of the Qua Viet river where the North Vietnamese Army had just crossed into South Vietnam. I was the Bausell's Executive Officer and navigator. U.S. front line troops, such as the 101st Airborne Division, had been withdrawn from South Vietnam just before the



North Vietnamese Army attacks across the DMZ, Quang Tri Province, April 30, 1972

Easter Offensive- leaving behind only a few advisors. Some were used as "spotters," to call in shore bombardment strikes in support

of the retreating South Vietnamese troops. We were in close to shore and visually observed Soviet-built amphibious tanks crossing at the mouth of the Qua Viet River.

We took them under direct fire, not needing any spotters. For targets further inland the U.S. advisors were calling for support and would spot corrective fire. Several were bringing fire on their own positions in order to create chaos so they could escape. Many were over-run, with several Americans being captured or killed. Several destroyers were called off this mission and started ranging up the North Vietnamese coast in an attempt to slow down and blunt the Communist advances. This operation was called "FREE-

DOM TRAIN." A key choke point was the infamous Thanh Hoa bridge. It was far inland but within range of our guns.

We took the bridge down at night and it would be rebuilt the next day. We hit it several times, then continued north, hitting the island of Hon Ne and Hon Mat, both heavily fortified with shore guns. We had been taking counter-battery (hostile fire) all the way up the coast. But from here it intensified dramatically. Another target we got credit for hitting was a key transit town called Vinh, which fed into the Ho Chi Min trail.

We were then called away to Yankee Station in the middle of the Tonkin Gulf to plane guard for the aircraft carriers Kitty Hawk and Coral Sea. They were making around-the-clock strikes into the North. We were all just east of the port city for Hanoi, called Haiphong - to pick up any survivors from the ditched aircraft. Also, to look out for strike aircraft that were badly damaged and unable to make it all the way back to the carriers. They would ditch alongside the destroyers that could execute a rescue better than the carriers, or "heavy's" that were with us.

It was at this point that the cruiser Oklahoma City (CLG-5) and several destroyers were directed to rendezvous about forty miles east of Haiphong Harbor.

We joined them and on the night of 15 April and formed "Line-A-Breast," 1000 yards apart and slowly approached the coast. This was the start of what I call the "Amazing Day." Just prior to first light on the 16th- approximately 15 miles from Haiphong we went to general quarters and increased speed to 25 knots. The next signal was "break out your BATTLE ENSIGNS." This was



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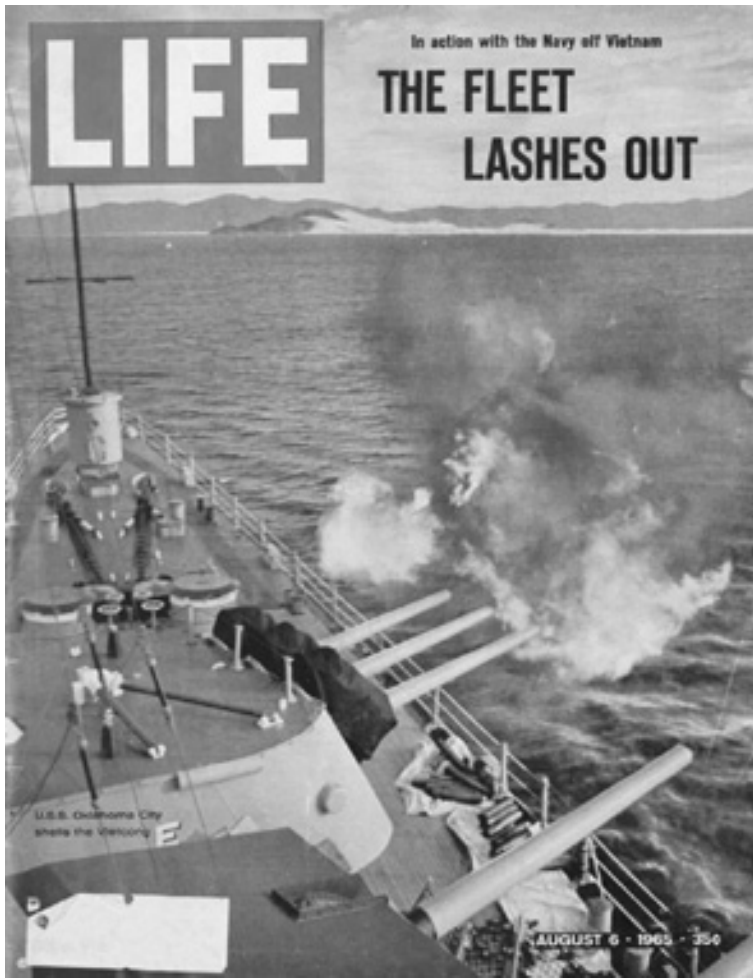
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# COLD WAR WARRIORS



Life magazine cover showing The Cruiser Oklahoma City (CLG-5) firing at a land-based target during Operation Rolling Thunder

bridge we had already anticipated 'jitters' from the young crew. The closer we got to Haiphong, the more intense the hostile fire became. An amazing number of water geysers were erupting all around us - plus thousands of black puffs of air bursts all around and above our battle group. It was literally a page out of a WWII sea battle. I was mesmerized. I was broken out of my revelry by the Captain yelling "X.O.!! Get off the wing and get here under shelter! Better yet, get back to secondary con in case the bridge gets a direct hit. We can't both be disabled."

At about 2 miles from the peninsula we executed "Nine Turn," that is 90° turn to the left, this unmasked all after guns, so all the guns on the ship were firing "rapid, continuous fire." It was an amazing display of firepower. Add the incoming fire and the adrenaline was flowing. A fighter was hit directly overhead. We could actually see the missile arch towards the aircraft. They were like slow moving telephone poles that increased in speed as they approached the aircraft. We saw the ejection seat fly up from the aircraft and the parachute deploy. The empty ejection seat crashed into the sea right alongside our ship. We swung out of formation as the parachute drifted aft. We were ordered to resume stations as the DD behind us, the USS Hamner (DD 718) was directed to pick up the downed pilot. Days later, the Hamner received an "Attaboy" message from President Nixon, and an instant Bronze Star with a Combat "V" for the C.O.

The following is an excerpt from our ships "POD" (Plan of the Day) regarding this amazing day.

When we had emptied our magazines, we all did another "9-turn" and went back to Yankee Station. There we re-armed from the duty ammo ship and refueled from a tanker and stood by for a re-attack - it never happened. A week later, having orders to shore duty, I was

high-lined to the ammo ship and dropped off in the Philippines for a flight to Yokosuka, Japan. My wife Donna flew into Tokyo and we had a great two week "honeymoon" at a traditional Japanese tea house. All part of a Navy career. What a life!

*Editor Comment* - Great story Mike - thanks ! About an event in the Cold War's Vietnam proxy war that few are aware of. History records that the NVA (North Vietnamese Army) Easter Offensive failed miserably in 1972 (e.g. 120,000 NVA losses) thanks to strong resistance by the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) supported by U.S. air, land and sea forces. There were other naval battles near Haiphong about this time (e.g. Battle of Dong Hoi (19 April, '72 - USS Oklahoma City, Sterett and Higbee) and the Battle of Haiphong Harbor or "Operation Lion's Den" (August 1972 - USS Coral Sea, Newport News, Providence, Robinson, & Rowan) to name a couple. The end result of this show of strength in the Spring and Summer of 1972 was that the North Vietnamese returned for some serious peace negotiations in Paris.

As one who served on the Staff, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces (i.e. CTF-77) in 1968 -1969 ..... I marvel at the nature of the operations described in this article. Commander Cuseo's Battle Group got to do all the things we were

not allowed to do in the late 60s. We wanted to attack Haiphong, but were not allowed to touch it - particularly the harbor area. We had to watch Soviet bloc ships transporting the war material that allowed the North Vietnamese to keep up their fight for ten long years. I can recall my boss, VADM Ralph Cousins - who earned the Navy Cross for bravery during the WWII Battle of Coral Sea (May 1942) - being told that we were to stop our highly successful Linebacker bombing operations in North Vietnam and Laos.

We were proud of the fact that we had cut off the flow of war supplies from the "untouchable" harbor at Haiphong. This "cease fire", we understood, was out of deference to our negotiators in Paris. I will never forget Admiral Cousins putting his hands to his face and saying something to the effect "This is a heck of a way to fight a war. We would never ask our pilots to go through this in WWII." What he was saying is we put too many restrictions on our pilots as we sent them into harm's way. "No strike zones" (e.g. Haiphong harbor), transit routes etc. Our men were becoming "sitting ducks" to the NVN AA and AAA sites. We dreamed of a few days of "no-holds-barred" warfare such as is described in Commander Cuseo's "Amazing Day".

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adrenaline time. We took down our small ensign and replaced it with the biggest flag I had ever seen. It was new, it's colors were such a bright red, white, and blue. Awesome! It was beautiful.

We were the third ship to the right of the cruiser. It's flag was enormous. It almost dwarfed the cruiser. It was a beautiful cloudless day, not a hint of a breeze. The sea was glassy smooth - not a ripple. Our radar screen showed a cluster of hundreds of small contacts that increased in number as we approached the Haiphong harbor entrance. It seemed like there were thousands of small fishing sampans. I said "Holy Crap, Captain! We are going to go right through them."

Our orders were to hold our course - to not maneuver to avoid the flimsy boats. We drove right through them, many skimming our sides, but we never cleaved any in half. I anticipated doing so as our huge bow wave and wake made a shambles of the sampans. About twelve miles east of Haiphong harbor, we encountered a long line of merchant ships departing the harbor. They were all Eastern bloc ships - mostly Soviet. Now this was what was a further amazing moment, THEY DIPPED THEIR ENSIGN TO US!! An "At sea courtesy" was to answer by dipping ours.

We ignored them, and obviously did not fire on them. About 8 miles from downtown Haiphong, but only a few miles from the Do Son peninsula, an arm of the harbor, we all commenced firing our forward guns. Rapid, continuous fire at pre-designated targets. Our targets were the hundreds of AA missile sites that were already firing at our fighters that were supporting our bombers. Three aircraft carriers back on Yankee Station in the central, Tonkin Gulf had emptied their decks and hundreds of Navy & Marine Corps fighters and bombers were overhead and diving

at their targets.

It was like a scene from the Battle of Midway in WWII. Did I forget to say the commies were a little upset? We were receiving concentrated hostile fire from their shore batteries. All lookouts and fire-control-director operators were warned to keep a sharp eye out for OSA and KOMAR missile attack boats that we anticipated greeting us. We had also prepared for air attack - from MIG's that were in close proximity to Haiphong. We had many false alarms. The guns could be "stolen" from their primary mission of AA missile suppression if the ship was threatened by ships or aircraft.

The young, inexperienced men/boys would scream "Give me the guns, I got a MIG coming in," or "Here comes an OSA." We would say "negative, stay on the missiles," the threat would not materialize. On the



USS BAUSELL (DD845) - Destroyer on duty with the Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club (Task Force 77) of North Vietnam in 1972



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## STAGES OF LIFE

# Mom's Time-out

## One of those days

Mary Angle

Have you ever had one of those days when everything irritates you? Guess what, I am in the middle of one. I had the pleasure of driving three and a half hours home from the eastern shore with 3 sick children, 4 whining children, 2 weepy children, 4 sleepy children and 1 car sick child (there were only actually 4 kids in the car but it felt like more with these statistics). So this month I am going to be one of those whiny hormonal women you only read about in novels, or grow to dislike in a weekly made-for-television movie. I am going to ask those questions that others have thought

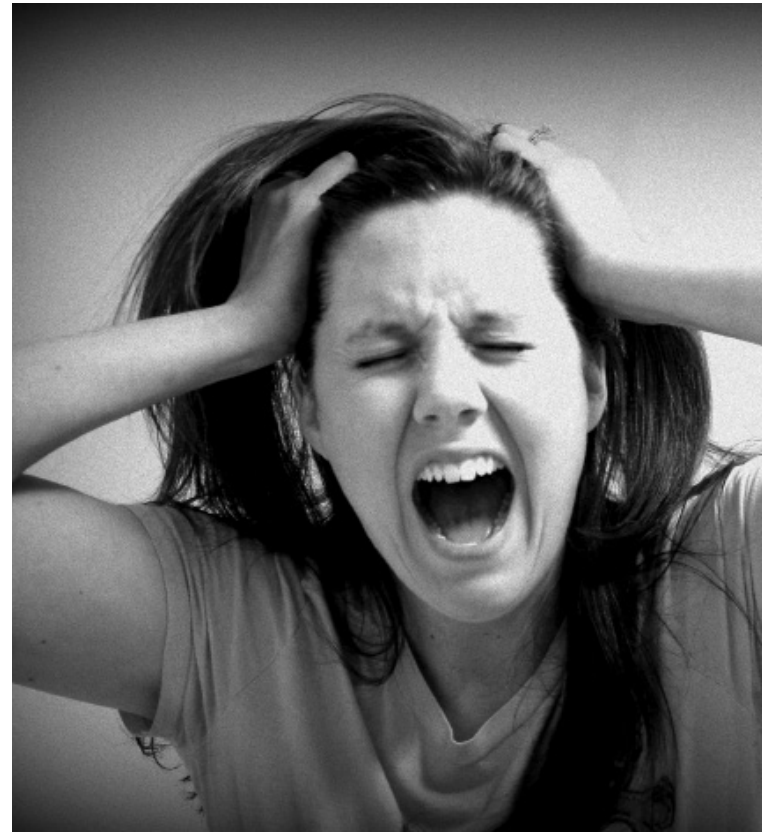
but do not have the nerve to ask. Then I am going to finish my article and move on – it is like journalistic therapy!

My first question, after my weekend away, would have to be, “Did you leave your brains, common sense and courtesy at home when you left for vacation?” This weekend I went to visit my parents near Ocean City, MD. People drove like there was no one else on the road, cutting off any car that got in their way. People jay walked without concern for their safety or more importantly the safety of their children. I am pretty sure I saw at least one person break every known traffic law in the state of Delaware! Put aside the danger they

are putting themselves and others in, do they really think they are the only ones who dislike being stuck in bumper to bumper traffic? Oh wait, that is another question. And one more question in this same genre would have to be, “just because there is no more parking space, do you really think it is a good idea to create one? Especially, creating a parking space that blocks in 20 other cars?”

Please understand that the things that irritate me aren't always rational. And this brings me to my next (and exceptionally irrational) question, “After two nights of “sleeping” on the couch (with two of my restless kids “sleeping” next to me on sleeping bags) are you seriously telling me there are going to be thunder storms all night?” My kids already have nightmares, sleepwalk, night terrors, and talk in their sleep. Now, on top of that we are going to add one more factor to keep them awake? Really? Talk about an exceptionally long night.

Now for my final question, “If I offer to take you to lunch, do you think it is a good idea to



get into an argument with one another over where that lunch will be?” My husband and I have tried hard not to raise selfish, spoiled children. However, that doesn't mean they aren't human, nor does it mean we have succeeded (I just said tried). So after driving an hour and a half I offer lunch to my kids, the same 14 in the statistics above. Immediately the car is in a split deci-

sion. While I am driving, I am listening to the arguments for both sides and listening to their voices grow louder. At this point I attempt to make a suggestion. This falls way short of bringing a compromise and only further escalates the problem, because apparently I was taking sides. The irony here is that both sides felt I was taking the side of the opposite team. As I pulled the van over and went into full-blown-hormonal-I-have-had-enough-mommy, two of the kids sense the imminent danger and proceed to try and compromise. The problem is not only a little too late, but by switching sides the two have just traded places and it is still a stalemate of two against two. At this point sink to a new low and threaten to deny them lunch all together, and consequently my one son make matters worse by announcing he wouldn't eat anyway. After a lengthy lecture on being selfish and not looking a gift horse in the mouth I announce that we are going where I want to go. Lunch went slightly better than the car ride and we were home in another two hours (give or take).

When I got home I realized that one of the movies I had rented from the library did not actually have a movie in it, so we will see how that turns out. I got the mail and found out a deposit I thought had gone through, didn't and I had over drawn. The patch we put on the new liner of our swimming pool (the same pool we had to replace the liner in on the first year we moved in, and the pump the second) was working but the pool had turned green while we were gone. The kids spilled a red Icee in my car, my vacuum broke, it appears my transmission might go up sooner than later and I am out of estrogen and calgon!!!

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## A TEEN'S VIEW

# Senior year



Kat Dart

From Wikipedia – Senior Year -- “Senior is a term used in the United States and occasionally in Australia to describe a student in the 4th year of study (generally referring to high school or college/university study).”

From students -- Senior Year -- “Senior year is the LAST YEAR we have of high school and the year we can all make a mad dash for freedom.”

From UrbanDictionary – Summer Vacation -- “The best part of a child’s life.

Do grownups like it?”

Summer vacation for a lot of students starts after the last day of school. For me, it started a few days later due to some projects

that I had to deal with.

Number one. My driver’s test. Astonishingly enough, failing the first time made me way more determined to practice practice practice for the second time, and knowing that I had a second test coming up was comparable to have a dark, heavy cloud hanging over my head - in other words, not quite feeling the stress relief that summer vacation is supposed to bring.

And number two, to prepare my bedroom to act as a guest bedroom, I began the rather daunting task of cleaning my room, and clearing out the things I didn’t need.

It started out as a relatively simple process, start from the top and work my way down. With that in mind, I started on a bookshelf that is held up by brackets, and then went and stripped my room of old things layer by layer, removing dust and dirt as I did so.

What started as a systematic, “relatively simple process” became a multi-day increasingly erratic physical memoir of the past three years in Emmitsburg, and of the years before my family’s move.

I found old pictures of my dad, my sisters. A stuffed animal made for me by an aunt I haven’t seen in

years. Summer camp photo books, puzzles, stuffed animals. Old drawing and paintings, fantasy stories and novels.

All of the things I found helped show how my interests have changed, or have not changed in the past three years. How I’ve stuck with some things, like girl scouts, tried some things for a year or two, like drama, how my interests shifted to something I’ve stuck to with way more enthusiasm..

For example, Freshman and Sophomore year I was in drama club, until my interest declined and shifted over to something totally unrelated - like swimming for Catoctin’s team and horses.

I know this is a topic I always end up coming back to, but it’s just so amazing to think about how much me, my friends, my family all continue to develop and evolve into more stable, mature people. To see it happening to everyone around me, then look back and see that I am changing as well, as fast as the seasons do.

And then to think that this is the last year I’ll be with all these people I’ve made friends with? Before we all move on our separate paths, leave the big building that forces us to wake up at some horrible hour of the morning, that we despise having to see everyday?

And then, to realize that this is our last year before we are all count-

ed as adults, can make our own decisions, deciding which direction we want our lives to move in (college, trade school, enter the work force, traveling..!)

The last few years have been building up to this one. All that we’ve chosen to do will line up and force us to pay attention to it, and wrap up loose ends. The last year to make a lasting impression, to be able to be an irresponsible high school kid.

To conclude for this month, this is it. The final stretch, the home run. For all graduates, congratulations, and may you find success in whatever path you choose to take!

For all rising seniors. This is it. High school isn’t supposed to be the

best four years of your life. It’s not supposed to be the highest point, the pinnacle of your life. Even so, high school should be memorable. So in your last year, how do you want to be remembered?

I’m going to wrap this up now and move on to the less serious (and possibly somewhat contradictory to how I normally am) stuff - it’s summer vacation! I want to have a little fun, do something crazy and/or stupid.

Just because our upcoming (senior!) year will have a lot of serious and stressful times doesn’t mean we have to start being totally serious now.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

# Clear skies at Emmitsburg Library

Stephanie Long

One of my favorite things to do as a child, and still to this day, is to go outside late at night, lie down on the grass and stare up at the stars. There's something beautiful and amazing about looking up at the night sky on a warm Summer night. This July we are aiming to give you the same feeling with our starry sky programs.

July 7 at 11 AM we will be holding Night adventures. At this program you can make a rocket or a dream catcher or experience the stars by drawing the sky or making a sky wheel. This program is for elementary aged children and registration is required.

July 10 at 6:30 PM we will be holding our Slumber Part Jamboree. Throw on your favorite pajamas. Then grab a sleeping bag, pillow, or favorite bedtime buddy before heading over to the library for special bedtime tales and tunes. Snacks may be served. This program is for children with an adult and registration is required.

July 21 at 11 we will be holding a program called The Skit is Falling! The Sky is Falling! Find out why Chicken Little was right. Join Skip Bird, Observatory Director of the Westminster Astronomical Society, to explore things like comets, asteroids, and any upcoming meteor showers. Learn fun and unique ways to leave the planet,

journey to the stars and still be back in time for dinner. This program is for elementary aged children and registration is required.

July 26 at 5 PM we will be holding a stargazing program for those aged 10 to 18. At this program the basics of stargazing will be taught and the history of various constellations will be taught. Navigating via the stars will also be taught and participants will have the opportunity to create their own indoor star gazer.

Perhaps participating in a program isn't your thing or you do not have the time, fear not for we have many star themed books to suit the needs of young and old.



"Astronomy: a visual guide" by Mark A. Garlick Features various pictures and facts about the stars and galaxies.

"Baby Galileo: discovering the sky" DVD by Rashim Turner Introduces little ones to a multitude of wonders up above, including the sun and the moon, fluffy clouds, shimmering stars, colorful planets and whirling galaxies.

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"Earthborn" by Sylvia Waugh Upon suddenly learning that her parents are researchers from another planet and they must leave in seven days or risk discovery, twelve-year-old Nesta decides to stay in their York, England, home, whether or not her parents go.

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"I want to be an astronaut" by Byron Barton A young child thinks about what it would be like to be an astronaut and go out on a mission into space.

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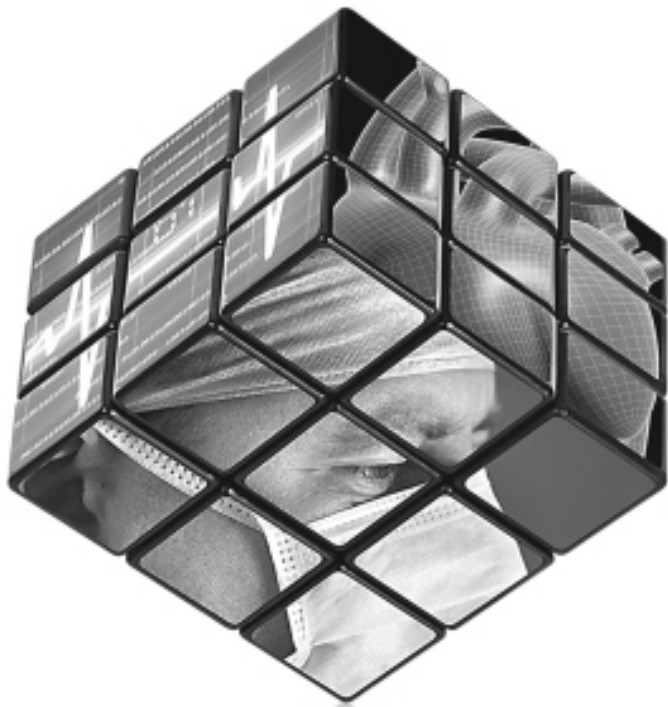
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Don't forget that we are still holding our annual county-wide Summer Reading Program for those aged birth to eighteen years old. There are two separate programs, one for those aged birth through fifth grade- Dream Big Read!, and one for those in sixth grade through high school- Own the Night.

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# Mother Seton Learning Center grows

Lynn Tayler

When Terri Zigler came to Mother Seton School (MSS) two years ago, she had a vision of building onto the Seton legacy of providing quality education to children of all abilities. "I wanted to develop a comprehensive program that would identify students needing specific services, provide specific plans of service implementation, and that would consult and train teachers through Professional Learning Communities," she says. This specialized program would allow students who need additional learning resources, as well as behavioral assistance, to receive the guidance they need without having to go outside the school. The core of the program was already in place, Zigler says, with highly qualified teachers who exemplified the Christ-centered learning experience. The key was to expand upon this wealth of talent MSS is blessed to have and create a place where students could come out of the classroom for one-on-one attention.

After nearly two years in the making, MSS officially opened the Mother Seton Learning Center (MSLC) this past January. The MSLC strives to provide individual assistance to students with academic difficulties, speech impairments, learning disabilities, social/emotional and medi-

cal concerns, and attention issues, as well as provide family support and referral services.

No one was more excited than Terri Zigler, who is now Director of the MSLC. And anyone who knows Terri understands that this is all part of a lifelong dream.

"I entered education with the desire to help students be lifelong learners and happy individuals, regardless of their abilities or personal obstacles," she says. A Frederick County native, Zigler was educated at nearby Hood and Western Maryland (McDaniel) Colleges. She is a certified educator in Special Education, Reading, Counseling, and Administration, areas of expertise that make her a well-respected authority in the school system. She's held a variety of positions throughout her career, including special education teacher, teacher mentor, School Support Teacher, and Assistant Principal. She has also been an advisor to the Hood Reading Clinic and a Student Teacher Supervisor at Hood, as well as President of the Council of Exceptional Children for Frederick County. She has received the Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award from FCPS and the Charles Tressler Distinguished Teacher Award.

In short—Terri Zigler is a superstar.

But you would never hear her refer to herself that way. She doesn't do the

job she does for the praise. She does it to help students and their families get the most out of their educational experience. Sometimes, that includes going beyond academics.

"As a School Support Teacher, I had a caseload of students who required behavioral intervention, academic support, and agency support within the community," she explains. "I became interested in the mental health aspect of education and pursued and obtained a counseling degree." That experience and certification enhances the support that the MSLC provides to the students. Terri has been active in teaching conflict management to students in all grades, and often comes into the classrooms to discuss bullying prevention and friendship skills. She's beloved among parents and students alike.

"Mrs. Zigler helped me when I had a problem," says Larisa Tayler, 9. "She listened to me and showed me how to find a solution." Students can visit Mrs. Zigler and the MSLC anytime they need assistance, whether it's academic or social. They can speak with Mrs. Zigler or one of the many peer counselors—older students—she oversees. To have this type of mentoring environment in the school has proven invaluable.

The MSLC is also staffed by Tam-



my Wivell, who has been with MSS for over 15 years and Resource Coordinator for students for over 10 years. "Terri and I really embrace the mission of the MSLC," said Wivell. "Every kid learns differently and it is our job to find out how they learn and then teach them to be successful as they move forward," continued Wivell. "We make a good team."

Parents cannot say enough about the success their children are finding with the MSLC. "My son has flourished. He has become the boy I prayed he could be and the student he himself wanted to be. We have seen Cameron's self esteem and confidence skyrocket," says Julia Muse. Adds Teresa Mena, "Center staff connected

me with community resources to help with a life transition and afforded my children the opportunity to excel academically and spiritually." While the Learning Center primarily provides academic and social counseling for those who need additional support, it also provides resources for students whose capacity exceeds normal grade levels.

"The Learning Center changed MSS, from a school where my child will do fine to a school where my child will thrive," says Mary Shea.

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## FOUR YEARS AT THE MOUNT

# Sophomore Year

## Family and freedom

Kyle Ott  
MSM Class of 2015

American history is characterized by the strength and talent of the individual. Everywhere there is proof of the power that single-minded, incredibly individualistic people have had on the culture of our nation. You see it in the textbooks that extol the virtues of such great and different men such as Teddy Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson. This streak of strong, eclectic heroes can even be seen in our own revolution when American legends like Benjamin Franklin, partnered with French aristocrats like the Marquis De Lafayette and Prussian soldiers like Colonel Von Steuban to forge a new country from the untamed wilderness.

Everywhere from New York to Santa Fe, people ring in America's birthday in an amazing number of ways. My childhood in the tiny village of Abbottstown has taught me that the Fourth of July is a defining experience. The air here simmers with the heat of one hundred midnight bonfires where old friends and family members gather to share cold beers and stories. When you walk down one of

the tiny cul-de-sacs you can almost taste the hotdogs, burgers and bratwurst that roast on grills around town. And when the sky finally turns dark, every member of town breaks open a package of fireworks and paints the sky in bright hues of red, white, and blue. This massive display of aerial artwork lasts long after July fourth: the skies of my town can be seen from miles away for at least a week or two after America's birthday has come and gone.

But it is not this kind of celebration that reminds me of the Fourth of July. One of my earliest memories (I must have been three or four years old) about the Fourth of July takes place in a log cabin in the forested hills of central Pennsylvania. When other people were bringing out the grills and safely-made explosive devices, my family brought out bug spray and sleeping bags for a weekend of camping with my Uncle Tomas and his son Joe. This trip not only provided an excellent getaway from the outside world but a chance to bond with our Uncle and cousin. At this time my uncle was still struggling through law school, and raising his son kept him a very busy man. My parents

both worked in the public school system and two boisterous sons also kept their hands full. This trip represented the one time that year we would see one another.

That weekend, we made the most of our time together and celebrated the Fourth of July in style. There were campfire stories and smores a plenty. Hikes through the green woods and a plethora of stick fights between us boys. But the defining event of that trip was to come during our last evening in the woods. We had just finished our final day at the cabin, and my family was sleeping peacefully. The last embers of the woodstove were dying quietly and the inside of the cabin had descended into darkness, when I was awakened by a sound. I lay there groggily trying to understand what was happening, trying to discern whether or not the sound was real or imagined. But it came again and again. It sounded something like a bag of rocks being dumped unceremoniously into a blender while a growling dog harmonized with it. My young mind immediately went to a single thought: bear. A bear was in our cabin. I jumped out of bed yelling and screaming "BEAR! BEAR! BEEEEAAAAARRRR!" My parents were awakened by my sudden screaming and flicked on the cabin lights (a practice avoided to keep our camping trips authentic) and ran to my side

to see what was wrong. I pointed out the growling sound and said that it was proof that a bear was truly in our cabin ready to eat us. My parents chuckled and led me to the cot where my uncle lay; still sound asleep despite my screaming. Imagine my shock when I discovered that the terrifying bear sound I feared came from him. We left the cabin the next day, driving home in good spirits, joking about how we had barely survived our "bear attack."

As I grew older, however, my family's annual camping trip became harder to plan and attend. Both my parents were rising to new positions in their fields, my father as vice principal and my mom as a successful guidance counselor. Uncle Tomas was finishing his law degree and slated for a great and lucrative career. My brother, cousin, and myself were busying ourselves with school, plays, and boy scouts, and gradually it became apparent that we could no longer make the annual trip to the cabin. However, the spirit of those early Fourth of July adventures lived on and my family improvised. The next Fourth of July weekend Tomas and Joe arrived at our house as usual armed with camping gear. Once we were ready, we made the truly arduous trek across our yard where we set up our tents in front of our barn and spent our weekend in a wilderness of our own making. There were no campfires, no smores, and thankful-

ly no "bear attacks," but there were dollar-store firecrackers to make us laugh and hand held sparklers to light up the night sky before the larger explosions illuminated the world.

In a weird way I feel more connected to those little moments with the people I love than I ever did or will with the grills, bonfires, and parades that celebrate America's heritage. Whether it was the almost comedy movie timing that happened when we let a grizzly bear sleep in our cabin, or throwing up a tent in our backyard its these kind of quirky moments that define my memories of Fourth of July. In the same spirit of the founding Americans; my family has broken with the standard backyard barbecue and bonfire and celebrated America's birth in our own way. In breaking the typical traditions and embarking on our own version of the summer bash, we've made memories that well last far longer than any fireworks display ever could. And honestly, what better way to ring in such a momentous day then in the same spirit of individualism as our ancestors with the people that mean the most to us. Hopefully all of you can find a moment to cherish an amazing day in your own fashion. Until next time, I'm Kyle Ott; won't you sit and read for a while?

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# Junior Year

## Freedom isn't free!

Nicole Jones  
MSM Class of 2014

It's hard to believe July is already here when I'm not entirely unpacked after returning home from my sophomore year of college. Home for me is a 23-acre farm in Westminster where everything is at least a 20-minute drive away. While I've lived my whole youth in Westminster, it hasn't always been spent in the countryside. My family used to live in an old brick house near the heart of the city, where a ten minute drive was considered long.

It was easier to celebrate the Fourth of July closer to the city. Westminster as a whole is not very festive for Independence Day. There are no parades, decorations are limited, and carnivals are not specific to the occasion. The one thing I remember enjoying were the local fire-

works. At dusk, my parents, brother, and I loaded into the car with a couple well-worn blankets and headed to the Farm Museum. We'd scour the field for an open spot among the hundreds of other families, and settle in just in time for the opening fireworks. Blue, green, and red lit up the skies for an hour while children marveled at the exhibition of color. I always wished they lasted just a little longer.

Cook outs were, of course, another family favorite. I enjoyed the preparation process: sending out the invitations, making a list of groceries, then running to BJ's with my mom and loading up with the necessary goods. Chips, rolls, drinks, and condiments overflowed, so that we needed two grocery carts to hold everything. The next thing on the list was handling the seating. Picnic tables, lawn chairs, and deck furniture were dragged

into the backyard and covered with red, white, or blue tablecloths. Meanwhile, my brother mowed the lawn, my mother skimmed the pool, and soon enough, the scene was set.

The tables were soon littered with dishes, and the front yard lay hidden under the tires of our guests' cars. Family and friends came for hot dogs and hamburgers, pasta salad, devilled eggs; the typical cookout fare, possibly bringing their own dish to add to the already overladen tables. My dad manned the grill while our dogs weaved among the chairs seeking table scraps. After their first plate of food, guests mingled. The women sat chatting and catching up with one another, inconspicuously keeping an eye on the children, while the men stood off to the side enjoying a cigarette as they tossed horseshoes and contemplated a second plate of food. Children squealed and giggled as they ran among the chairs with the dogs, swung on the playground, splashed in the pool, or dug in the sandbox.

By the end of the day, trash bags

were overflowing, the front yard was crisscrossed with tire tracks, and the dogs had gained five pounds - along with all the people.

When we moved to the farm, the celebrations followed us. Preparations became more elaborate at first - we now had the space to display our own fireworks. As the day drew to an end, my dad and a few brave souls would set them off around our pond. As sparks rained down, the black water reflected back their fiery glow before extinguishing them with a hiss.

I suppose it's fitting that we should enjoy ourselves in such a fashion, celebrating our freedom with the loud bang of explosives. Like any holiday, the basis and meaning of our traditions may be lost to the general public over time, yet the tradition itself survives. The first anniversary of our freedom in 1777 was celebrated with 13 gunshots and a dinner for the Continental Congress; fireworks were even displayed. Celebrations haven't changed much since, but the spirit and meaning seem to have faded over the years.

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# REFLECTIONS ON THE 4TH OF JULY

## Senior Year A Midwest 4th of July

**Samantha Strub**  
MSM Class of 2013

It's a few days before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and we are hitting the road for a seven-hour drive up North. It is a tradition in our family to travel to Grandma and Grandpa Strub's lake house to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. The tradition has been going on since we were babies, and now it has become a large family vacation.

When my father's side of the family gathers, it turns into a large party as there are grandparents, their four children and all thirteen grandchildren. Needless to say, it becomes a challenge to find a place for everyone to sleep, but with a camper, a large garage and a couple of tents, it works. Each family drives to this lakeside oasis. For some of my aunts and uncles it takes only a few hours, while for others it takes days, yet everyone is willing to make the drive for the mountains of fun that await.

When you travel to the lake for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, you don't bring many clothes besides a bathing suit, towel,

cover-up, sweatpants, sweatshirt and a couple of T-shirts. Why is so little packing necessary? Well, there is no need when you are in your bathing suit basically the whole time.

Your time at the lake for the 4<sup>th</sup> is spent swimming, fishing, playing and burying cousins in the sand, tanning, reading, playing cards, and watching the parade and fireworks. As you can see, besides the parade and fireworks, all those activities can be done in a bathing suit. The simple pleasure of being able to be in a bathing suit the whole time is part of the bliss of really enjoying the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is because you are taking a vacation from the rest of the world. You are taken to another place where it really doesn't matter if you stay in your bathing suit and work on your tan all day. That is what I call a relaxing vacation.

What we do not pack in clothes we make up in food. My highly organized mother has taken it upon herself to plan out the week's meals for nineteen people, not to mention the dogs and teenage boys that eat enough for at least two people. It takes a lot of planning and organizing

for the different meals, and her favorite part is designating which family brings what to the celebration. My mom organizes the meals, but she is not left alone when it comes to cooking. She has help from my Uncle Bruce, Grandma and anyone else willing to pitch in. The meals consist of old favorites such as tacos and BBQ chicken and new dishes that typically become our favorites, but one night is always reserved for fish. The fish dinner has been in place for as long as I can remember. When I was a little girl, I loved going out with Daddy and my brother to catch the fish, but my favorite part was playing with their slimy skins while they were waiting to be scaled and cut up. Now the scaling and cutting is not so inviting, but my younger cousins have followed in my footsteps and join my dad and grandpa in the trip to the fish house.

While the meals are always delicious, the unlimited snacks are always the best part. There are huge Sam's Club packs of Oreos, other cookies, chips, crackers, cheese, nuts, salsa, and so on. My family tends to dig into the snack shelf as they pass through the cabin. The adults tend to complain about the children stealing the snacks, although in reality they do not have a whole lot to say because they themselves break out all of the taunting snacks

for game night after the children go to bed. We sit there and give into all of the munchies while we remember old times and laugh about the new memories. The women in the family complain during our late-night games that we need to go on a diet when the week is over, but we still sit there and give into the munchies.

It really starts looking like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when everyone makes the trip into the little town of Danbury, Wisconsin, for its annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The people out East would call it a redneck parade with the hunter floats, but that, my friends, is just a part of the Wisconsin lifestyle. Hunting is a big part of the average Midwest person life. Of course there are police cars and fire trucks that spray water, which everyone in the crowd appreciates. The spraying also ensures that you catch some rays while the children are lathered up with sunscreen. The candy and the freeze-pops that are thrown at the crowd are at the top of the most-popular list. No matter what your age, you always enjoy catching candy and freeze-pops at the parade. You can even see embarrassed adults telling their kids to pick up lots of freeze-pops so they can have one too. It never fails that every year our grandparents ask one of the youngest cousins to bring them a freeze-pop, which they fully enjoy

while the grandchild is none the wiser. You never quite lose the desire to be a kid again and run out into the street to get candy, and then proceed to stuff your face with it.

The daytime fun of the parade ends with a fantastic display of fireworks to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. This has been a tradition for years that was started by my father. He has a probably unhealthy fascination with fireworks. Every year he always goes a little bit firework-happy and spends too much, but we have a wonderful display. As I have gotten older, I have discovered that my parents have a fireworks budget to help control my father from spending too much money on fireworks. The budget that is placed on him really doesn't matter because he always manages to break it and spend too much.

The money spent is forgotten as the men set up the firework display, and the women prepare the children to go down by the lake with sweatshirts and bug spray, otherwise they will get eaten alive. Thanks to my father, there is a large variety of everyone's favorites. We are treated with sparklers, fountains, tank cars, roman candles, beautiful colors, weeping willows, and of course the huge loud ones. Traditionally, the dogs huddle inside the cabin and one child always cries because of the noise.

To me, fireworks will always reflect what Francis Scott Key later so aptly described as "rocket's red glare". We've captured that in a more festive, beautiful way, of course, but do not let these factors make their true purpose become lost on you. Their loud bang and dangerous, explosive nature serve as a faux war zone, reminding us of the war fought and won, the guns loosed, cannons fired, and blood shed – everything we have and continue to sacrifice to maintain our freedom. A freedom which other nations continue to fight for and we are so fortunate to already have.

I say "fortunate" and not "lucky" because luck had no play in this matter. Our freedom was won by what I believe to be the grace of God and the strength, will, and bravery of society's men and women. As I'm sure

many of the less fortunate would tell us, freedom is something a majority of us born-and-raised Americans take for granted. We forget about the struggles in the Middle East, the Arab Spring, incidents of suppression which seem so far away to us. We have become so comfortable we've lost appreciation for the freedom we have to govern ourselves. Time has desensitized us to this privilege. Perhaps it is that we have been, dare I say, free for too long. We have forgotten what it is like to pay obeisance to someone who does not listen to the voice of the people.

I have to admit, I'm just as guilty as the next person. It's something I sought to rectify last summer. I went online and joined a group which assigned me to a soldier. I wrote to him, and sent him care packages, but it wasn't long before school got in

the way. A week would easily fly by without me writing to him, then two. Before I knew it, a month had passed. I'd write long letters to make up for time then forget to send them. I lost sight of the real reason I was writing to him: to support him.

While I may not always agree with the decisions and actions of my country, I will always support those who protect it. They lay down their lives on a daily basis. They are shipped around the world, leaving behind those they love, to keep war and danger off our soil.

This Independence Day I want to remember the past and the present soldiers who have made our freedom

possible. I resolve to make writing to my soldier a priority, and I urge you to find a way to make a soldier feel appreciated. Join a pen-pal group, as I did. Find out who the soldiers are in your

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## THE GRADUATE

# Not a grammar geek

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Lawyers need to understand the Law. Architects need to know how to design various types of constructions. Teachers need to be able to pass on knowledge from one generation to the next. There are some things in life that just seem pretty obvious. But does the Editor of a newspaper need to know the rules of grammar? I would suggest not.

I have taken a variety of journalism courses during college, including Sports Journalism and Global Journalism. These classes taught me how to do research and gave me tips for improving my writing. They have helped me learn how to write factually and grammatically correct, interesting and informative articles. None of my classes, however, prepared me for writing for Mike Hillman, the editor of the Emmitsburg News-Journal. My professors never told me that writing for a newspaper could be so much fun.

Every time I open an e-mail from Mike Hillman a smile spreads across my face. His enthusiasm for the paper is clearly evident. He always has some new brilliant idea to make the paper better and better. Sometimes he sends emails to all of the Mount writers to give us topic suggestions for our articles. Other times, he gives us a list of people in Emmitsburg who he wants us to interview. I smile when I open Mike's emails because he has such great ideas and he is so passionate about the paper. I also smile because of his grammatical errors.

Mike is focused on the "big picture" (the important part) of the paper, so he doesn't spend as much time worrying about minor grammatical details. I spend hours looking for the nit-picky mistakes that no one would probably notice in the paper. Every little error makes me cringe. That's not to say that I don't make many mistakes myself. I still make a lot. Mike concentrates on the more significant aspects



of the paper, such as wanting the readers of the Emmitsburg News-Journal to find quality articles in each monthly issue and eagerly anticipate the next edition. Grammatical rules seem to be the least of his worries.

This lack of attention to the rules of language is a new concept for me. I'm the type of person who is bothered by slogans from restaurants like Chick-fil-a that purposely misspell things like "Eat Mor Chikin." I guess you could describe me as a scrupulous editor as I search articles for extraneous commas and misused phrases. I am very attentive to using "there" and "their" and "our" and "are" appropriately. For example, you can write "The neighbors showed me their cat," but you can't write, "I went over their to see the cat." I can get easily frustrated when people forget that "our" shows possession and "are" does not show possession: "Our cat has cute stripes. Are you going to be able to see him?"

The English language is downright confusing and sometimes ridiculous! English is the most widely spoken language in the world so I am grateful that I was raised in an English-speaking family. Try to imagine learning how to spell and pronounce some English words. "Wind" can be the air moving outdoors or "wind" could be a twisting motion. "Polish" could be a liquid

used to clean and shine hard surfaces or "Polish" could refer to a person or thing from Poland. A "sewer" could be a person who stitches fabric or a "sewer" could be a channel for waste water. Some words just are NOT spelled like they sound: one, who, shoe. Some words sound the same but are spelled differently, such as "seen" and "scene," "hear" and "here," "ate" and "eight." Sometimes words will have letters that you should ignore. Why do we put those letters in the words? Because that's just how it's done in English! There is no need for a "g" in "gnat" or "gnaw." There is no need for a "k" in "know," "knee," and "knife."

I am not a master of the English language and neither is Mike. He claims to have flunked English in college and as a Mount writer, I get to see some of his blunders. Once, he sent all of the Mount writers an e-mail with the subject headline: "Who what's to get paid Friday night?" Mike meant to say "Who wants to get paid Friday night?"

Another time Mike wrote all of us an email telling us to "Not to be ASAP." At first, I thought he meant that there was no rush for our articles this month. Then I realized that he probably meant to write, "Note to be ASAP." Mike's emails can sometimes turn into fun guessing games. We have to try to decode his messages. What

did he really mean as he was typing this e-mail at a million words per minute while working on three other projects at the same time? I ask myself.

Mike is a man of many talents—I discover this more and more the longer I work for him. I can only imagine how many I don't know about yet. He's a nuclear engineer who owns horses and oversees the entire Emmitsburg News-Journal. He collects the articles from all of the writers, manages the advertising, oversees the printing and meets with the Mount writers. He brings a great sense of humor to the paper. Once, he told me via e-mail to start "herding the cats." I don't own any real cats; he was referring to the other Mount writers. He never lets things get boring.

One of the other Mount writers, Jackie Quillen notes, "My favorite articles to edit were undoubtedly written by Mike sometime around 12 a.m. after a glimpse of nature got him thinking about something good while sitting on the porch with his cat. His nifty voice-to-text program definitely gave us a good night's work of editing, and by editing I mean trying to decipher what the bizarre, out-of-place words originally were when Mike said them. Looking back, it was just another game of 'Whisper Down the Lane' and hearing the original line was just as exciting as the game! No matter how grammatically incorrect Mike may be in his e-mails or articles, his message comes across 100% clear and he always has a good message at that, which is far more important."

After one of Mike's spelling or grammatical mix-ups, we make sure to tease him about it at our next Mount writers' staff meeting. He always chuckles back and tells us how grateful he is for our editing work. The editing actually makes all of us writing from the Mount feel like we have more ownership of the paper. Each month, two of the Mount writers look for mistakes in the headlines and photo captions of the paper. One editor looks through the first half of the paper and the other editor looks through the second half. After Mike implements the changes, the paper comes back for a second round of edits. This time, the first editor looks at the second half and the

second editor reviews the first half of the paper. It becomes somewhat competitive because we do not want to miss a single mistake—or have the other editor point out something we didn't find. Editing really gives us an appreciation for the final product and we would feel very embarrassed if any glaring mistakes were found after printing.

Megan Kinsella, another Mount writer, agrees that writing for the paper under Mike's leadership is a combination of work and play. She explained, "Mike definitely knows how to keep us on our toes. Working for him is exciting and hectic, and sometimes downright confusing, but always so much fun. I have learned so much in such a short amount of time working for the paper. Among other things, I've learned how to be a meticulous editor (due to his self-proclaimed extreme lack of English skills) and how to meet deadlines (sorry Mike, still working on that one)."

It's important to be grammatically correct to offer the best newspaper to our readers. It also seems necessary to be so at other times. I would never want a misspelled tattoo on my body for the rest of my life. I wouldn't want to write the wrong sentence on a special occasion cake. Social media sites like Facebook and Twitter promote misspelling and sentence fragments. It can be difficult to transition from writing a post on Facebook to writing an essay for class. It's easy to write "you" as "u" after writing on a social media site. I hope that social media doesn't prohibit good editing in the future.

After one of our painstaking searches for grammatical errors, Mike showed up to a Mount writers' staff meeting and laid out the paper in front of the group.

"\$20 to the first person who can find the error," Mike said.

"On the front page?!" we exclaimed with dismay. Our hunt for the mistake began and it took a lot longer than Mike expected. We were searching for some minor mistake, but then realized that there was a spelling error in the top headline on the front page . . . and only Mike had caught it. Perhaps our multi-talented head honcho isn't really as bad at grammar as he claims.





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Before I arrived at this course, I was quite nervous. I did not know what to expect. I was afraid that this course, like the one I attended last summer in Fort Lewis, Washington, would break me down mentally and physically and then remold me into a soldier. What I forgot before I arrived here, however, was that I had passed that test last summer, and by virtue of my commission, I was no longer simply a soldier but instead a leader of soldiers. At Fort Lewis, my mission was to prove my worthiness. I had to demonstrate that I had the ability and tenacity to be an officer. Here, my mission is to hone my junior leadership skills so that I can successfully lead the soldiers in my future platoon. Last summer was a constant assessment. This summer is a primer for my early years in the Army.

As I said, my education has not stopped. In the past five weeks, I have learned more than I did in the past 21 years of my life combined. That is not to say that my previous education was not worthwhile. Rather, my time spent as a student primed me for my time here. My time learning how to be the best student I could be and learning how to think critically actually prepared me to be an officer. My hours spent in and out of the classroom have equipped me with the tools necessary to excel in BOLC, and eventually, as a platoon leader. Those past years of sitting in class, learning how to be a student, are pivotal to my success as an officer.

People often wonder why the Army requires all people seeking commissions to graduate from college first. The reasoning behind it is simple. Officers must be able to think critically, evaluate situations quickly, and make sound, difficult decisions in split seconds. A college education is an excellent way to teach people how to do this. At the Mount, I learned how to think outside of my comfort zone. My professors gave me assignments that challenged me and pushed my mind to its limits. So really, the education I received while at Mount Saint Mary's primed me for my time in BOLC.

While at BOLC, I am a student once again. Being a student in the Army and being a student in college is an altogether different experience, however. Now that college has developed my ability to receive, quickly process, and accurately regurgitate information, the Army has come in to take full advantage of my new skills. The best way I have heard the Army's teaching style explained was by my father. He assured me before I arrived in Virginia that the Army teaches by fire hose. That is to say, the Army spews complex and stimulating information at you and expects you to process and be able to recall it. The Army teaches by gathering experts in various subjects and allowing them to lecture on their areas of expertise. These lectures occur in the classroom, and then we get hands-on, practical training in the field. This way, we are able to learn

not just through hearing but through doing. This experiential method is highly effective, as long as one can keep up. This course is designed to provide an overview of my branch, the Transportation Corps. It is not designed to make me an expert overnight, so luckily, they try to make it easy for my classmates and me to follow along.

So I suppose in essence, I am a new kind of student. In college, I could choose my classes and learn for my own sake. I mention that because the content of what I was learning was not directly related to my current career. BOLC has forced me to look outside of what I want to learn and realize that the purpose of my learning must be leading. The Army teaches us what we need to know to lead soldiers. In this respect, I am experiencing a great deal of excitement here because I am able to see the big picture as it relates to my career and my future.

I am also experiencing culture shock. I can hardly describe how it feels to salute and be saluted. As a lieutenant, I technically outrank enlisted soldiers and non-commissioned offi-

cers. By virtue of my commission as an officer in the Army, these soldiers must salute. I must return that salute. So even though many of these men and women have years more experience than I do, they must pay respect to the commission. It is an odd experience indeed, but each time I pass by a soldier and see his or her arm raise, I am reminded of the great responsibility I now bear. When I report to my new unit, I will be in charge of about 40 soldiers. These soldiers are not just tools or robots; they are America's sons and daughters. They are brave men and women who have chosen to volunteer to serve in a time of war. Knowing the privilege I bear has been a great motivator for me.

Receiving salutes is not the only culture shock I have experienced while here. I am also reeling from living completely on my own. Granted, in this case that means I am living in an extended stay hotel room until I make it to Hawaii this fall. So I am really just easing into living independently. The nice thing, too, is that all of the students in my class live in the same ho-

tel, so I feel almost as if I am still living on campus in a dorm. Even nicer still is that I have a tiny kitchen and bathroom, and the humble apartment is completely my own. This is especially helpful after our long days. I am able to spend time quietly reflecting and re-booting for the next day.

We normally wake up at 4 am, preparing for the day and conducting physical training. Afterward, some of us will go to the gym on post to workout a second time and shower. A rushed breakfast will lead us into morning classes. We usually have an hour or more to break for lunch. After that, we have afternoon classes. Our instructors release us once they have finished with the required material.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I take the opportunity to relieve some stress by participating in combatives classes after my BOLC classes. Basically, we are taught how to fight effectively in close, hand-to-hand combat. I decided to begin learning combatives because I thought it would be an excellent challenge for me to tackle. I must admit, I am not very good at it yet, but I have noticed steady improvement in my technique and my ability over the past few weeks.

All of these new experiences have combined to make me feel as if I am living in a different world. Even as I write this article, I am sitting in the

health clinic on post. The great thing about being a soldier on active duty is that all of my health care is covered. So if I chip a tooth or need new glasses, I can go to the physicians on post and receive treatment and medicine for free. It is comforting knowing that my health will be taken care of should anything happen to me. My health and well-being is important to the Army and to those officers in charge of me, and similarly, when I lead a platoon, the health of my soldiers will be one of my main concerns. I cannot think of my other professions that offer such amazing health benefits.

I am learning that the Army is not simply a job. It is a team, and the people on this team come together to work for the same mission. Together, we are more than the sum of our parts. In the same way that the community of Mount Saint Mary's imaged heaven for me because it was a community of believers working toward the same goal, the Army is now providing a framework for me. I realize that each of us has important things to contribute to the team. So again as I wrote last month, even though there are times when I envy my friends heading to amusement parks or my family vacationing at the beach, or daydream about myself in graduate school, there really is no place I would rather be than right where I am.

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# BBQ, Beehives, and Arts Council

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Have you seen our new home? Our Arts Education Center at 125 South Washington Street, Gettysburg, features inviting spaces for classes in music, dance, theater, visual and culinary arts; a gallery for artist exhibits; workshop; dance studio; a large reception hall with full kitchen for performances, community events and private functions; and artist studios available for short or long term rental. The center is open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Another battle's brewing at Gettysburg—and this time, it's tasty! The Gettysburg Cook-off – North vs. South will bring world-class barbecue, chili, wings, grilled cheese and a bake-off to town on Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15, as championship and novice teams and judges from 22 states and Canada converge at Gateway Gettysburg, Rtes. 15 & 30, for prizes, cash and fame



Nashville rising star Jessie James will perform at the Gettysburg Cook-off at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at Gateway Gettysburg.

in five different categories. The event is officially sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and the International Chili Society.

The Gettysburg Cook-off, sponsored by CenturyLink and the Adams County Arts Council, features something for everyone with samples, food, beer, music, games, vendors, 'Kidzzone' and an American Cornhole Tournament. Proceeds from the event will be used to support arts education programming at the Adams County Arts Education Center.

Great Country WGTY 107.7 has

announced a special country concert featuring up-and-coming Nashville recording artist Jessie James at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday's other musical acts include jazz singer Amy Banks from Lancaster, bluegrass masters Charm City Limits of Baltimore, and Hanover rockers 6 Cent. Sunday features oldies by Savagefunk from Reading and regional rock favorite Joyryde.

Saturday will feature The BBQ Skirmish with teams competing in chicken, ribs, pork, and brisket followed by a Wing Siege with teams competing in four categories. On Sunday things will heat up with a Chili Conflict, a Grilled Cheese Ambush sponsored by The Gettysburg Times, and a closing Powder Keg Bake-off sponsored by Musselman's and Lucky Leaf. Judges are coming from across the East Coast to determine team placements and whether the North prevails or if the South will rise again. CBS 21's Tanya Foster will join the judges in the heat of the Chili Conflict.

Teams and judges from as far away as Alabama and Kansas contacted the Arts Council even before we received official sanctioning so we knew this event would attract enormous attention. These teams are excited about the Gettysburg Cook-Off and that is a truly great thing for the community. Many have told us they're staying for the week, which is a boost for our local businesses and sponsors. Teams

will offer samples of their entries in the competition, as supplies last, and people may cast their vote for People's Choice.

Current sponsors supporting this inaugural event and the Arts Education Center include CenturyLink, Gateway Gettysburg, WGTY/WGET, Knouse Foods, the Butterfield Family, Kennie's Community Marketplace, Coca-Cola, CBS21 and CW15, Gettysburg Times, Battlefield Harley-Davidson, Musselman and Creager, LLP, and the United Way of Adams County.

Local restaurants, home grill masters ("backyarders"), corporate or organizational teams are invited to enlist in the fun by competing for cash and prizes. Space is also still available for vendors.

Save with advance tickets at \$7 for adults or \$12 for a weekend pass and \$3 for children. Add \$3 per adult ticket at the gate. Tickets are available online at [www.adamsarts.org](http://www.adamsarts.org), the Arts Education Center, 125 S. Washington St. and The Wine Store at 17 on the Square, both in Gettysburg, Hanover Hearth, 748 Baltimore St., Hanover and CenturyLink stores in Carlisle and Chambersburg. Event hours are noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Special group prices, which include single day entrance, private tent, and food/beverage, are available for business interested in bringing their summer employee appreciation function to the event.

ACTS of Kindness Theatre Company presents the delightful musical Hairspray, July 20-22 and July 27- 29, at New Oxford High School. Hairspray sweeps the audience away to Baltimore in the 60's, where the 50's are out and change is in the air. Loveable, plus-size, heroine Tracy Turnblad has a passion for dancing and wins a spot on the local TV dance show where she's transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Advance tickets are \$14

for adults, \$12 for students, available at our office or website. Group rates available. Add \$2 for preferred seating or tickets at the door. Curtain time is 7 pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Proceeds benefit the Arts Council and Wig-s4Kids.

For the 150<sup>th</sup> Battle Anniversary, the Gettysburg Foundation and the Arts Council have teamed up for Witness in Wood, an extraordinary opportunity for artists to create new work using "witness" wood from the battle as the raw material. Artists, age 18 or older, are invited to submit a proposal describing how they would transform the wood into a work of art for consideration by juror Sean Matthews, Visual Arts Department Assistant Professor at Messiah College. The exhibit, May 1- June 29, 2013, offers awards of \$3,400. Entry forms are available at our office or on our website. Deadline for submissions is July 30.

Kids, meet your inner artist at a summer arts camp! Space is still available for Young Chefs in the Kitchen (August 6-10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.); Art in Motion Dance Workshop ( August 6-9 and August 13-16, 4-6 p.m.); Professor Kerrigan's School of Magic (August 13-17, 1-3 p.m.); Dirty Hands Pottery Camp (August 6-10, 1-4 p.m.), and Drawing the Future: Beyond the Earth to the Moon (August 13-17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) Coordinator Wendy Heiges has arranged classes for adults, too, in culinary arts, digital photography, oil painting, fused glass, wheel throwing, and jewelry making. Enroll at our office or website. Scholarships are available for students who meet eligibility requirements.

Animal lovers won't want to miss the Creatures Great and Small exhibit in our gallery, July 5 through August 29, with 45 participating artist members. Meet the artists on First Friday July 6. On First Friday August 3, we'll welcome David Fitzpatrick and his Westminster Kennel Club 2012 Best in Show winning Pekingese Malachy who captured top honors in February at Madison Square Garden and is now enjoying life in retirement in East Berlin. Come meet David and Malachy from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and find a piece of animal art you just can't live without. First Friday hours are 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The 3rdThursdaynoon brown bag lunch series continues on July 19 with a concert by The Renovah Duo of flutist Al Gifford and clarinetist Sue Kerr. Bring a lunch and join us at noon for this free, hour-long program.

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IN MY OWN WORDS

# My box of chocolates

Chelsea Baranoski  
Mount St. Mary's Class of 2010

*"My momma always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."* Forrest Gump's momma was right. Life is like a box of chocolates. When I graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in 2010, I had no idea where life would take me. When I graduated, I opened up a box of chocolates called Life. Would I get the chocolate covered cherry, the ooey gooey caramel, or the coconut cream? Did I accept the right job for me? What would it be like to live back home in the 'Dena again? What would the social scene be like away from my cozy college campus? All of these questions whirled through my head.

A few days after I graduated from the Mount, I began work at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections. My work at the Board of Elections was great; I got a lot of writing and editing experience working on Election Judge Manuals, specimen ballots, and meeting minutes. However, I knew I could not spend forever there. I needed a permanent job with benefits.

*"That day, for no particular reason, I decided to go for a little run. So I ran to the end of the road. And when I got there, I thought maybe I'd run to the end of town. And when I got there, I thought maybe I'd just run across Greenbow County. And I figured, since I run this far, maybe I'd just run across the great state of Alabama. And that's what I did. I ran clear across Alabama."*

Okay, so I didn't run across Alabama like Forrest Gump. I didn't run in the Baltimore Marathon. I didn't even run to the end of my road. I did participate in the Race to Find a New Job. I ran after job post after job post with cover letter, resume, and references in hand. Ran after interview after interview in a power dress and high heels. Almost every night when I came home from working at the Board of Elections, I would scope out Career Builder and job openings with the State of Maryland. It took one year of running (I was definitely in shape for the job market by then) until I landed my current job.

Not long after Thanksgiving 2011, I began my job as a proofreader/transcriber at Free State Reporting, Inc., a court reporting business in Annapolis, Maryland. My first day at Free State was hard. I was so used to knowing exactly what I was doing at the Board of Elections. Now, I had to learn, learn, and learn some more! I had to learn the correct formatting for National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) court transcripts, the art of the double dash to separate thoughts, the meaning of courtroom terminology, how to scan, tab, PDF, and bookmark exhibits, how to bind transcripts, create invoices, etc.

Now, I am 7 months into my job and I am still learning new things. I recently became the account manager for the Department of Health and Human Services transcripts. This means that I am the main contact



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person between Free State Reporting, Inc. and DHHS. DHHS sends me audio recordings from hearings that need to be transcribed. I assign transcribers the audio and proofread their work before sending it out with the courier for delivery in Washington, D.C. I create invoices for DHHS and assure that the transcribers I assign to the hearings get paid. Soon, I will receive another new assignment: Department of Labor solicitation office transcripts. More learning is ahead in this race!

I am thankful that I ran, and ran, and ran like Forrest. I may not have won a ribbon or a shiny medal, but I did win a job and amazing, thoughtful coworkers. To all who are looking for a job, just keep on running! You may find yourself running clear across the United States, but it will all be worth it when you cross the finish line.

In addition to a new job, I have also taken up a new hobby: swing dancing.

*"You know it's funny what a young man recalls? 'Cause I don't remember bein' born. I don't recall what I got for my first Christmas and I don't know when I went on my first outdoor picnic. But I do remember the first time I heard the sweetest voice in the wide world."*

Just like Forrest Gump vividly remembers Jenny's voice, I vividly remember my first swing dance. It was March 2011. I walked through the doors of the Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Severna Park Community Center wearing a magenta dress and not knowing a soul in the room. I was nervous, so nervous in fact, that my body was shaking. I sat down on the sofa and talked with two girls, one of whom had also never been to a swing dance before. *That's good, I thought to myself. I'm not the only one. And these people are friendly! Yes!* Craig and Susanne, the Gottaswing instructors, gathered everyone in a circle for a beginner swing dance lesson. I stumbled over the triple steps, rock steps, and tuck turns, but thankfully, my partners were understanding. They

could tell that I was nervous, commenting on my shaking body and telling me to relax.

After completing my first swing lesson, I was able to test my new skills on the dance floor. I thought it was great that even though I was new and didn't know the swingout from the Charleston, the leads (gents) still asked me to dance. They introduced themselves and talked while we were dancing, making me feel more comfortable, even though I'm sure I still had the nervous shakes. I remember one lead bringing me over to Craig for a dance so that Craig could help me feel more comfortable with swing dancing. Later, Susanne tried to teach me the swing steps. Triple step, triple step, rock step. My brain knew what the order of the steps should be, but my feet refused to cooperate. Needless to say, I left my first swing dance with a flyer for swing lessons.

A lot has changed since that cool March day. Now, I can't imagine life without swing dancing. *"Momma says they was magic shoes. They could take me anywhere."* My magic shoes are a little different than Forrest's. They're my dance shoes. In a few months time, they have been everywhere, from the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park to Mobtown Ballroom in Baltimore to where it all began, the Holy Grounds Youth Center in Severna Park.

Numerous swing classes later, I can feel my swing dancing improving each time my herringbone shoe hits the hardwood. When I worked at the Board of Elections, one of my coworkers and I practiced swingouts (tricky 8-count footwork) in the lunchroom. I stumbled all over the place, but tried my best to take my coworker's advice. A month ago, I saw my coworker at Mobtown Ballroom in Baltimore and he told me that I've really improved. That really meant a lot to me, especially since he encouraged me to try swing dancing. Sometimes I still have trouble making my arms as loose as noodles and my body still tends to tense up when I go into a dip, but I definitely feel a lot more confident on the dance floor than I

once was. I hope that one day I will be able to dance in a jam, pulling off the flawless swingouts and fast, smooth footwork that I so admire.

Swing dancing is what energizes me. Makes me come alive. The big band music. The smooth hardwood floor. The turns and dips. The twirly dresses and Sinatra fedoras. The friendly, welcoming faces. The social atmosphere especially keeps me coming to more and more swing dances. The social scene reminds me a lot of the Mount. At the Mount, I saw the same faces everyday and everyone was so friendly, saying "Hi, how are you?" and opening doors. Indeed, my "home" swing venue, the Holy Grounds Youth Center, is a lot like my MOUNTain home. It is a place where everyone knows your name. It is one of the few places that I can relax and let go of all of my worries. Just like I found a home at the Mount, I found a home on the hardwood. I have met people of all backgrounds on the dance floor and not a day goes by that I don't thank the Lord for the swing friends that have become more like a swing family.

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A home at Free State Reporting, Inc. A home on the dance floor. Now, I can also say that I am back home with the Emmitsburg News Journal. Like Forrest and Jenny, we go together *"like peas and carrots."* You can ex-

pect to see more articles from me in the future. Which reminds me, I was supposed to remind you all about a little something besides my life. It was about a war. Nope, not the Vietnam War that Forrest Gump proudly served in. Not the Civil War. The War of 1812.

The "forgotten war" is celebrating its 200th anniversary and Baltimore is at the heart of it. In June, Baltimore hosted a "Sailabration" to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. declaration of war against Great Britain. Tall ships from around the world lined Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the Blue Angels soared across the city sky, performing electrifying stunts. More celebrations will occur in September 2014, when ten days of reenactments, fireworks, parades, and a maritime festival mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore and Francis Scott Key's *Star Spangled Banner*.

In the meantime, be sure to plan a trip to Fort McHenry to commemorate this grand event in our nation's history. After all, the defense of this local fort inspired a national anthem. You may also wish to visit Maryland's Historical Society to catch a glimpse of Francis Scott Key's original draft of the *Star Spangled Banner*. As Marylander's, we should be proud that Baltimore played a significant role in helping America to become "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

And in the words of Forrest Gump, *"that's all I have to say about that."*

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## MOUNT SPORTS

# Mount opens facilities to Emmitsburg

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Have you ever attended a game at Mount Saint Mary's University? You might recall the students cheering in excitement as the Mountaineers score the final goal or the faculty and staff showing their pride in the school while they watch their students compete just like a proud parent would. However, if you look around, you will not only see those from within the Mount community or Mount alumni but you will also see those from the local Emmitsburg area who came out to support the Mountaineers.

Mount Saint Mary's University is extremely lucky to have such a great relationship with the Emmitsburg community. The people of Emmitsburg are always willing to help out Mount Saint Mary's University, whether it is a local business assisting students in a fundraiser to benefit the school or taking their families to watch a Division 1 athletic event, Emmitsburg is always supportive of the Mount. As a way to thank many of those people from Emmitsburg and surrounding communities, Mount Saint Mary's University offers a membership plan to the Knott Athletic Recreation Convoca-

tion Complex, which resides in the PNC Sports Complex. The PNC Sports Complex takes up a majority of the east side of campus. It is where all of the sporting facilities are located, including the ARCC.

The Knott Recreation Convocation Complex, known as the ARCC, is a 105,000 square foot structure used for athletics, large events such as Relay for Life, and student recreation. A main feature of the ARCC is Knott Arena, where all of the Mount basketball games take place. The Arena seats over 3,000 people and is a beautiful sight for those who love the Mount. During games, the arena becomes filled with passionate fans and can get a little noisy. Knott Arena is also used as a convocation center, hosting such things as orientation and graduations.

Inside the ARCC is also a 25-meter swimming pool, which is open to the public for a membership fee. Classes are offered for the pool such as swimming lessons or Arthritis Aquatics. However, the pool schedule does operate around the university's swim team.

Overlooking the pool is the newly constructed PNC fitness center. The two-floor center contains equipment such as free weights, cardio and much more. Extending over

4,800 square feet, the center is also open to the public for a fee. There are two trainers available for help and throughout the academic year, many fitness programs are available, including Zumba, kickboxing, and resistance training. The Mount also offers fitness center orientation and personal training. Not everyone is a super health nut or knows exactly how to use a machine or what muscles they need to focus on. Fitness center orientation is an initial workout to help introduce you to the equipment and give you guidance in working out. Personal training is provided to those who have certain goals they would like to achieve but are not sure how to go about reaching them. With the help of a personal trainer, you can find a routine that helps reach that goal.

Another main feature of the ARCC is the John J. Dillon Field House, named after a former president of Mount Saint Mary's University. A large, indoor track circles the field house. It is available to anyone, from those who run for the school's track team to those who run for pleasure. As long as you have a membership, you can use it. The Field House also offers several areas to play basketball, tennis or volleyball.

The ARCC also holds both men's and women's locker rooms with showers and a sauna in each that are open to members. In the upper level, there are several conference rooms and offices for those who work in the athletic and recreational departments.

Along with the ARCC, Mount Saint Mary's University is also home to several outdoor facilities that stretch across the beautiful Emmitsburg landscape.

Upon entering the ARCC from the front entrance, you will notice a number of tennis courts all in a row. These are the home tennis courts of both the men's and women's tennis teams. Off to the side, there is a small pavilion where fans can sit and watch the match. The tennis courts are open to students, faculty, and members of the ARCC who would like to use the courts. However, like the pool, the tennis courts and their availability revolve around the schedule of the university's tennis team.

If you go around to the back entrance of the ARCC, the first thing



Mount Sports facilities offer exceptional viewing opportunities.

you will notice are large, silver, mirror-like machines. They are solar panels. Mount Saint Mary's University recently constructed a solar farm and is part of a national initiative for clean energy. The solar farm is expected to produce 22 million kilowatt hours of energy and is the largest solar farm in the state of Maryland. We at the Mount are very proud of our new solar farm and our efforts to go green. However, once you move beyond panels, you will see many outdoor facilities, including a baseball field and a stadium that is used for lacrosse and soccer.

Nearest to the solar panels is Our Lady of the Meadows Field, also known as MSM Softball Field. Home to the Mount's softball team, the field was renovated in 2011 and is a great place to come relax, watch some softball and cheer on the Mountaineers.

Next to the softball field is the Waldron Family Stadium, which is used for both soccer and lacrosse. Named after Trustee Emeritus Eugene Waldron and his family, the stadium was added in 2007 and seats up to 1,000 people. The stadium includes locker rooms, a concession stand and the Walsh Team Center, dedicated to former Mount baseball player John Walsh who has been very supportive of Mount athletics over the years. The field itself is called the Lawrence E. Horning Sr. Field in honor of alum Larry Horning. The Waldron Family Sta-

dium offers a friendly environment to come out and support the talented athletes at Mount Saint Mary's.

Morgan Track, located adjacent to Waldron Family Stadium, provides a place for the men's and women's track teams to compete. The Mount is fortunate to have many gifted athletes and have produced some incredible runners including several Olympians such as Peter Rono, Bill Motti, Kip Cheruiyot and his twin brother Charles Cheruiyot. If you come to a Mount track event, you might just see a potential Olympic athlete.

To the right of Waldron Family Stadium is one of my favorite facilities to go to and catch a game with my friends after a long day of classes. Known as the E.T. Straw Family Stadium after Mount graduate Erv Straw, it is the baseball field for the Mountaineers. The park includes bleachers that wrap around the stadium, bullpens, an outfield fence, and a sound system that is controlled from the press box. If you are missing baseball season but don't have time to drive all the way to Frederick, Hagerstown, or Baltimore, you can enjoy an exciting game at the Mount.

Mount Saint Mary's University has a number of great facilities and encourages the Emmitsburg community to take advantage of them, whether you want a new gym to work out at or a chance to cheer on the Mount.



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## MOUNT CREATIVE WRITERS

# Life of Joy

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## Part 2

“Who are you?” she asked in a demanding yet endearing voice.

“I’m Jake,” I replied cautiously. “Who are you?”

“I’m Joy. But you can just call me Joy.”

“Hello Joy. What are you doing?”

She giggled and shook her head, as if my question was completely uncalled for. “I’m sitting in this tree. Want to join me?”

Without hesitating, I began to climb the tree and was soon seated on the branch opposite her. I said nothing, feeling strangely comfortable sitting in complete silence next to my neighbor. I looked around the tree at the vibrant green of the leaves and knotty, gray trunk, then at the ground below, which was much further down than I had initially realized, and finally over at Ms. Joy. Her eyes were closed, face tilted up toward the canopy of the tree, and she was smiling, breathing deeply through her nose and exhaling in great sighs. She looked so serene, so peaceful, and yet so full of energy, so alive.

Suddenly, her eyes snapped open and she caught me staring at her. That toothy grin, which had already become so familiar to me, spread across her face, turning her sparkling green eyes into slits surrounded by countless folds of soft, happy wrinkles. She motioned to me with a long, bony finger, and I leaned in closer.

“I like climbing trees for fun,” she whispered. “But the main reason is because the Germans can’t see me up here. My guess is that they would kill me if they ever found me.”

“Why would the Germans want to kill you?” I exclaimed, astonished that anyone in their right mind would want to harm Ms. Joy.

“Well because ‘ol Henry kicked their sorry asses during the war, that’s why! They’ve never been able to get over it.”

“Henry?”

“Oh yes, my poor husband Henry, God rest his soul.”

“Well what did he do to them?”

“Don’t they teach you kids anything in school anymore? He dropped a bomb and blew up the entire country! Ended the whole war right then and there.”

“Oh,” I replied quietly, hesitant to ask any more questions.

“Whole country just blown to bits, can’t even find it on a map anymore! That’s why they all came over here. And that’s why I’m sitting in this tree.”

“Well that’s a great reason, Ms. Joy,” I said, smiling at her. “I’m sorry, but what happened to Mr. Henry? Did he die in the war?”

She chuckled. “Oh heavens, no. Henry lived a long life after the war. We married and had four boys, all strapping young men now. Henry and I owned a pet store in town, called it Leonard’s Fish and Pet Supplies. Leonard was a childhood friend of his. We had all sorts of animals, mostly the little ones— fish and mice and rabbits.

“Well one day Henry decided he wanted snakes. Snakes! ‘You’re gonna go and get yourself killed,’ I told him. ‘One of those ugly things bites you and you’re a goner,’ I said. He would just laugh and pat my shoulder. Wouldn’t you know it though, I grew to like those snakes. Still keep a couple in the basement. But anyway, we were getting the store ready to open one morning, and I hear him yell from the back. I ran back and turned the corner, and there he was, lying on the ground, dead as a doornail.”

“Oh, Ms. Joy! That’s just horrible!” I gasped, and grabbed her hand. “One of the snakes bit him?”

“No, no, child. He slipped on some dog food on the ground. Fell down and hit his big old head, split it right in two!”

My stomach lurched and black dots swam in front of my eyes. I took a deep breath and swallowed hard, trying to force the vomit back down my throat.

“Well anyway, enough about that,” she chirped. “How about some pancakes?”

“But it’s 4:00 in the afternoon,” I sputtered through clenched teeth, wondering how my queasy stomach would handle pancakes.

“Is it? Hmm,” she tapped the side of her forehead with her long, crooked finger, then threw both hands up in the air and shouted jubilantly, “Well then it’ll have to be pancakes AND waffles! Come on, Jake.”

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I started high school that September. Allentown is a relatively small place, so most of the kids in my grade had gone to school together for their entire lives. It took a while, but I soon made a small group of acquaintances, who I would eat lunch with and sit next to during class. It became obvious to me soon enough, though, that I would never be a member of their “in-crowd,” so to speak.

But that didn’t matter. I had Ms. Joy.

Every single day was a new adventure with Ms. Joy, mostly because she could have cared less about the passing of time. She wore Henry’s old military watch on her skinny wrist, but its battery had died years before. Heck, I honestly don’t think she even knew how to tell time. I vividly remember one time, sitting together on her front stoop watching the sun slowly drop down behind my house, and I asked her what she



was planning on doing the next day.

“Tomorrow?” she said, looking confused and horrified at the same time. “Jake, I haven’t even finished with today yet! Why the hell would I start thinking about tomorrow?”

Touché, Ms. Joy, touché.

Every day after school, I ran off the bus, dumped my backpack on the front porch, shouted to mom through the front door that I was home, and ran across the street. On nice days, she would be outside, doing yoga or kick-boxing or whatever latest workout craze had caught her attention, or washing and polishing her motorcycle—which she had named Rita after the daughter she never had— or watering her flowers and planting more, or just sitting on the curb amongst her army of lawn gnomes, looking lost yet completely content.

We spent countless hours walking around the neighborhood, waving at cars that passed, and exploring the vacant lot at the end of Piccadilly Lane, which was even more overgrown than her front lawn and presented us with great trees for climbing and vines for swinging. She taught me how to shoot her old Colt .45 Remington model, filled with buckshot, using squirrels as targets. I would always feel so guilty, watching their little bodies fall lifeless into the dirt, but she cheered after every kill, shouting “You got another one of the SOB’s, Jake! Hell of a marksman, you are!”

She also introduced me to Frank, the goat that lived in her back yard. She kept him there so that she never had to mow the lawn, and he performed his job marvelously. Frank was a bit of a grump, though, so we never really became friends. He would always glare at me from across the yard, then turn and plop down on the ground with his back to-

Turning to lay back down and cover my head with a pillow, I looked at the clock before closing my eyes— It was 3:30 in the morning.

My family was never much of a church-going crowd, but every single Sunday during high school, Miss Joy would drag me along to Pope Pius X Catholic Church, because, as she would say “We’ve gotta get some Jesus into this boy!” I didn’t like the idea of it initially, because I felt out of place and awkward not knowing any of the responses, but with her next to me, all of my worries faded. She had her very own spot in the front row, and every member of the tiny congregation knew it was her spot, and if a poor soul happened to wander unknowingly into her spot, she would inform them immediately and mercilessly. Her favorite church song was “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” and whenever they used it as the entrance song, she would be the first to stand up and the last to sit down, drawing out every note three times longer and singing ten times louder than everyone else. She would close her eyes and belt the lyrics from her heart, from the very depths of her soul, and sway back and forth with her hands raised high, palms out in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord God Almighty. In time with the beat, she would begin marching in place and banging the hymnal against the pew in front of her, pounding her free fist forcefully into the air: “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword. His truth is marching on!” I was extremely alarmed the first time she did this, and I looked around nervously, assured that someone would kick her out of the church for such a spectacle. But, as I should have known, no one said a single word.

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## SIMPLE SERVINGS

## Adventures in pasta salad

Sharon Racine

It's that time of year again – pasta salad season! No summer cookout would be complete without some variety of this light summertime meal option. One of the best things about pasta salad of any kind is its versatility. Heavier ingredients can be eliminated for lighter fare more fit for side dishes, or certain components, such as grilled chicken, shrimp, or chick peas, can be added to create more filling and protein-packed main entrées.

The pasta itself provides a blank canvas of sorts; its plain nature allows it to blend with any seasonings, dressings and add-ins that your inner chef deems fit for your next pasta salad venture. My favorite types of pasta salad are those that imitate some of my favorite sandwiches – for example, BLT, tuna and caprese (recipes below). I'm also a huge fan of tortellini and will eat it in any way, shape or form, including that of a light and summery pasta salad.

If you've never tried any of the below recipes, I highly recommend you add one (or all!) of them to your summer-recipes-to-try list. Not only are they simple to whip up, but they make great



BLT Pasta Salad Via FoodNetwork.com

leftovers, which I am also a big fan of. Because, you know, a pasta salad BLT is far more interesting than a sandwich BLT.

#### BLT Pasta Salad Adapted from FoodNetwork.com

##### Ingredients:

12 ounce rotini (or other) shaped pasta  
 ½ cup skim milk  
 12 ounces turkey bacon  
 3 medium ripe tomatoes, cut into chunks  
 ½ Tablespoon chopped fresh thyme  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise  
 1/4 cup Greek yogurt  
 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream  
 4 tablespoons chopped chives  
 5 cups chopped baby spinach

##### Instructions:

Cook pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water as the label directs. Drain and toss with the milk in a large bowl; set aside.

Meanwhile, cook turkey bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crisp. Drain completely on paper towels. Add the tomatoes, thyme and garlic to the pan and toss until warmed through; season with salt and pepper. Crumble bacon into bite-size pieces; set aside 1/4 cup for garnish. Toss the remaining bacon and the tomato mixture with the pasta.

Mix the fat-free mayonnaise, low-fat sour cream and 3 tablespoons chives with the pasta until evenly combined. Season with salt and pepper. Add the spinach; toss again to coat. Garnish with the reserved bacon and the remaining 1 tablespoon chives. Serve at room temperature.

#### Tuna Macaroni Salad Via Food52.com

##### Ingredients:

16 ounces rotini or large macaroni pasta  
 2 stalks of celery, diced small  
 1 small sweet onion, chopped  
 5 hard boiled eggs, chopped  
 1-5 oz. can of tuna fish in water - drained

1 ½ cups fat-free mayonnaise  
 ¼ cup of Dijon mustard  
 1 Tablespoon season salt, such as McCormick Season All

##### Instructions:

Cook pasta according to directions; rinse with cold water.

In a large bowl combine cooled pasta, tuna fish, celery, onion and egg. Mix in mayonnaise, mustard and seasoned salt. Stir well.

Cover and let sit in fridge for at least 4 hours to let flavors absorb and blend. Periodically take out of fridge and stir. If the pasta looks dry, add a little more mayonnaise. Add more salt if needed.

Serve cold! Serves 10-12.

#### Caprese Pasta Salad Via Family.com

##### Ingredients:

1 pound dried pasta shapes (fusilli, orecchiette, penne)  
 Approximately 6 medium tomatoes, roughly diced  
 ½ pound fresh, water-packed mozzarella, cubed  
 ¼ cup balsamic vinegar  
 ½ cup olive oil  
 1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
 ½ teaspoon mayonnaise  
 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or half as much table salt)  
 Freshly ground black pepper  
 1 packed cup basil leaves, washed, spun dry, and slivered  
 1/3 cup toasted pine nuts

##### Instructions:

Bring a large pot of water to a boil

and salt it heavily (it should taste like seawater), then add the pasta and cook until just done.

Meanwhile, place the diced tomatoes and cheese into a very large bowl. Whisk together the vinegar, olive oil, garlic, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper to taste; the mayo will help keep the oil and vinegar from separating.

Drain the hot pasta and shake it dry (don't rinse it), then add to the bowl with cheese and tomatoes, stirring with a rubber spatula to combine.

Add about half the dressing, and stir again, then fold in the basil and pine nuts.

Add more dressing and salt, if necessary. Cover bowl and let sit at room temperature for an hour or so to let the flavors blend and to allow the pasta to absorb some of the juice that will come out of the tomatoes. Don't refrigerate - the pasta may get tough and the tomatoes may get spongy. Taste just before serving and re-season as necessary.

Serves 6.

#### Tortellini Pasta Salad Via GoodCheapEats.com

##### Ingredients:

12 ounces cheese tortellini, cooked according to package directions, rinsed and drained  
 16 ounce can chick peas, drained and rinsed  
 2 cups chopped fresh spinach  
 10 ounce package grape tomatoes  
 1/4 cup chopped carrots  
 1/3 cup red wine vinegar  
 Juice of 1/2 lemon  
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
 1/2 teaspoon crushed garlic  
 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil  
 Salt and Pepper

##### Instructions:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the tortellini, garbanzo beans, spinach, tomatoes, and carrots.

In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, lemon juice, oregano, and garlic. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Whisk in the olive oil.

Pour the dressing over the salad and toss gently to combine. Adjust seasonings.

Serve chilled or at room temperature – serves 4.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

# History moves forward as Hickory Bridge Farm celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> year

Hickory Bridge Farm's history dates back to the late 1600s when the King of England granted the land to Charles Carroll, the father of the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Carroll sold the land in 250 acre parcels called "plantations" to the Scotch Irish settlers. The first settler was John Carrick who established the farm and built the farmhouse of clay bricks where guests now enjoy bed and breakfast accommodations. Mr. Carrick had two sons who became involved in the Revolutionary War. His son, Samuel, became a man of "Note". Samuel was a well-known minister and teacher in southern Virginia and Tennessee. He founded a college that was called Blount College that later became the university of Tennessee. Mr. John Carrick lived until 1812 when he was almost 100 years old. His death was news worthy since many people did not live that long.

The next owners of the farm were the Herrings. They established a distillery on the property near the spring. The Herrings had the farm during the Civil War era. The only activity during this time was that two soldiers stayed in a mill until the war ended. The mill was located just past the farm near the bridge. It is also believed that soldiers escaped the war by fleeing up the hollow and into the mountains.



Blue Grass Chapel Band

The Heintzelman family acquired the farm next and established a blacksmith shop on the property. On August 15, 1887 they lost their barn due to a lightning strike. The contents were 200 bu. wheat, 200 bu. rye, 300 bu. oats, 16 tons hay, and 13 hogs. After the fire, a large barn was built with oak and chestnut beams and now serves as a beautiful restaurant. The Heintzelmans enjoyed many family reunions at the farm; in fact, several of the Heintzelman descendants still visit Hickory Bridge Farm for dinner.

In 1905 the Deardorffs purchased the farm. A copy of the sale is posted in the restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. Scott acquired the farm next and established the

restaurant in the early 1960s. In 1977, when the restaurant was at a low ebb, the Hammett family purchased the property. The Hammetts had just sold the Fairfield Inn and planned to serve family style dinners at the Farm. Over the years, the next generation, Robert and Mary Lynn Hammett Martin have managed the restaurant. Now

the third generation, Robert and Sarah Martin are "on board" for the next chapter of history at Hickory Bridge Farm.

The Martins feature family style dinners at Hickory Bridge Farm. Individual dinner guests come to the farm on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sundays, mid-day. Special events including retirements, anniversaries, weddings and teas are served during the week and on Saturdays. A very special Butterfly Tea for children is planned for July 10, 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. This event benefits Adams County Special Olympics. Bed and breakfast accommodations are available in the Farmhouse and several cottages.

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> the Hammetts and Martins celebrate 35 years of serving guests at Hickory Bridge Farm. The celebration will include a delicious summer dinner featuring Open Pit Pork, Oven Fried Chicken, Crab Imperial and fresh summer produce. Live music by the Blue Grass Chapel band will be enjoyed by everyone.



Butterfly tea party

Throughout the years, many family traditions have been made at Hickory Bridge Farm. Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings have become an important part of the history of this very special place that friends recommend to friends.

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## COMPLEMENTARY CORNER

# Healing foods for your organs

## Part 2

Renee Lehman

Last month, part one of Healing Foods, reviewed specific Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) principles and foods that nourish the basic substances of the body. This month's article discusses foods that can help the specific organs of your body function more smoothly.

### Traditional Chinese Medicine Principles

As a reminder, TCM deals with balancing the flow of the natural vital energy, or Qi (pronounced "chee") which flows through all living things. This Qi flows through the body on specific invisible energy pathways called Meridians, and is essential for health. The Meridians run through the body and connect the body's structures and organs. When the Qi is unbalanced, blocked or stagnant,

disease or dis-ease, will occur. This dis-ease may show up as symptoms on a physical, mental/emotional, or spiritual level. When the Qi is balanced, flows smoothly, and in sufficient quality and quantity, your organs will function in harmony.

Also, from previous articles, remember that your body's organs are related to an Element found in nature. Together the Five Elements (Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water) help us to understand the process of dynamic harmony and balance in ourselves and the whole universe. Therefore, when it comes to our health, if all Five Elements (and their corresponding organs) are in balance within us, then we are at a state of optimal health/wellness.

### Healing Foods for Your Organs

The organs that correspond with the Wood element are the Liver and Gallbladder. In Chinese medicine, the

Liver is considered to be the "architect of your life" or the "commander of the armed forces in defense of life." The Liver is responsible for assessing the circumstances within and around us, and creating a plan on how to flourish in life given these circumstances. Overall, the Liver's function is regulating the smooth flow of energy in the body. The Gallbladder has the ability to see what is "just and exact" to fulfill your plans. So, if the Liver is like the architect of your "inner blueprint", then the Gallbladder is the "site foreman" who carries out the plan.

If the Liver and Gallbladder are not functioning smoothly on a mind/body/spirit level, you may notice: brittle, splitting fingernails; eye irritations; tendon problems; indigestion and bloating; chronic stress; chronic anger; menstrual problems; excess weight; and migraine headaches (especially on the left side of the head).

Foods that may help the Liver and Gallbladder function more smoothly:

1. Bamboo shoots
2. Bee pollen
3. Broccoli rabe
4. Dandelion greens
5. Eggplant
6. Fennel
7. Garlic
8. Ginger
9. Lemon
10. Safflower Oil
11. Scallions
12. Vinegar
13. Avoid saturated fats, over-salted and over-processed foods (they may congest your Liver)

The organs that correspond with the Fire element are the Heart and Small Intestine. The Heart is considered to be the "Supreme Controller". In China 3000 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 within the body (your other organs) and at the same time relies on them for guidance in "running the kingdom." If the Heart radiates

virtue, then all will be in harmony, balance, and peace. The Small Intestine is considered to be the "Sorter," giving us the ability to thrive through its ability to sort the pure from the impure.

If the Heart and Small Intestine are not functioning smoothly on a mind/body/spirit level, you may notice: high blood pressure; poor digestion; dry mouth; thirst (especially at night); cold sores; skin breakouts; and nightmares.

Foods that may help the Heart and Small Intestine function more smoothly:

1. Broccoli
2. Broccoli rabe
3. Escarole
4. Red beets
5. Red plum tomatoes
6. Licorice
7. Watermelon
8. Eat warming foods (paprika, cinnamon, red pepper, and black pepper).

The organs that correspond with the Earth element are the Stomach and Spleen. In Chinese medicine, the Stomach and Spleen functions like a "functional yoke." They are responsible for digesting and transforming the "nourishment" that we take into our bodies and then transporting it to every cell in our body.

If the Stomach and Spleen are not functioning smoothly on a mind/body/spirit level, you may notice: poor sleep; insomnia; a tendency toward bruising easily; migraine headaches (in the center of the forehead); high cholesterol; digestive problems; poor appetite; lack of energy; muscle problems; allergies; and Worry, Worry, Worry.

Foods that may help the Stomach and Spleen function more smoothly:

1. Ginger
2. Dates
3. Peanuts
4. Watermelon
5. Chinese barley (also called Job's Tears)
6. Sweet potato
7. Well cooked foods (warm foods)

The organs that correspond with the Metal element are the Lung, and the Large Intestine. In Chinese medicine, the Lung and Large Intestine have many functions on a body, mind, and spirit level. Overall, they allow for the natural flow of "letting go of the old and taking in the new." They are so interdependent, that if one does not function well, the other will fail.

If the Lung and Large Intestine are not functioning smoothly on a mind/body/spirit level, you may notice: asthma; constipation; diarrhea; chronic cough; problems with any loss of senses (smell, taste, etc.); and skin problems (rashes, dry or rough skin, acne, and blemishes).

Foods that may help the Lung and Large Intestine function more smoothly:

1. Honey
2. Mushrooms
3. Pears
4. Scallions
5. Bamboo shoots
6. Chestnuts
7. Mint
8. White sesame seeds
9. Decrease rich, fatty foods and processed foods because they may create phlegm in your respiratory system.

The organs that correspond with the Water element are the Kidneys and Bladder. In Chinese medicine, the Kidneys and Bladder have many functions on a body, mind, and spirit level.

The Kidneys are at the root of all of our physical functioning. They are the source of our potential (they are considered to be our "battery pack"). The energy from our "battery pack" activates our metabolism and motivates us to live (think about surviving through the winter). The Bladder has the vital function of storing and regulating the water and flow of energy for the entire body.

If the Kidneys and Bladder are not functioning smoothly on a mind/body/spirit level, you may notice: loss of hair; easily broken bones; forgetfulness; frequent urination; thyroid problems; high blood pressure; chronic low back pain, neck pain, knee pain, and heel pain; tinnitus; osteoporosis.

Foods that may help the Kidneys and Bladder function more smoothly:

1. Walnuts
2. Pine nuts
3. Black beans
4. Black sesame seeds
5. Cinnamon
6. Sesame oil
7. Walnut oil
8. Seafood (Salt water)

When it comes to your health, are your organs functioning smoothly on a body/mind/spirit level? Did any of the examples of the organs not functioning smoothly resonate with you? If you have observed any of the listed imbalances within yourself, consider incorporating the appropriate foods into your eating plan. Remember, that when you eat, you can be EATING FOR HEALING!

"Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food."  
Hippocrates, 400 BC

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**FITNESS**

# Keep Moving

## Exercise, hydration, and summer heat

**Linda Stultz**  
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Don't stop exercising because it is hot, just be smart about it. People don't realize how much the heat can affect their internal system. When we sweat, we lose moisture, but we lose a lot more. Most of the time we don't really think about how much our body needs to be hydrated. The body is made up of 70% water. That's why we can live longer without food than we can without water. By the time we feel thirsty, we are already starting to dehydrate. When we get a glass of water, that replaces the liquid lost in daily activities. In the summer, when we sweat more so we need to drink more.

Be sure to replenish your carbs and protein after a workout too. I'm not giving you a pass to eat more, just a healthy snack will do. After all, you just burned off some extra calories and you don't want to pack them right back on.

Before starting your walk, workout or even just a day at the park, have a glass of water. Hydrate your body before it asks for it. Try to drink a glass every half-hour or so. Prepare a water jug full of ice to last all day. Make it a fun game for the kids by putting their water in their favorite container or get them a water bottle like mom or dad's. Most of my client's don't like water. They would rather have a soda, tea, coffee or something else. Water is one of the

most important parts of my nutrition plan and should be one of the most important items on your daily diet.

You should continue to exercise as usual during the summer months, but remember to drink lots of water and plan your exercise according to the temperature outside. Always remember to use sun screen. The sun gets stronger and hotter in the summer and sometimes we don't realize just how quickly it can burn our skin. Try to walk in the early morning, late afternoon or evening. If possible, exercise in an air-conditioned place or a shaded area. We know it gets hot outside in the summer but just take a minute to think about how you can keep up your exercise routine by adjusting a few things. Be aware of what your body is telling you. You may be more fatigued in hot weather, so don't push yourself as hard. Your body knows just how much it can take and it will take no more. Hydrating your body and giving it proper nutrition will help you



through those workouts. Just remember that doing a little each day is better than doing nothing at all.

If you don't do any exercise, now is the time to start. Summer days are longer and may give you the extra time you were looking for. Early risers can go for a walk or run before work. I find that a great way to start the day. Some people would rather be out in

the evening and this is a great way to wind down from the days stress and activities. Whatever time you choose is fine. The important thing is to get started.

This article is short, but to the point. Exercise, but be smart about it.

If you have any questions, please call me at 717-334-6009.

Remember, Keep moving! You'll be glad you did.

# Fitness Matters

## Expert answers to your health and wellness questions

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Question: My wife thinks she'll get big and bulky if she starts lifting weights with me. How do I convince her otherwise?

Answer: This comes up all the time, and it's one of the biggest myths out there. First of all, women simply don't have the proper hormonal balance to put on large amounts of muscle tissue. Secondly, even if they did have the right physiology, it would take some serious training to do it. Getting bigger muscles requires high-volume workouts (lots of sets and reps) and a pretty high intensity as well. Picking up a few weights here and there isn't a recipe for building mass—it's what you do and how you do it that really makes the difference. Remind your wife that weight training programs can always be tailored to specific goals, so if she doesn't want to put on large amounts of muscle, that's just fine. Generally speaking, a full-body circuit with higher rep ranges a few days per week would work well if she's just looking to tone up or maintain her current level of muscle tissue. If she wants to get an individualized program based on her goals, look for a qualified personal trainer in your area.

Question: I train for a lot of endurance events and I'm getting tired of the same old sports drinks. Are there any alternatives

that would work just as well?

Answer: Absolutely! There are many other engineered sports nutrition products that are designed for consumption during training sessions and races. Gels are a popular choice and so are Sharkies, Sports Beans, Clif Shot Bloks, and Cytomax Energy Drops. All of these essentially function in the same way, and provide carbohydrate for energy and some much-needed electrolytes. Some may include other ingredients as well, including caf-

feine. Your best bet is to experiment with several options during your training to find out what's most palatable and well tolerated. It's also important to remember that these products are very concentrated, so they need to be consumed with plenty of water to help with the digestive process. If you fail to do this, you'll likely end up with gastrointestinal distress, and no one wants that in the midst of a training session or race. Lastly, let's not forget about good ol' solid food. Some people perform really well consuming bananas and pretzels. The issue here is finding something that's both easy to carry and will keep well throughout your event. Good luck!

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## ASTRONOMY

# The night sky of July

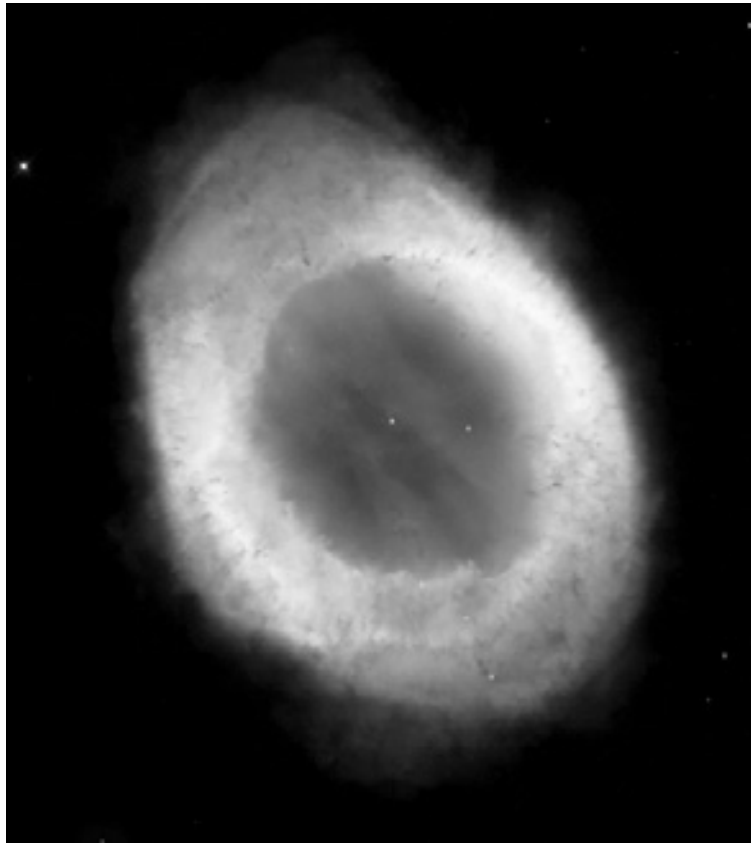
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For July, the Moon will be full on July 3rd; this is the Thunder or Hay Moon. The moon is last quarter on July 11th. The waning crescent moon occults Jupiter, as seen from Europe, on July 15th, then passes four degrees north of Venus in the morning sky locally.

The new moon will be on July 19th, so the second and third weeks of July find the moon in the morning sky, a great time for evening stargazers to see dark skies in rural settings. On July 24th, the waxing crescent moon passes four degrees south of Mars, then on July 25th, six degrees south of Saturn. The moon is first quarter on July 26th, high overhead in the evening sky at sunset.

While the naked eye, dark adapted by several minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects

Mercury is well placed for evening viewing in the first week of July, at greatest eastern elongation 26 degrees from the sun. Look for it in the west about an hour after sunset, but by the middle of July, it is passing between us and the sun, but no transit this time; next one visible here will be on May 5, 2016. Usually Venus and Mercury pass above or below the Sun, and if you missed the transit of June 5th, we will not get another one until 2117 for Venus. Obviously Mercury transits are much more



The famed Ring Nebula, M - 57. Note the tiny white dwarf star at the center.

common, but less spectacular than Venus transits.

Venus dominates the dawn sky in July, with a close passage just five degrees south of Jupiter on July 1st; the two brightest planets will make a fine sight for early risers. Through the telescope, Venus is a crescent, fattening from 16% lit and 44" of arc across on July 1 to 44% sunlit and 28" of arc across by month's end, as it pulls away from the earth and sun in the dawn sky.

Mars is moving rapidly eastward from Leo into Virgo, and catching up to Saturn and Spica by mid August. Jupiter is in the morning sky, rising about 2 AM by July's end. Saturn is easy to spot in the SE, just north of

the bright star Spica in Virgo. The rings are open up to 14 degrees, and a telescopic treat to be savored at our public gazes.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high at sunset, but falls lower in NW each evening. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion is in the SW. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper's

handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. Saturn lies next to the star gamma Virginis. It is above Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years away from us.

To the east, Hercules is well up, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega (from Carl Sagan's novel and movie, "Contact"), rises in the NE as twilight deepens. Twice as hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. At the bottom of the parallelogram of Lyra is the famed Ring Nebula, M - 57. This planetary nebula is easy to find in small scopes midway between the two bottom stars of Lyra, and is marked on your star charts. Bob Gaskin's shot of this stellar striptease shows the tiny white dwarf star at the center well, but it takes big telescopes to spot visually, while the ring itself is visible even in binoculars.

Northeast of Lyra is Cygnus, the Swan, flying down the Milky

Way. Its bright star Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross" is one of the luminaries of the Galaxy, about 50,000 times more luminous than our Sun and around 3,000 light years distant. Under dark skies, note the "Great Rift", a dark nebula in front of our solar system as we revolve around the core of the Milky Way in the Galactic Year of 250 million of our own years.

To the east, Altair is the third bright star of the summer triangle. It lies in Aquila the Eagle, and is much closer than Deneb; like Vega, it lies within about 25 light years of our Sun. Use your binocs to pick up many clusters in this rich region of our own Cygnus spiral arm rising now in the east.

To the south, Antares is well up at sunset in Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Scorpius is the brightest constellation in the sky, with 13 stars brighter than the pole star Polaris! Note the fine naked eye clusters M-6 and M-7, just to the left of the Scorpion's tail. Both are spectacular with binocs.

Just a little east of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which lies toward the center of the Milky Way. From a dark sky site, you can pick out the fine stellar nursery, M-8, the Lagoon Nebula, like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout. The fine globular cluster M-22 sits just NE of the star in the lid with binocs, and resolves well with any scope 4" aperture or larger.

## Almanac

Mid-Atlantic weather watch: Storms, mainly from the South (1,2,3) with severe storms from the West (4,5). Hazy, hot, and humid (6,7,8,9,10 with showers and more storms (11,12,13).

Hazy, hot, and humid again (14,15,16,17,18,19) with scattered storms (20,21). Cloudy and humid (22,23,24,25) with the possibility of a tropical storm (26,27,28) with the 3 "H's" return (29,30,31).

Tornado watch: The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanac sees some tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region from July 25th to the 28th.

Full moon: There are many names for July's Full Moon which rises on the 3rd at 1:52 PM EST. Many Native Americans referred to it as the Thunder Moon because of the frequent thunderstorms that were most severe during this time of year. Others called it the Hay Moon since hay tended to ripen at this time. It is also known as the Buck Moon due to

the rapid growth and appearance of antlers on young bucks in July.

Special Notes: Those ol' Dog Days of Summer begin on Monday, July 3rd! Get ready for some hot, hazy, and humid days. On July 4th in 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying, "these United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be, free and independent states".

Holidays: Celebrate the 4th with safety in mind. Some good advice if you are planning a picnic with the family or friends -- keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold with the proper containers. If boating, don't mix your fun with alcohol. Poor judgment and "boater's hypnosis", which can af-

fect you after long periods exposed to the sun, glare, noise, and vibration can be equally deadly.

The garden: During the coming dry weather, continue to keep the garden adequately watered. Remember, a deep, thorough soaking once a week is more beneficial than a daily light sprinkling. Be sure that all tall annuals and perennials are securely staked so that they will remain upright during the afternoon thunderstorms that are so common for this time of year. Allow roses to rest in July and August. Do not fertilize, but continue spraying, and give them a light pruning in July to encourage new fall growth. Repot houseplants that have been kept out-

doors if roots start to crowd their containers. If you have to divide plants, give them a chance to re-

cover from having their roots disturbed by keeping them in the shade for at least a week.

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# COMPUTER Q&A

## Computer scammers

**Aysë Stenabaugh (formerly Jester)  
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### Download Trickery The wrong download

If you are anything like me I am constantly downloading and installing software from many different websites. It sounds like a fairly easy task to download something from a website but these days it has become more and more challenging. As you can see from the image below websites are using "Download now" shaped buttons as advertisements that trick the user into thinking they are downloading whatever they came to the website to get. Many times however, you are downloading something completely different than what you intended on getting.

So how can you avoid these buttons? Well the best way is to pay very close attention to the location where the button is located. If it is at the top or the side of the page where ads are likely to appear avoid clicking the button. If you can hover over of the image or text link for a few moments, you can look at the bottom of your browser window (Internet explorer, Firefox, etc.) to see what website the link is going to take you to. If the link text looks suspicious that will provide another clue. The last thing you can try doing is looking for a text link instead of an image link.

### The bundled software

We have all been there; you turn on your computer only to find that some software has been installed that no one can seem to explain. More than likely you DID install that software, not on purpose of course, you would never do that! One example is pictured below shows screenshot of adobe's website when you go to download Adobe Acrobat Reader. You MUST uncheck the box BEFORE clicking download now or your computer automatically installs the McAfee Security Scan.

Companies, especially ones that provide software free of charge, are finding new ways to market their affiliates when you download software you want. They are bundling their affiliate software in with theirs. Of course this is perfectly legal because you agree to their terms and service when its installing and you quickly skip through the installation process without paying much attention assuming that you won't know what boxes to check and uncheck. Oh no! They have gotten you! Don't let your fear of clicking the wrong thing prevent you from reading what you are about to do. Many of these screens will give you options like do you want a desktop icon? Do you want the software to run when you turn on the computer? Leaving all these checked is fine, until they ask you to install a toolbar, change your homepage, and allow ads to display on your computer. This isn't fun and games anymore right? Be sure to check what options they are selecting for you! You never know what else they might install and extra software (especially software you don't want) can

really slow your computer down and cause additional conflicts.

### The viral antivirus

With viruses, malware, scams, and security breaches people fear losing their data or having their personal information exposed more than ever. False software or advertisements are prompting people that their computer needs them to "clean the registry", "speed up your computer", or that they have "no antivirus software detected", "serious threats detected" or "a serious security issues that needs to be resolved right away". If you are seeing any of these and YOU did not install antivirus software it is likely that someone is trying to scam you. Don't EVER put your credit card information into a window that says you need to pay for something you did not click on. If you think it may be legitimate either call your computer tech or contact the company via the phone or visit their website to attempt to renew services there. One of several things could happen if you fail to ignore these warnings. If you enter in your bank account information not only can they continue to use your bank information (in conjunction with their offshore bank accounts), they can further infect your computer and some scams even prompt you to pay them MORE money because you need a more advanced service. Not only do you now need your computer cleaned, you have to contact your bank, get a new card, and update all your billing information. If this happens to you there is a good chance you have a virus and you will need your computer cleaned. Contact Jester's Computer Services for more assistance.

### The scripted banner

Website advertisements are everywhere and everyone is trying to make money off them. Advertisements on websites generally rotate or change

from one company's ad to the next in order for them to sell more ad space and maximize profits. While this may be a good thing for their wallet it can cause some problems for users. Advertisements sometimes contain scripts that run on the page for example some advertisements use adobe flash to play the ad on your screen. Since these websites have so many ads they don't really have the time or the capabilities to really investigate all the scripts being used in the ads. Every once and a while an advertisement might contain a bad script or code that can actually be a virus. Most antivirus software (we recommend AVG) has features in place that work with your browser to prevent this malicious code from being released into your computer.

We all know that not one single antivirus program can possibly prevent all viruses or malware, especially since there are thousands of new ones being created every day. The best way to prevent this from happening to you is to follow a few simple steps. First, keep GOOD antivirus on your computer, up to date, and is scanning regularly. The second step you can take to prevent this is to close your internet browser anytime you will not be at the computer. Walking away even for just a few minutes can provide a script enough time to run and without you noticing it you may not be able to take additional steps to prevent it from doing more damage. The third thing you can do is to have your computer cleaned up regularly to ensure that your antivirus is doing a good job and is installed properly. Do not install more than one antivirus program for "added security". Running more than one antivirus program can actually cause them to stop working properly. The fake email.

There are tons of email scams floating around, some are pretty

obvious like the ones saying we are the last remaining relative of someone who passed away and had money and are trying to each us. Other emails look more legitimate appearing to be from companies you deal with such as eBay, your bank, or PayPal. While the purpose for the scams and the senders can vary there are a few details to look out for. The first thing to check is who the email came from. Usually it will display a name, for example I recently got an email (pictured below) that said it was from Craigslist No Reply. Upon further investigation the email was sent from a gmail address proving that the email was not from anyone from craigslist.

Emails coming from a company will always come from their website for example PayPal might send me an email from no-reply@paypal.com which would be legitimate. Some scammers are going so far as to

buy email domains that are similar to persuade you further into believing who they are. They might create an email that is no-reply@peypal.com which is less obvious. The key here is to pay attention to details. NEVER click a link located in an email from someone you don't know. Companies should not contact you via email regarding changing your password or personal information unless you have requested it. Always go directly to a website to make those types of changes rather than clicking a link inside an email which could be directing you to a fake website that is mimicking the real website.

If you have questions, would like to see your question featured next month, or would like to contact Jester's Computer Tutor for individual classes contact us today at help@thecomputertutor.info. For friendly professional computer repair services please contact Jester's Computer Services at (717) 642-6611.

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# COMMUNITY NOTES

*Editor's note: prior to going to print we received the following notes.*

My parents moved us to Emmitsburg 55 years ago, when I was only three years old, when I was only three years old, in order for my father to take a position as a teacher at Mount St. Mary's College. Over the years, our family acquired the usual assortment of pets, along with an occasional exotic variety, such as a baby alligator that refuse to eat. Invariably, they required a visit to the only vet in town.

I remember vividly meeting "Doc" Carr on one of those occasions when I was still quite young. He was the biggest, burliest, gruffest, meanest looking man that I ever laid eyes on, up to that point. To see him up close and have him address me personally in that deep gravelly voice of his, with those big, dark, unblinking eyes piercing directly into my naked soul, scare the living bejesus out of me. After several of these encounters

after meeting his lovely wife and family I gradually overcame my deep fear and was able to discern the softer, more gentle side of the man. Eventually I grew to envy his easy way with animals and people alike.

A few years later as I was just starting out in business, he hired my brothers and I to replace the roof shingles on that huge mansion on the hill at the edge of town where he resided at the time. Looking back on it I can say without reservation, that Bill and Chata took an incredible gamble on us, even with a bargain price we probably gave them in our own ignorance.

It was a monumental undertaking for us and a prestigious opportunity, at the time. As result of the exposure it helped launched our respective careers in the construction trades. We received numerous invitations to bid on other projects in around the town as a result of his recommendations.

Because other their ungrounded faith in our fledging abilities

and their high expectations of us, we rose to the challenge and gave it our best. Apparently, the end product was satisfactory enough, because we never got a 'call back' for repairs to it. I'm sure now, that wasn't entirely about the price for them. They were always looking to promote the local talent and encourage the youth of the area.

I would run into "Doc" over the years, at various places. He always had a funny joke and a ready laugh. He could put anybody at ease and made sure everyone was included and felt welcomed. It came as no surprise to me when he was elected Mayor of Emmitsburg and proved to be an effective one for as long as he did.

He was unselfishly dedicated to improving his community and bettering the lives of all those in it. Even with all his various accomplishments and appointments to positions of authority, he managed to retain the same unpretentious, personable and down-to-earth demeanor that I come to so admire. He epitomized, for me, the essence of masculinity and dignity but I can only aspire to a personified the



The old Harney baseball team

worn-out cliché, "you can't judge a book by its cover."

I was deeply moved when I learned of his passing. He'll be sorely missed and remembered quite fondly by me for the rest of my life who is truly, one of a kind.

## Harney Ballfield

In 1946, 15 men from Harney, Carroll County, Maryland and neighboring communities formed a baseball club known as the Harney Baseball Club, Inc. On any given Sunday during baseball season many baseball teams from neighboring communities played at the Harney ballfield located at Conover and Bowers road in Harney. Friends and neighbors would turn out to support their favorite teams. Thus, the Harney ballfield began and became a popular family fun day.

The last known meeting of the ball club was in March, 2001, with Elwood "Woodie" Strickhouser presiding as the president of the club. In August, 2001, the ball club disbanded and the property was deeded to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Harney.

In 2012, the Harney ballfield field of dreams is coming alive again. Representatives of the Harney VFW, Harney Volunteer Fire Department and Saint Paul's Lutheran Church will relive the ballfield memories by hosting a softball tournament at the ball field on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 8 pm and on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 4 pm.

All neighboring fire departments, service clubs and local ball clubs are invited to participate in this Class low-D softball tournament at the Harney ballfield. Food and drinks will be available at a nominal price.

The entry fee is \$125.00. Cash awards will be given to the top three teams in the eliminations, as well as gift certificates to all teams.

All proceeds from the tournament will be given to a local family to help with medical bills of their 12 year old daughter who is battling a serious illness. It's hoped the family and their daughter will be present on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to open the ceremonies.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY

Mount St. Mary's Jazz at the Fountain - This year's lineup is excellent. Featured groups include some of the Mount's talent, folk music, rock, blues, and jazz. To see this year's lineup and for more details go to [www.msmary.edu/summermusic](http://www.msmary.edu/summermusic) or call 301-447-8329.

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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## July 1

Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital The program presents live Civil War era music with sing-a-longs, costumed performers reading from the journals of a citizen nurse and a soldier who served and were treated in this historic building, and the reading of poetry which captures the emotion and pathos of this tragic period of our history. Candlelight at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg. For more information call 717-334-5212 or visit [www.candlelightchrist.org](http://www.candlelightchrist.org).

## July 2 - 8

Harney Volunteer Fire Company Carnival - see article on page 24 for more information.

## July 4

Carroll Valley July 4th Celebration and Fireworks!

## July 5, 19

"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.

## July 6 - 8

149th Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg - see article on Page 4 for more information.

## July 7

Sodality of St. Joseph's indoor Yard/Bake/Food Sale at the Parish Hall.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve's Share the Stream at the Preserve. Cool off in the crisp, clear waters of a mountain stream while investigating just who is sharing their watery home with us! Small insects called macro invertebrates come in all shapes. For more information call 717-642-5840 or visit [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org).

The Carriage House Inn presents - Billy Finch's Gettysburg, The Musical. This musical combines clever and historically accurate verse with popular melodies sung by the familiar voices of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Johnny Cash, Elvis, Ray Charles and more. For more information visit [www.carriagehouseinn.info](http://www.carriagehouseinn.info).

## July 8

Songs from the Camps, a Civil War concert and picnic event at the Nation-

al Shrine to Elizabeth Ann Seton, will feature the Hancock String Band and the 2nd South Carolina String Band, both acclaimed for playing authentic Civil War era music. For more information visit [www.setonshrine.org](http://www.setonshrine.org).

## July 11

Strawberry Hills' Assembling Backyard Rain Barrels - Join Adam McClain of Adams County Conservation District for a hands-on demonstration of how to build your own rain barrel and learn about the benefits of utilizing rain water. For more information call 717-642-5840 or visit [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org).

## July 14 - 15

Gettysburg Cook-off - North vs. South to bring world-class barbeque, chili, wings, grilled cheese and a bake-off to town, as championship and novice teams from 22 states and Canada converge at Gateway Gettysburg, Rtes. 15 & 30, for prizes, cash and fame in five different categories.

## July 17, 24, 31

'Take-a-Tour' Tuesday Mother Seton School (MSS) will be open every Tuesday for visitors to come and 'take-a-tour' of the school and get more information about our educational program. Mother Seton School is a Pre-K through Grade 8 Christ-centered school located at 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is open. For more information call 301-447-3161 or visit [www.mothersetonschool.org](http://www.mothersetonschool.org).

## July 17

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve's The Landscape and Rocks of the Gettysburg National Military Park. Guest speaker Geologist Jeri Jones will present a slideshow on the geology of the Gettysburg area and how the Battle was affected. For more information call 717-642-5840 or visit [www.StrawberryHill.org](http://www.StrawberryHill.org).

## July 21

Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the Big Slide. Come enjoy good home-cooked food: Soup, Sandwiches, Iced Tea and Ice Cream & Peaches beginning at 4:00 p.m. Also enjoy games including bingo.

13th Annual Adams County Irish Festival - Produced and presented by the Irish Heritage Foundation of Gettysburg. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy traditional Irish music in an outdoor park setting. Food and beverage will be available. Gettysburg Moose Lodge Park, 100 Moose Road, Gettysburg. For more information call 717-632-8755 or visit [www.adamscounty-irishfestival.com](http://www.adamscounty-irishfestival.com).

## July 21, 22

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## July 27, 28

Mt. Tabor Church of the Brethren's Vacation Bible School. For more info call or email Carreanne Eyler at 717/387-9368.

## July 28, 29

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## SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MOVIES UNDER THE STARS—WRATH OF THE TITANS (2012, PG-13)

July 6, Echo Field, 9 p.m.

A decade after his heroic defeat of the monstrous Kraken, Perseus—the demigod son of Zeus—is attempting to live a quieter life as a village fisherman and the sole parent to his 10-year old son, Heli. Meanwhile, a struggle for supremacy rages between the gods and the Titans.



### WEDNESDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN—WE'RE ABOUT 9 TRIO

July 11, McGowan Fountain, 8-10 p.m.

We're About 9 brings complex vocal harmonies and unique, poignant songs to an upbeat, fun show. You may have seen them on the main stage of a folk festival (Falcon Ridge, Kerrville, Clearwater), played the 60-second movie synopsis game, stayed awake on a plane, made it to Albany, sang all of the body parts you could spell with three letters, or concatenated with We're About 9.



### WEDNESDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN—JUDD AND MAGGIE

July 18, McGowan Fountain, 8-10 p.m.

The Mount's Director of Music Ministry, Judd Bolger, and his sister, Maggie, return to the Mount after having performed last summer to our largest audience of the season! Come hear Judd and Maggie perform both original and cover tunes that get you singing and dancing!  
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### FREE JAZZ WORKSHOP

July 25, Horning Theater, Delaplaine Fine Arts Center, 5:30-7 p.m.

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### WEDNESDAYS AT THE FOUNTAIN—DIBLASIO/McFALLS CHORDLESS PROJECT

July 25, McGowan Fountain, 8-10 p.m.

After the jazz workshop stay for the show! The quartet features Denis DiBlasio on baritone sax and flute, Jim McFalls on trombone, Frank Russo on drums, and Jeff Reed on bass. The combination of this internationally renowned musicians is sure to please any audience. Denis and Jim both believe "music is fun," and bring a sense of humor to their performances.

[Denisdiblasio.com](http://Denisdiblasio.com) | [Jimmcfalls.com](http://Jimmcfalls.com)

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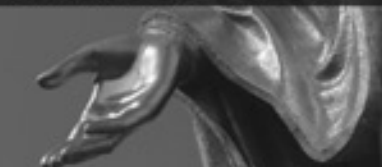
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